
EVEREST CHARTER SCHOOL
A CHARTER SCHOOL UNDER EXCELSIOR CHARTER OF BROWARD, INC.
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board Members of
Everest Charter School
A Charter School Under Excelsior Charter School of Broward, Inc.
Tamarac, Florida

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund, of Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc. ("the School") (a nonprofit organization) a component unit of The School Board of Broward County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the foregoing Table of Contents.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. I am required to be independent of Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc. and to meet my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, I:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that I identified during the audit.

Report on Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 6 and 13 and 14 are presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.



Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
September 17, 2022

EVEREST CHARTER SCHOOL
A CHARTER SCHOOL UNDER EXCELSIOR CHARTER OF BROWARD, INC.
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2022

Our discussion and analysis of Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc.’s (“the School”) financial program provides an overview of the School’s financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Because the information contained in this discussion is intended to highlight significant transactions, it should be read in conjunction with the School’s financial statements, which begin on page 7.

For financial statement purposes the School is considered a component unit of The School Board of Broward County which is a primary government entity for financial reporting. The School has included separate statements for the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report provide information on the activities of the School. The Fund Financial Statements reflect financing activities of the School by providing information on inflows and outflows of spendable resources.

NON FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The School’s daily enrollment for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 was approximately 139 students. The School expects to have an enrollment of 150 students for the school year 2022-2023.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the School’s financial position. Included in these statements are all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting. All the current year’s revenues and expenses are recorded when earned or incurred.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the School’s assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the School is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government’s net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Fund Financial Statements

A *Fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives.

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont’d.)

Fund Financial Statements (Cont’d.)

Governmental Funds – All of the School’s basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School’s governmental activities and the basic services it provides.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The *Notes to the Financial Statements* provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The Notes to the Financial Statements can be found on pages 15-22 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the School’s financial position. The School’s assets exceeded liabilities by \$65,471 at June 30, 2021.

NET ASSETS

	<u>JUNE 30, 2022</u>	<u>JUNE 30, 2021</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 98,846	\$ 97,595
Capital Assets	44,968	17,426
Total Assets	\$ 143,814	\$ 113,006
Other Liabilities	33,375	37,654
Total Liabilities	\$ 33,375	\$ 76,655
Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 44,968	\$ 17,426
Unrestricted	65,471	59,941
Total Net Position	\$ 110,439	\$ 77,367

Revenues from governmental activities totaled \$1,224,288 for the year ended June 30, 2022. The main source of revenue is from Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). This revenue represented approximately 85.6% of total revenue.

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Cont'd.)

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>% of Total</u>		<u>% of Total</u>	
	<u>6/30/22</u>	<u>6/30/22</u>	<u>6/30/21</u>	<u>6/30/21</u>
State Sources	\$ 1,127,656	92.0	\$ 1,079,594	92.0
Local Sources	120,996	4.0	46,495	4.0
Federal Sources	96,632	4.0	46,829	4.0
TOTAL	\$ 1,345,284	100.00	\$ 1,044,793	100.00

Federal Revenue Sources are primarily The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Title 1 grants.

Increases in levels of expenses for major functions of the School are shown in the following Table:

<u>Expense</u>	<u>% of Total</u>		<u>% of Total</u>	
	<u>6/30/22</u>	<u>6/30/22</u>	<u>6/30/21</u>	<u>6/30/21</u>
Instruction	\$ 514,234	39.2	\$ 591,528	52.1
Instructional Support Services	67,711	5.2	13,028	1.2
Board Services	10,094	0.8	10,364	0.9
General Administration	51,072	3.9	47,130	4.2
School Administration	297,771	22.7	174,277	15.4
Facilities Acquisition	119,015	9.1	114,728	10.1
Fiscal Services	9,393	0.7	62,295	5.5
Food Services	109,236	8.3	23,487	2.1
Pupil Transportation	4,303	0.3	-	-
Operation of Plant	99,246	7.6	72,269	6.4
Maintenance of Plant	1,003	0.1	7,454	0.7
Administrative Tech.	-	-	1,982	0.2
Depreciation	29,134	2.2	13,360	1.2
TOTAL	\$ 1,131,902	100.0	\$ 1,131,902	100.0

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Revenues from all Sources were approximately \$194,000 more than budgeted primarily because the School had higher enrollment, received more federal and state grants for increased school costs due to the pandemic.

Actual School expenditures were \$175,000 greater than budgeted, primarily because of the increased costs of facilities rental of \$115,000 and the increased school administration costs due to higher enrollment and grants received.

Total fund balance of the General Fund was \$65,491 at June 30, 2022.

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CAPITAL ASSETS

The School’s investment in capital assets at June 30, 2022 was \$44,968 (net of depreciation). The investment includes leasehold improvements, furniture and fixtures, equipment and software. The following is a summary of capital assets balances at June 30, 2021:

Leasehold Improvements	89,105
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	51,634
Motor Vehicles	4,199
Computer Equipment	<u>66,697</u>
	211,635
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>166,667</u>
	<u>\$ 44,968</u>

PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

The School continues to receive funds from State sources in the form of Florida Education Finance Program Fees (FEFP). The fees are evaluated in October and February and are based on student enrollment.

- The Administration believes that the School will improve its rating from the Department of Education.
- The Administration believes that the School will continue to be successful and contribute to the educational requirements of Broward County.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

The Management Discussion and Analysis provides a general overview of the finances of the School. Requests for additional information should be addressed to Raul Baez, Executive Director, Everest Charter School, at 2099 W Prospect Road, Tamarac, Florida 33309.

EVEREST CHARTER SCHOOL
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Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
June 30, 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$80,524
Deposits	<u>18,322</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>98,846</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	1,383
Payroll taxes payable	<u>31,992</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>33,375</u>
FUND BALANCE	
Restricted	
Unassigned	<u>65,471</u>
	65,471
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$98,846</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

EVEREST CHARTER OF SCHOOL
A CHARTER SCHOOL UNDER EXCELSIOR CHARTER OF BROWARD, INC.
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
For the Year ended June 30, 2022

ASSETS	Account Number	Primary Government		
		Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1110	80,524		80,524
Grants Receivable	1130			0
Deposits	1210	18,322		18,322
Prepaid expenses	1220			
Due from other agencies	1230			
Leasehold Improvements	1320	89,105		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	1329	(89,105)		
Furniture, Fixtures and equipment	1340	51,634		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	1349	(45,904)		
Motor Vehicles	1350	4,199		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	1359	(675)		
Computer Equipment	1382	66,697		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	1389	(30,983)		
Total Assets		143,814		143,814
LIABILITIES				
Salaries and Wages Payable	2110			
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	2170	31,992		
Accounts Payable	2120	1,383		1,383
Deferred revenue	2410			
Other Liabilities	21XX			
Bonds Payable	2320			
Total Liabilities		33,375		33,375
NET POSITION				
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt		44,968		44,968
Restricted For:				
Categorical Carryover Programs	2710			
Debt Service	2750			
Unrestricted		65,471		65,471
Total Net Position		110,439		110,439

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EVEREST CHARTER SCHOOL
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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet To The Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2022

Fund Balance- Governmental Funds \$65,471

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the

Governmental capital assets	211,635	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(166,667)</u>	
		44,968

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Net Position do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the Governmental Funds.

Net Position of Governmental Activities \$110,439

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EVEREST CHARTER SCHOOL
A CHARTER SCHOOL UNDER EXCELSIOR CHARTER OF BROWARD, INC.
Statement of Governmental Fund (General Fund) Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2022

	Governmental Funds	Special Revenue	Capital Outlay	Total
EXPENSES				
Instructional Services	\$523,451	\$47,459		\$570,910
Instruction Support Services	67,711			67,711
Board Fees	10,094			10,094
General Administration	51,072			51,072
School Administration	297,771			297,771
Facilities acquisition	119,015			119,015
Fiscal Services	9,393			9,393
Pupil Transportation Services	4,303			4,303
Food Services		109,236		109,236
Operation of Plant	21,736		77,510	99,246
Maintenance of Plant	1,003			1,003
Administrative technology				
Total Expenses	<u>1,105,549</u>	<u>156,695</u>	<u>77,510</u>	<u>1,339,754</u>
PROGRAM REVENUES				
Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)	1,048,156			1,048,156
Capital Grants and Contributions			77,510	77,510
Total Program Revenues	<u>1,048,156</u>		<u>77,510</u>	<u>1,125,666</u>
GENERAL REVENUES				
Other Federal sources		96,632		96,632
Other state sources	1,990			1,990
Other local sources	120,996			120,996
Total General Revenues	<u>122,986</u>	<u>96,632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>219,618</u>
Transfers out				
Excess of Revenues over expenses	65,593	(60,063)	-	5,530
Transfers in	13,902	73,965		-
Transfers out	(73,965)	(13,902)		
Prior period adjustment	9,702			9,702.00
Fund balance, beginning of Year	50,259	-		50,259
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$65,491</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$65,491</u>

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EVEREST CHARTER SCHOOL
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
June 30, 2022

FUNCTIONS	Account Number	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and and Changes in Net Position		Total
			Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	
Governmental activities:							
Instructional Services	5100	\$514,234	4	\$170,441		(\$343,789)	(\$343,789)
Instruction Support Services	5100	67,711				(67,711)	(67,711)
Board Fees	5100	10,094				(10,094)	(10,094)
General Administration	7200	51,072				(51,072)	(51,072)
School Administration	7300	297,771				(297,771)	(297,771)
Facilities Acquisition	7400	119,015			77,510	(41,505)	(41,505)
Fiscal Services	7500	9,393				(9,393)	(9,393)
Pupil Transportation Services	7800	4,303				(4,303)	(4,303)
Food Services	7600	109,236		49,173		(60,063)	(60,063)
Operation of Plant	7900	99,246				(99,246)	(99,246)
Maintenance of Plant	8100	1,003				(1,003)	(1,003)
Administrative Technology	9100	-				-	-
Unallocated Depreciation Expense *		29,134				(29,134)	(29,134)
Total governmental activities		1,312,212	4	219,614	77,510	(1,015,084)	(1,015,084)

Taxes:

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)	1,048,156	1,048,156
Total general revenues, special items, and transfers	<u>1,048,156</u>	<u>1,048,156</u>
Change in net position	33,072	33,072
Net position-beginning	<u>77,367</u>	<u>77,367</u>
Net position-ending	<u><u>\$110,439</u></u>	<u><u>\$110,439</u></u>

* This amount excludes the depreciation that is included in direct expenses of the various functions.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

**EVEREST CHARTER SCHOOL
A CHARTER SCHOOL UNDER EXCELSIOR CHARTER OF BROWARD, INC.
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
of Governmental Fund (General Fund) To The
Statement of Activities
June 30, 2022**

Net Changes in Fund Balances- Governmental Funds	\$5,530
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the

Governmental Funds report capital outlays as expenditures.
However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those
assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Expenditures for capital assets	56,676	
Less current year depreciation	<u>(29,134)</u>	
		27,542

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$33,072</u></u>
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EVEREST CHARTER SCHOOL
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balance-Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual-All Governmental Fund Types
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Special Revenue						Capital Outlay Funds			TOTAL		
	Original and Final			Original and Final			Original and Final			Original and Final		
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
EXPENDITURES:												
Instructional Services	\$527,603	\$523,451	(\$4,152)	\$48,749	\$47,459	1,290				\$576,352	\$570,910	(\$5,442)
Instruction Support Services	66,000	67,711	1,711	2,500						68,500	67,711	(789)
Board Fees	10,400	10,094	(306)							10,400	10,094	(306)
General Administration	-	51,072	51,072							-	51,072	51,072
School Administration	236,287	297,771	61,484							236,287	297,771	61,484
Facilities acquisition	-	119,015	119,015							-	119,015	119,015
Fiscal Services	55,429	9,393	(46,036)							55,429	9,393	(46,036)
Pupil Transportation Services	-	4,303	4,303							-	4,303	4,303
Food Services	-	-	-	17,714	109,236					17,714	109,236	91,522
Operation of Plant	115,936	21,736	(94,200)				76,102	77,510	1,408	192,038	99,246	(92,792)
Maintenance of Plant	8,340	1,003	(7,337)							8,340	1,003	(7,337)
Administrative Technology	1,200		(1,200)							1,200	-	(1,200)
	1,021,195	1,105,549	85,554	68,963	156,695	1,290	76,102	77,510	1,408	1,166,260	1,339,754	174,694
PROGRAM REVENUES:												
Florida Education Finance Program	1,020,409	1,048,156	27,747							1,020,409	1,048,156	27,747
Capital grants and Contributions							76,102	77,510	1,408	76,102	77,510	1,408
	1,020,409	1,048,156	27,747				76,102	77,510	1,408	1,096,511	1,125,666	29,155

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balance-Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual-All Governmental Fund Types
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Special Revenue			Capital Outlay Funds			TOTAL					
	Original and Final		Variance	Original and Final		Variance	Original and Final		Variance			
	Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual				
GENERAL REVENUES:												
Other federal sources				51,249	96,632	45,383				51,249	96,632	45,383
Other state sources	2,600	1,990	(610)							2,600	1,990	(610)
Other local sources	-	120,996	120,996							-	120,996	120,996
	<u>2,600</u>	<u>122,986</u>	<u>120,386</u>	<u>51,249</u>	<u>96,632</u>	<u>45,383</u>				<u>53,849</u>	<u>219,618</u>	<u>165,769</u>
Excess of Expenditures over Revenue	<u>\$ 1,814</u>	<u>65,593</u>	<u>\$62,579</u>	<u>\$ (17,714)</u>	<u>\$ (60,063)</u>	<u>\$ 46,673</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(\$15,900)</u>	<u>5,530</u>	<u>\$20,230</u>
Transfers in		13,902			(13,902)		<u>\$ -</u>					-
Transfers out		(73,965)			73,965							
Prior period adjustment		9,702									9,702.00	
Fund balance, beginning of year as restated		<u>50,259</u>			<u>-</u>						<u>50,259</u>	
Fund balance, end of year		<u>\$65,491</u>			<u>\$ -</u>						<u>\$65,491</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

**EVEREST CHARTER SCHOOL
A CHARTER SCHOOL UNDER EXCELSIOR CHARTER OF BROWARD, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc. (“the School”) was established as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the State of Florida and is the reporting entity.

The School operates as a Charter School pursuant to a Charter School Contract (“the Contract”) with The School Board of Broward County, Florida. Under the Contract the School provides an education to children, from Kindergarten through the fifth grade, who reside in Broward County in and around the City of Tamarac. For financial statement purposes the School is considered a component unit of The School Board of Broward County, which is a primary government entity for financial reporting.

The School Board of Broward County received 5% of the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) revenue as an administrative fee.

The Contract was renewed for five years and is effective through June 30, 2022. The Contract requires The School Board to provide the School’s primary source of funding based upon the number of full-time equivalent students (FTES) registered at the School.

The School is a tax-exempt organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The School’s financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for school districts through its pronouncements (statements and interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the School are discussed below.

Basic Financial Statements

The School’s basic financial statements are the Statements of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. All the activities of the School are classified as governmental type activities. There are no business type activities of the School. All the School’s governmental type activities are included in the general fund and special revenue fund. There are no other major funds. In the Statement of Net Position, the governmental activities column is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt obligations. The School’s net position are reported in three parts – invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted for categorical carryover programs, debt service; and unrestricted net position.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basic Financial Statements (cont'd.)

The Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the School's functions. The functions are also supported by government revenues such as Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), Capital Outlay Funds and Federal Grants. The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants.

Program revenues must be directly associated with the function (after care and youth services, etc.). Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund Financial Statements are provided for governmental funds. The operations of the fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, equity, revenues and expenditures. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the Fund Financial Statements:

General Fund – is the School's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the School, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund – Accounts for specific revenue, such as federal grants that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

Capital Outlay Fund - accounts for specific revenue received from the State of Florida that is used in the purchase, construction or lease of real property.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounting and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual

The governmental type activities in the financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the policy of the School to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Measurement Focus

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as current financial resources (current assets less current liabilities) or economic resources (all assets and liabilities).

The Government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet and operating statements present increases (i.e. revenues) and decreases (i.e. expenses) in net position.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e. revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e. expenditures and other financial uses) in net current assets.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. For this purpose, the School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles include the use of estimates that affect the financial statements. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that subject the School to concentrations of credit risk include cash. While the School attempts to limit its financial exposure, its deposit balances may at times exceed federally insured limits. The School has not experienced any losses on such balances.

Cash deposits are held at banks qualified as public depositories in accordance with Chapter 280 Florida Statutes.

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NOTE 1-SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fair Value Measurements

The Fair Value Measurements Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification defines fair value, establishes a consistent framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure requirements for fair value measurements.

The School measures fair value of assets and liabilities as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy distinguishes between independent observable inputs and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for an asset or liability. Level 3 inputs should be used to measure fair value to the extent that observable Level 1 or 2 inputs are not available.

Financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and may affect the valuation of assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels.

Contributed Services and Facilities

The School does not recognize any support, revenue or expense from services contributed by individual volunteers since no objective basis is available to measure the value of such services. However, a substantial number of volunteers have donated significant amounts of time to the School's program services.

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

Budgets are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. During the fiscal year expenditures were controlled at the object level (i.e., salaries, purchased services, and capital outlay).

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont’d.)

Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$1,000 or more are reported at historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Leasehold Improvements	Life of Lease
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	3-10 Years
Software	3 Years

Program Revenue

Revenues for operations are received primarily from the School Board of Broward County pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School’s Charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the Charter and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, the School will report the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the School District of Sarasota County. Funding for the School is adjusted during the year to reflect the revised calculations by the Florida Department of Education under the Florida Education Finance Program and the actual weighted full-time equivalent students reported by the School during the designated full-time equivalent student survey periods. In addition, the School receives an annual allocation of charter school capital outlay funds.

General Revenue

These revenue funds include federal grants, state revenue other than Florida Education Finance Program revenue and local source revenue including capital improvement and fundraising.

Fund Balance Classifications

GASB requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below:

- a) **Nonspendable** fund balance includes amounts that are not in a spendable form such as inventories, prepaid expenses, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned). There was no nonspendable fund balance at year end.
- b) **Restricted** fund balance includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers, constitutionally, or through enabling legislation. There was no restricted fund balance at year end.

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Fund Balance Classifications (Cont'd.)

- c) **Committed** fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the School's highest level of decision making authority. There was no committed fund balance at year end.
- d) **Assigned** fund balance includes amounts intended to be used by the School's Management for specific purposes but which does not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. There was no assigned fund balance at year end.
- e) **Unassigned** fund balance includes amounts that are available for any purpose. These amounts are reported only in the general fund. There was an unassigned fund balance at year end.

Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

The School's policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, followed in order by restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and lastly unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. The School's Board of Directors can deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the School.

NOTE 2 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2022 were as follows:

	Balance Beginning	Additions	Disposals	Balance Ending
Leasehold Improvements	89,105			89,105
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	51,634	-	-	51,634
Motor vehicle		4,199		4,199
Computer Equipment	14,220	52,477		66,697
	154,959	56,676	-	211,635
Less Accumulated Depreciation	137,533	29,134	-	166,667
NET CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 17,426	\$ 27,542	\$ -	\$ 44,968

Depreciation expense of 29,134 was unallocated during the year ended June 30, 2022.

Beginning balances were adjusted to reflect actual amounts.

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NOTE 3 – COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees of the School are entitled to paid vacation and sick days depending on length of services. The School’s policy is to recognize the cost of vacation days when earned by the employees. The value of unused vacation days was determined to be immaterial and therefore no accrual has been made.

NOTE 4 – OPERATING AGREEMENTS

The School entered into an Administrative Leadership agreement with Business Performance Best Practices, Inc. to provide monthly consulting services to include: administration leadership, curriculum, contract negotiation, staff development, program implementation, data analysis and business management services. The total amount incurred during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, relating to this agreement was \$6,927

The School additionally entered into Management Agreement with Business Performance Best Practices, Inc. to work with the School to develop an environment of educational excellence and innovation at the School. The Manager has implemented and manages a comprehensive educational program and charter school design. The agreement is effective through the last day of the Charter Contract, as the term may be amended, with the District School Board. The Management Fee is five and a half (5.5%) of the School’s gross revenue. The total amount incurred during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 relating to this agreement was \$47,868.

NOTE 5 – CONTRACTS

The School has a Contract with Charter School Services Corp., to provide accounting, financial management and budgeting services. The terms of the Contract are for 10 years and expires on December 31, 2025. Under the terms of the Contract the Company was to receive \$120 per full time equivalent (FTE) student per year. Fees paid for the year ended June 30, 2022 amounted to 7,500.

NOTE 6 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Lease Agreements

The School leases its administrative and classroom facilities under a non-cancelable operating lease that expires in April 30, 2023. Annual rental expenses were approximately \$119,015 for the year ended June 30, 2022. Minimum payments under this lease, assuming the lease will be renewed, are as follows:

2023	120,000
2024	122,000
2025	124,000
2026	126,000
2027	128,000
	<u>\$ 640,000</u>

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NOTE 6 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Cont'd.)

Risk Management

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The School purchases commercial insurance for all material risks of loss to which the School is exposed, including general liability, property, auto and workers compensation. A review of the last seven years reveals that settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage.

The School receives funding from the State of Florida based on the number of full time equivalent (FTE) students who attend the Charter School. The data is compiled by the School and is subject to audit by the State and if errors are found this could result in amounts having to be repaid to the State or decrease in future allocations. Management believes that the amounts that would have to be remitted back to the State due to errors in their FTE count would not be material to the financial position of the School.

NOTE 7 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated events that occurred subsequent to the year end for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements, through the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. The date when the financial statements were available to be issued was September 17, 2022. Management's evaluation did not reveal any subsequent events that would have a material effect on the financial statements.

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Board Members of
Everest Charter School
A Charter School Under Excelsior Charter School of Broward, Inc.
Tamarac, Florida

I have audited the financial statements of Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc. (“the School”) (a nonprofit organization) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and have issued my report thereon dated September 17, 2022. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the School’s internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School’s internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS* (Cont'd.)

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*

This Report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board Members, Management, others within the organization and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
September 17, 2022

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board Members of
Everest Charter School
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Tamarac, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the financial statements of Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc., Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and have issued my report thereon dated September 17, 2022.

Auditor's Responsibility

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reports and Schedules

I have issued my Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.854(1)(e)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that I determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the entity. The official title of the entity is Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc.

MANAGEMENT LETTER
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Financial Condition

Sections 10.854(1)(e)2., Rules of the Auditor General, require that I report the results of my determination as to whether or not Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc. has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with my audit, I determined that the Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc. did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(e)6.a. and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, I applied financial condition assessment procedures for the Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc.'s financial condition and my financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and review of financial information provided by same. Financial assessments made including a review of subsequent financial statements did not indicate that the School's financial condition is deteriorating.

Transparency

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7. and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require that I report the results of my determination as to whether or not the Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc. maintains on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with my audit, I determined that Everest Charter School, A Charter School under Excelsior Charter of Broward, Inc. maintained on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

Other Matters

Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that I address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial Management. In connection with my audit, I did not have any such recommendations.

Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that I address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with my audit, I did not have any such findings.

MANAGEMENT LETTER
(Continued)

Purpose of this Letter

My management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Directors, applicable management, and Broward County School Board and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Mark Escoffery, P.A.
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
September 17, 2022