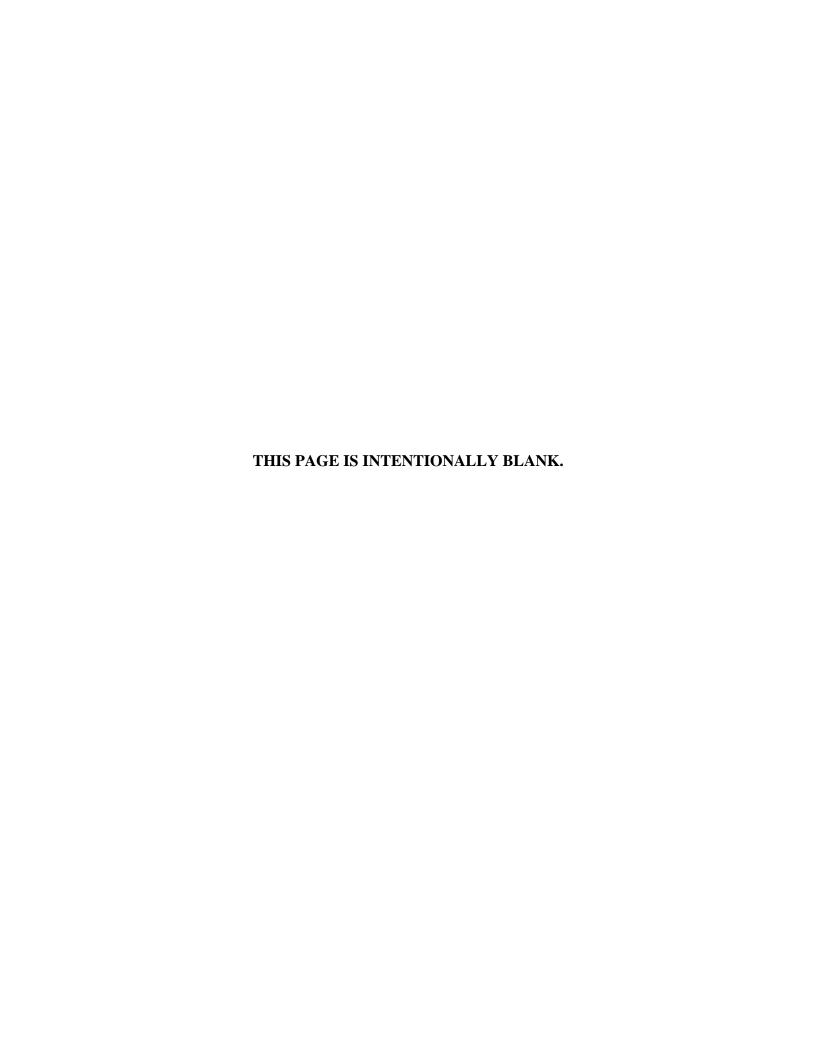
A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Duval County, Florida

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

for the fiscal year ended JUNE 30, 2023



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### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Directors of the Cornerstone Classical Academy, Inc., a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Duval County, Florida

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

## **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Cornerstone Classical Academy, Inc. ("School"), a charter school and component unit of the District School Board of Duval County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the School, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (*Government Auditing Standards*), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## 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 the School's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our 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 our opinions. 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 GAAS and *Government 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 GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- 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 the School'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 the School's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are 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 we identified during the audit.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, and Note to Required Supplementary Information, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards 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. We 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 our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report September 27, 2023, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's, internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

September 27, 2023

King & Walker, CPAS

Tampa, Florida

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the annual financial report of the Cornerstone Classical Academy, Inc., ("School") provides an overview of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Because the information contained in the MD&A is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the School's financial statements and notes to financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the School's revenues exceeded expenses as shown on the School's statement of activities by \$917,162.
- As shown on the statement of net position, the School reported an unrestricted net position balance of \$1,225,035.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements consist of three components:

- ✓ Government-wide financial statements
- ✓ Fund financial statements
- ✓ Notes to financial statements

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the School's overall financial condition in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business. The statements include a statement of net position and a statement of activities that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental activities of the School presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net position provides information about the government's financial position, its assets and liabilities, using an economic resources measurement focus. The difference between the assets and liabilities, the Net Position, is a measure of the financial health of the School. The statement of activities presents information about the change in the School's Net Position and the results of operations, during the fiscal year. An increase or decrease in Net Position is an indication of whether the School's financial health is improving or deteriorating. To assess the overall financial position of the School, one needs to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the School student base funding level.

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic 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. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's financial activities, focusing on its most significant funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity-wide perspective contained in the government-wide statements.

Governmental Funds: Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the governmental funds utilize a spendable financial resources measurement focus rather than the economic resources measurement focus found in the government-wide financial statements. The financial resources measurement focus allows the governmental fund statements to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that may be used to evaluate the School's near-term financing requirements. This short-term view is useful when compared to the long-term view presented as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. To facilitate this comparison, both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation of governmental fund to governmental activities.

The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the School's most significant funds. The School operates the following funds; a General Fund to account for its general operations; a Debt Service Fund to account for bonded debt; a Capital Projects Fund to account for financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays; and a Special Revenue Fund to account for Federal grant programs and internal account activities. For reporting purposes, all funds are considered major funds.

The School adopts annual budgets for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule, as required, has been provided for the General Fund and Major Special Revenue Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budgets.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The following is a summary of the School's current and prior year net position:

#### Net Position, End of Year

	Governmental Activities						
		Increase					
	6-30-22	6-30-23	(Decrease)				
ASSETS							
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,386,266	\$ 2,450,414	\$ 1,064,148				
Capital Assets, Net	14,851,885	14,865,207	13,322				
Total Assets	16,238,151	17,315,621	1,077,470				
LIABILITIES							
Current Liabilities	254,239	414,547	160,308				
Noncurrent Liabilities	16,960,000	16,960,000					
Total Liabilities	17,214,239	17,374,547	160,308				
NET POSITION							
Net Investment in Capital Assets	(2,108,115)	(2,094,793)	13,322				
Restricted for Internal Accounts	102,386	251,172	148,786				
Restricted for Debt Service	113,513	559,660	446,147				
Unrestricted	916,128	1,225,035	308,907				
Total Net Position	\$ (976,088)	\$ (58,926)	\$ 917,162				

Current assets consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and amounts due from other agencies. Current liabilities are comprised of accounts payable, deferred revenue, and salaries and benefits payable. Total net position amounted to a deficit balance of \$58,926, which included an unrestricted net position balance of \$1,225,035.

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

The following is a summary of the School's change in net position for the current and prior year:

#### **Operating Results for the Year**

	Governmental Activities					
			Increase			
	6-30-22	6-30-23	(Decrease)			
Revenues:						
Federal Through State and Local	\$ 690,199	\$ 365,388	\$ (324,811)			
State	5,046,790	6,422,037	1,375,247			
Local and Other	831,181	1,643,263	812,082			
Total Revenues	6,568,170	8,430,688	1,862,518			
Expenses:						
Instruction	3,141,745	3,844,147	702,402			
Student Support Services	-	65,090	65,090			
Instructional Media	5,888	-	(5,888)			
Instruction & Curriculum Development	-	7,738	7,738			
Instructional Staff Training	15,248	20,997	5,749			
Instructional Related Technology	24,981	106,090	81,109			
Board	183,334	146,293	(37,041)			
General Administration	13,786	-	(13,786)			
School Administration	553,780	653,584	99,804			
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	-	30,254	30,254			
Fiscal Services	165,591	201,635	36,044			
Food Services	2,925	6,068	3,143			
Operation of Plant	610,033	844,012	233,979			
Maintenance of Plant	77,568	21,874	(55,694)			
Community Service	130,268	217,227	86,959			
Debt Service - Interest	1,027,400	1,024,400	(3,000)			
Unallocated Depreciation	316,534	324,117	7,583			
Total Expenses	6,269,081	7,513,526	1,244,445			
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 299,089	\$ 917,162	\$ 618,073			

The largest revenue source for the School is the State of Florida (76%). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula. The FEFP formula utilizes student enrollment data to determine the funds available for the School. State revenue increased due to an increase in the number of FTE in the current fiscal year and due to the School now receiving Charter School Capital Outlay funds.

The largest concentration of expenses was for instruction related functions which comprised 54% of total expenses, and consists primarily of instructional salaries. Instructional expenses increased from the prior year due to an increase in instructional staffing and the purchase of instructional equipment due to the increase in students.

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

#### **Governmental Funds**

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$2,035,867.

#### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The general fund and special revenue fund budgets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, were developed based on the School's anticipated revenues and expenditures, the expected student population, and Federal grant programs for the school year. Over the course of the year, management monitors and may revise the budgets. For the year ended June 30, 2023, actual expenditures were equal to the final budgeted amounts. Refer to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule for additional information.

#### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

The School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2023, amounts to \$14,865,207 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, construction in progress, buildings and fixed equipment, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, and improvements other than buildings. Additional information regarding the School's capital assets can be found in a subsequent note to the financial statements.

## **DEBT**

In the 2019-20 fiscal year, the School issued bonds totaling \$16,960,000 to finance the acquisition and renovation of the educational facilities. The remaining balance of these bonds is \$16,960,000 at June 30, 2023.

Additional information regarding the School's long-term debt is located in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Cornerstone Classical Academy, Inc.'s finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Director, Cornerstone Classical Academy, Inc., 2360 St. Johns Bluff Road S., Jacksonville, FL 32246.

# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2023

	Sovernment Activities
ASSETS	7 tetrvities
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,275,882
Due From Other Agencies	159,444
Accounts Receivable	763
Prepaid Items & Deposits	14,325
Capital Assets:	
Land	4,000,000
Buildings & Fixed Equipment, Net	10,512,859
Improvements Other Than Buildings, Net	123,971
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment, Net	97,622
Construction in Progress	 130,755
Total Capital Assets	14,865,207
TOTAL ASSETS	 17,315,621
LIABILITIES	
Salaries and Benefits Payable	266,017
Accounts Payable	96,471
Deferred Revenue	52,059
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year:	
Bonds Payable	110,000
Due After One Year:	
Bonds Payable	16,850,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	 17,374,547
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	(2,094,793)
Restricted for Internal Accounts	251,172
Restricted for Debt Service	559,660
Unrestricted	1,225,035
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ (58,926)

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	_	Expenses	_	Charges for Services		gram Revenue Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions	_	Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes Net Position Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:										
Instruction	\$	3,844,147	\$	512,688	\$	220,174	\$	-	\$	(3,111,285)
Student Support Services		65,090		-		54,000		-		(11,090)
Instruction & Curriculum Development		7,738		-		-		-		(7,738)
Instructional Staff Training		20,997		-		3,080		-		(17,917)
Instructional Related Technology		106,090		-		71,179		-		(34,911)
Board		146,293		-		526		-		(145,767)
School Administration		653,584		-		-		-		(653,584)
Facilities Acquisition & Construction		30,254		-		-		-		(30,254)
Fiscal Services		201,635		-		-		-		(201,635)
Food Services		6,068		-		-		-		(6,068)
Operation of Plant		844,012		-		-		-		(844,012)
Maintenance of Plant		21,874		-		1,184		-		(20,690)
Community Service		217,227		125,463		-		-		(91,764)
Debt Service - Interest		1,024,400		-		-		1,032,831		8,431
Unallocated Depreciation		324,117		-		-		-		(324,117)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	7,513,526	\$	638,151	\$	350,143	\$	1,032,831		(5,492,401)
	Ge	neral Revenue	<b>;</b>							
	5	State Sources								5,824,098
	(	Grants and Cor	ntrib	utions not re	estric	eted to specific	pro	ogram		146,000
Local and Other									439,465	
Total General Revenues								6,409,563		
	(	Change in Net	Posi	ition						917,162
	1	Net Position - J	July	1, 2022						(976,088)
Net Position - June 30, 2023							\$	(58,926)		

## BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June~30,~2023

ACCEPTEG	_	General Fund	_	Special Revenue Fund	 Capital Projects Fund	_	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS								
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	1,445,752	\$	270,470	\$ -	\$	559,660	\$ 2,275,882
Due From Other Agencies		153		119,130	40,161		-	159,444
Accounts Receivable		763		-	-		-	763
Prepaid Items & Deposits		14,325		-	-		-	14,325
Due from Other Funds		159,291			 <del>-</del>			 159,291
Total Assets	\$	1,620,284	\$	389,600	\$ 40,161	\$	559,660	\$ 2,609,705
LIABILITIES  Salaries and Benefits Payable Accounts Payable Deferred Revenue Due to Other Funds	\$	266,017 77,173 52,059	\$	- 19,298 - 119,130	\$ - - - 40,161	\$	- - -	\$ 266,017 96,471 52,059
		205.240			 			 159,291
Total Liabilities		395,249		138,428	 40,161	-		 573,838
FUND BALANCES								
Nonspendable		14,325		-	-		-	14,325
Restricted for Internal Accounts		-		251,172	-		-	251,172
Restricted for Debt Service		-		-	-		559,660	559,660
Unassigned		1,210,710		-	 -			 1,210,710
Total Fund Balances		1,225,035		251,172	 -		559,660	 2,035,867
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	1,620,284	\$	389,600	\$ 40,161	\$	559,660	\$ 2,609,705

# RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2023

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds		\$ 2,035,867
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds.		14,865,207
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.		
Bonds Payable	(16,960,000)	 (16,960,000)

(58,926)

**Total Net Position - Governmental Activities** 

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Revenues	General Fund	_	Special Revenue Fund	_	Capital Projects Fund	_	Debt Service Fund	(	Total Governmental Funds
Intergovernmental:									
Federal Through State and Local	\$ -	\$	365,388	\$		\$		\$	365,388
State	6,006,040	Ф	303,300	Ф	415,997	Ф	-	Ф	6,422,037
Local and Other	567,741		448,440		616,834		10,248		1,643,263
Total Revenues	6,573,781	_	813,828		1,032,831		10,248		8,430,688
Total Revenues	0,373,781		613,626		1,032,831		10,246		8,430,088
Expenditures									
Current - Education:									
Instruction	3,455,074		389,073		-		-		3,844,147
Student Support Services	11,090		54,000		-		-		65,090
Instruction & Curriculum Development	7,738		-		-		-		7,738
Instructional Staff Training	17,917		3,080		-		-		20,997
Instructional Related Technology	34,911		71,179		-		-		106,090
Board	145,767		526		-		-		146,293
School Administration	653,584		-		-		-		653,584
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	30,254		-		-		-		30,254
Fiscal Services	201,635		-		-		-		201,635
Food Services	6,068		-		-		-		6,068
Operation of Plant	844,012		-		-		-		844,012
Maintenance of Plant	20,690		1,184		-		-		21,874
Community Service	217,227		-		-		-		217,227
Fixed Capital Outlay:									
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	187,097		130,755		-		-		317,852
Other Capital Outlay	4,342		15,245		-		-		19,587
Debt Service:									
Interest	-		-		-		1,024,400		1,024,400
Total Expenditures	5,837,406		665,042		-		1,024,400		7,526,848
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues									
Over Expenditures	736,375		148,786		1,032,831		(1,014,152)		903,840
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Transfers In/(Out)	(427,468)		-		(1,032,831)		1,460,299		-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(427,468)		-		(1,032,831)		1,460,299		-
Net Change in Fund Balances	308,907		148,786		-		446,147		903,840
Fund Balances, July 1, 2022	916,128		102,386				113,513		1,132,027
Fund Balances, June 30, 2023	\$ 1,225,035	\$	251,172	\$		\$	559,660	\$	2,035,867

# RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds		\$ 903,840
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures.		
However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is		
allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.		
Capital Outlays	337,439	
Depreciation Expense	(324,117)	 13,322
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities		\$ 917,162

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## > Reporting Entity

Cornerstone Classical Academy, Inc., ("School") is a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. The governing body of the School is the not-for-profit corporation Board of Directors, which is comprised of not less than three members.

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter of the sponsoring school district, the District School Board of Duval County, Florida, ("District"). The current charter is effective until June 30, 2025, and is subject to annual review and may be renewed by mutual agreement between the School and the District. At the end of the term of the charter, the District may choose not to renew the charter under grounds specified in the charter. In this case, the District is required to notify the school in writing at least 90 days prior to the charter's expiration. During the term of the charter, the District may also terminate the charter if good cause is shown. In the event of termination of the charter, the District shall assume operation of the School. The School is considered a component unit of the District; therefore, for financial reporting purposes, the School is required to follow generally accepted accounting principles applicable to state and local governmental units.

Criteria for determining if other entities are potential component units which should be reported within the School's basic financial statements are identified and described in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, Sections 2100 and 2600. The application of these criteria provides for identification of any entities for which the School is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the School are such that exclusion would cause the School's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on these criteria, no component units are included within the reporting entity of the School.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

<u>Government-wide Financial Statements</u> - Government-wide financial statements, including the statement of Net Position and the statement of activities, present information about the School as a whole.

Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the School's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are thereby clearly identifiable to a particular function.

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2023

Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School.

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u> - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the School in the governmental funds. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is reported in a separate column. Because the focus of governmental fund financial statements differs from the focus of government-wide financial statements, a reconciliation is presented with each of the governmental fund financial statements.

The School's major governmental funds are as follows:

- General Fund to account for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund, and for certain revenues from the State that are legally restricted to be expended for specific current operating purposes.
- <u>Special Revenue Fund</u> to account for certain Federal grant program resources and internal accounts activities.
- <u>Debt Service Fund</u> to account for principal and interest payments related to Series 2020A and 2020B bonds.
- <u>Capital Projects Fund</u> to account for the resources earmarked by the Series 2020 bonds.

#### > Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures, or expenses, are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Revenues from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, except for certain grant revenues, are recognized when they become measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 30 days of the end of the current fiscal year. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime factor for

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determining eligibility for Federal, State, and other grant resources, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized when due. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized in governmental funds.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less at the date of acquisition.

Cash deposits are held by banks qualified as public depositories under Florida law. Deposits on hand at financial institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company up to \$250,000.

#### **Capital Assets**

Expenditures for capital assets acquired or constructed for general School purposes are reported in the governmental fund that financed the acquisition or construction. The capital assets so acquired are reported at cost in the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School as those costing more than \$2,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated assets are recorded at fair value at the date of donation.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	Estimated Lives
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	5 - 10 years
Improvements Other Than Buildings	15 years
Buildings & Fixed Equipment	39 years

#### > Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The School does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

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#### Net Position and Fund Balance Classification

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Net Position are classified and reported in three components:

- <u>Net Investment in Capital Assets</u> consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributed to the acquisition or improvement of those assets.
- <u>Restricted Net Position</u> consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.
- <u>Unrestricted Net Position</u> all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

#### Fund Financial Statements

GASB Codification Section 1800.142, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes. GASB requires the fund balance amounts to be reported within one of the following fund balance categories:

- Nonspendable fund balance associated with inventories, prepaid expenses, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed or assigned). All nonspendable fund balances at year end relate to assets that are in nonspendable form.
- ➤ <u>Restricted</u> fund balance that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by the constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- ➤ <u>Committed</u> fund balance that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the School's Board of Governance.
- ➤ <u>Assigned</u> fund balance that is intended to be used by the School's management for specific purposes but does not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- ➤ <u>Unassigned</u> fund balance that is the residual amount for the School's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

## Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

The School's policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. First, nonspendable fund balances are determined. Then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined (not including nonspendable amounts). Any remaining fund balance amounts for the non-general funds are to be classified as restricted fund balance. It

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is possible for the non-general funds to be classified as restricted fund balance. It is possible for the non-general funds to have negative unassigned fund balance when nonspendable amounts plus the amount of restricted fund balances for specific purposes exceed the positive fund balance for non-general fund.

#### > Revenue Sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33(17), Florida Statutes, the School reports the number of full-time equivalent students and related data to the District.

Under provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of full-time equivalent students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Funding for the School is adjusted during the year to reflect the revised calculations by the FDOE under the FEFP and the actual weighted full-time equivalent students (FTE) reported by the School during designated full-time equivalent student survey periods. The Department may also adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations based upon an audit of the School's compliance in determining and reporting FTE and related data. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions or additions of revenue in the year when the adjustments are made.

The basic amount of funding through the FEFP under Section 1011.62 is the product of the (1) unweighted FTE, multiplied by (2) the cost factor for each program, multiplied by (3) the base student allocation established by the legislature. Additional funds for exceptional students who do not have a matrix of services are provided through the guaranteed allocation designated in Section 1011.62(1)(e)2., Florida Statutes. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the School reported 769.47 unweighted FTE and 819.83 weighted FTE.

FEFP funding may also be adjusted as a result of subsequent FTE audits conducted by the Florida Auditor General pursuant to Section 1010.305, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-1.0453, Florida Administrative Code (FAC). Schools are required to maintain the following documentation for three years or until the completion of an FTE audit:

- Attendance and membership documentation (Rule 6A-1.044, FAC).
- Teacher certificates and other certification documentation (Rule 6A-1.0503, FAC).
- Documentation for instructors teaching out-of-field (Rule 6A-1.0503, FAC).
- Procedural safeguards for weighted programs (Rule 6A-6.03411, FAC).
- Evaluation and planning documents for weighted programs (Section 1010.305, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-6.03411, FAC).

The School receives Federal or state awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. This assistance is generally received based on applications

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submitted to and approved by various granting agencies. For Federal or state awards in which a claim to these grant proceeds is based on incurring eligible expenditures, revenue is recognized to the extent that eligible expenditures have been incurred.

The School receives state funds through the District under charter school capital outlay funding pursuant to Section 1013.62, Florida Statutes. Funds are based upon a capital outlay plan submitted to the District and are to be used for lease, rent or construction of school facilities. The School also receives funding through donations and fundraising efforts, school lunch sales, and local property tax collections.

The School follows the policy of applying restricted resources prior to applying unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted assets are available.

#### > Income Taxes

The School is exempt from Federal tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been included in the accompanying financial statements. Additionally, no uncertain tax positions have been made requiring disclosure in the related note to financial statements. The School's income tax returns for the past three years are subject to examination by tax authorities and may change upon examination.

#### Use of Estimates

In preparing the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the statement of net position and affect revenues and expenditures for the period presented. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### > Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated all events subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the report date, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued. Management determined there are no subsequent events which require disclosure.

#### 2. CASH DEPOSITS

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned to the School. The School does not have a custodial credit risk policy. All cash deposits are held in banks that qualify as public depositories under Florida law. Deposits on hand at financial institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company (FDIC) up to \$250,000. As of June 30, 2023, the School was exposed to custodial credit risk. The School's bank accounts exceeded the FDIC insurance limit by \$1,463,246.

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#### 3. INVESTMENTS

The School categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

All of the School's recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2023, are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs).

The School's investments at June 30, 2023, are reported as follows:

Investment	Amount				
UMB Bank, N.A US Treasury Cash Reserves	\$	559,660			
Total	\$	559,660			

This investment is reported as a cash equivalent for financial statement reporting purposes.

#### 4. DUE FROM OTHER AGENCIES

The amount Due from Other Agencies included in the accompanying statement of net position and balance sheet – governmental funds consist of amounts due from the District School Board of Duval County for FEFP funds recorded in the General Fund and for Federal grants expenditures already paid and awaiting reimbursement recorded in the Special Revenue Fund. It also includes amounts due from the Florida Department of Education funds for Charter School Capital Outlay recorded in the Capital Projects Fund. These receivables are considered to be fully collectible and as such, no allowance for uncollectible is accrued.

#### 5. FUNDING AND CREDIT RISK CONCENTRATIONS

The School receives substantially all of its support and revenue from Federal, state and local funding sources, passed through the District, in the form of performance and budget based contracts. Continuing operation of the School is greatly dependent upon the continued support of these governmental agencies.

#### 6. RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the School carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage and settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

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#### 7. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Changes in capital assets are presented in the table below:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Land	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000
Construction in Progress	-	130,755	-	130,755
Buildings & Fixed Equipment	11,229,384	126,140	-	11,355,524
Improvements Other Than Buildings	76,345	60,957	-	137,302
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	150,674	19,587		170,261
Total Capital Assets	15,456,403	337,439		15,793,842
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings & Fixed Equipment	(553,654)	(289,011)	-	(842,665)
Improvements Other Than Buildings	(4,894)	(8,437)	-	(13,331)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(45,970)	(26,669)	<u> </u>	(72,639)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(604,518)	(324,117)		(928,635)
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	\$ 14,851,885	\$ 13,322	\$ -	\$ 14,865,207

Unallocated depreciation expense for the fiscal year was \$324,117.

#### 8. BONDS PAYABLE

Bonds payable at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Amount	Interest	Annual
Bond Type	Outstanding	Rates	Maturity To
Series 2020A	\$ 16,600,000	6.00%	2050
Series 2020B	360,000	6.50%	2026
	\$ 16,960,000		

Revenue Bonds Series 2020A and 2020B — On March 31, 2020, the School issued tax-exempt revenue bonds (Series 2020A) and taxable revenue bonds (Series 2020B) in the aggregate principal of \$16,960,000 secured by a mortgage on the School's property and buildings. The bonds were issued to acquire and renovate a school facility.

Series 2020 bonds are term bonds paying principal semi-annually at a rate ranging from 6% to 6.5% with maturities starting 6/1/2025, and ending 6/1/2050. Interest is paid quarterly commencing on June 1, 2020.

As required by the bond resolution, the District has established a sinking fund and reserve account and has accumulated and maintained adequate resources in the sinking fund and reserve account.

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In the event of default for non-payment of principal or interest on the bonds, the outstanding amounts will become due and payable. The School is required to disclose its debt service coverage ratio and days cash on hand as described in the Loan Agreement. The minimum debt service coverage ratio is 1.00 to 1 (the "Debt Service Coverage Requirement") starting with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The School's annual debt service coverage ratio as calculated was 4.88. The School's maximum debt service coverage ratio as calculated was 3.48. Further, the School agrees to have cash on hand at March 31, 2022, and each quarter until the bonds are no longer outstanding in amount not less than 30 days cash on hand and not less than 30 days thereafter. The School's number of days cash on hand was calculated to be 86 days.

Annual requirements to amortize all bonded debt outstanding as of June 30, 2023 follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Total	Principal		Interest			
2024	\$ 1,129,400	\$	110,000	\$	1,019,400		
2025	1,130,300		120,000		1,010,300		
2026	1,212,338		210,000		1,002,338		
2027	1,208,050		220,000		988,050		
2028	1,209,550		235,000		974,550		
2029-2033	6,044,650		1,405,000		4,639,650		
2034-2038	6,036,800		1,880,000		4,156,800		
2039-2043	6,036,200		2,525,000		3,511,200		
2044-2048	6,028,750		3,385,000		2,643,750		
2049-2050	7,621,350		6,870,000		751,350		
Total	\$ 37,657,388	\$	16,960,000	\$	20,697,388		

#### 9. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities:

Beginning							Ending		Due in	
	Balance	Additions Deductions			Balance		One Year			
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:			_							
Bonds Payable	\$ 16,960,000	\$		\$	-	\$	16,960,000	\$	110,000	
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 16,960,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	16,960,000	\$	110,000	

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#### 10. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES & PAYABLES & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

At June 30, 2023, the Special Revenue Fund and Capital Projects Fund owed the General Fund \$119,130 and \$40,161, respectively, for expenditures incurred awaiting reimbursement from the School District. The amounts of interfund receivables and payables are netted together and not reported in the statement of net position.

The School's General Fund and Capital Projects Fund transferred \$427,468 and \$1,032,831, respectively, to the Debt Service Fund for interest payments owed on long-term debt. The amounts of interfund transfers are netted together and not reported on the statement of activities.

#### 11. RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE & NET POSITION

The School has a restricted net position and Debt Service Fund balance to restrict those funds that are held in the bond reserve accounts and to be used for bond debt service payments. In addition, the School has a restricted Special Revenue Fund balance for funds held for school internal accounts.

#### 12. SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE SOURCES

The following is a schedule of the School's State revenue:

Source	Amount			
Florida Education Finance Program	\$ 5,044,047			
Categorical Programs:				
Class Size Reduction	773.	,623		
Charter School Capital Outlay	415.	,997		
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten	181,	,942		
Miscellaneous	6	,428		
Total State Revenue	\$ 6,422	,037		

As provided in the charter school contract, the District has charged the School an administrative fee totaling \$91,019.

#### 13. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT COMMITMENTS

	(	Contract	Co	mpleted	E	Balance	
Project		Amount	to	o Date	Committed		
Cornerstone Classical Academy - Project							
Management Services, Inc.	\$	450,000	\$	40,500	\$	409,500	
Gymnasium & Upper Division Expansion -							
Rowe Architects		900,000				900,000	
Total	\$	1,350,000	\$	-	\$	900,000	

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#### 14. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

The School entered into a contract with a professional accounting services company, which provides accounting and financial services and other assistance to the School at a maximum percentage (3%) of the net FEFP revenue collected from the District. The 3% will be adjusted by reducing the rate by two-tenths of one percent for each \$1,000,000 in total unrestricted FEFP revenue. Fees under this agreement incurred during the 2022-23 fiscal year for financial services amounted to \$125,760. This contract may be cancelled by either party with 30 days advance notice.

#### 15. PENSION PLAN

The School participates in a defined contribution 401(k) plan for participating employees. Contributions made by the School totaled \$29,774 for the year ended June 30, 2023, which were computed at 1.5% of employee compensation for each participating employee. Contributions are directed to individual employee's accounts, and the individual employees allocate contributions and account balances among various available investment choices, therefore, the School has no liability for the administration or payments of benefits of the plan, and accordingly, the present value of the related benefits is not reflected in these financial statements. The rate of contribution is set annually by the School's Board of Directors

#### 16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The School participates in state grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies, therefore, to the extent that the School has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivables at June 30, 2023, may be impaired.

In the opinion of the School, there are no significant liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

#### 17. LEGAL MATTERS

In the normal course of conducting its operations, the School occasionally becomes party to various legal actions and proceedings. In the opinion of management, the ultimate resolution of such legal matters will not have a significant adverse effect on the accompanying financial statements.

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND & SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - (UNAUDITED)

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund				Special Revenue Fund				
	Variance with Original Final Final Budget - Budget Budget Actual Positive (Negative)		Original Final Budget Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)			
Revenues:									
Intergovernmental:									
Federal Through State and Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 613,756	\$ 365,388	\$ 365,388	\$ -	
State	5,597,268	6,006,040	6,006,040	-	-	-	-	-	
Local and Other	559,215	567,741	567,741		167,230	448,440	448,440		
Total Revenues	6,156,483	6,573,781	6,573,781		780,986	813,828	813,828		
Expenditures:									
Current - Education:									
Instruction	3,155,075	3,455,074	3,455,074	-	396,560	389,073	389,073	-	
Student Support Services	12,449	11,090	11,090	-	50,000	54,000	54,000	-	
Instruction & Curriculum Development	9,499	7,738	7,738	-	-	-	-	-	
Instructional Staff Training	35,645	17,917	17,917	-	-	3,080	3,080	-	
Instructional Related Technology	18,464	34,911	34,911	-	163,333	71,179	71,179	-	
Board	224,070	145,767	145,767	-	-	526	526	-	
School Administration	566,861	653,584	653,584	-	-	-	-	-	
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	134,943	30,254	30,254	-	60,000	-	-	-	
Fiscal Services	173,010	201,635	201,635	-	-	-	-	-	
Food Services	19,996	6,068	6,068	-	-	-	-	-	
Operation of Plant	623,727	844,012	844,012	-	10,000	-	-	-	
Maintenance of Plant	114,752	20,690	20,690	-	15,000	1,184	1,184	-	
Community Service	155,103	217,227	217,227	-	-	-	-	-	
Fixed Capital Outlay:									
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	-	187,097	187,097	-	-	130,755	130,755	-	
Other Capital Outlay	-	4,342	4,342	-	-	15,245	15,245	-	
Total Expenditures	5,243,594	5,837,406	5,837,406		694,893	665,042	665,042		
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues									
Over Expenditures	912,889	736,375	736,375	-	86,093	148,786	148,786	-	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Transfers (Out)	(641,400)	(427,468)	(427,468)	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(641,400)	(427,468)	(427,468)	-	-	-	-	-	
Net Change in Fund Balances	271,489	308,907	308,907		86,093	148,786	148,786	-	
Fund Balances, July 1, 2022	916,128	916,128	916,128		102,386	102,386	102,386		
Fund Balances, June 30, 2023	\$ 1,187,617	\$ 1,225,035	\$ 1,225,035	\$ -	\$ 188,479	\$ 251,172	\$ 251,172	\$ -	

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# NOTE TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION June 30, 2023

#### 1. 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 (e.g., salaries and benefits, purchased services, materials and supplies and capital outlay) within each activity (e.g., instruction, pupil personnel services and school administration). Budgets may be amended by resolution at any Board meeting prior to the date for the annual report.



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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

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Directors of the Cornerstone Classical Academy, Inc., a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Duval County, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Cornerstone Classical Academy, Inc. ("School"), a charter school and component unit of the District School Board of Duval County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 27, 2023.

## **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control.

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. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

September 27, 2023

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## Management Letter as Required by Rules of the Florida Auditor General, Chapter 10.850, Florida Statutes, *Charter School Audits*

To the Board of Directors of the Cornerstone Classical Academy, Inc., a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Duval County, Florida

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of the Cornerstone Classical Academy, Inc., ("School"), a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Duval County, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated September 27, 2023.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

We conducted our 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 Reporting Requirements**

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated September 27, 2023, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

#### **Prior Audit Findings**

Section 10.854(1)(e)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we 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 prior audit findings or recommendations.

#### **Official Title**

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title of the entity and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education of the entity are Cornerstone Classical Academy, 165801.

## **Financial Condition and Management**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)2. and 10.855(11), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate whether or not the School has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School 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, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the School. It is management's responsibility to monitor the School's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

## **Transparency**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7. and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether the School maintains on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School maintained on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

#### **Additional Matters**

Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we 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 our audit, we did not have any such findings.

#### **Purpose of this Letter**

Our 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 District School Board of Duval County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

September 27, 2023

King & Walker, CPAS

Tampa, Florida