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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Board of Directors
of The New Standard Academy**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of The New Standard Academy, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise The New Standard Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of The New Standard Academy, 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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 New Standard Academy 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 New Standard Academy'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.

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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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 New Standard Academy'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 New Standard Academy'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 the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information as detailed in the Table of Contents 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise The New Standard Academy's basic financial statements. The accompanying additional supplementary information, as identified in the Table of Contents, including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the additional supplementary information, including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 30, 2023, on our consideration of The New Standard Academy'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 New Standard Academy'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 New Standard Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Croskey Lanni, PC

Rochester, Michigan
October 30, 2023

THE NEW STANDARD ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	760,064
Deposits		20,170
Due from other governmental units		3,916,090
Prepaid expenses		28,033

Total current assets 4,724,357

Capital Assets - Net of Accumulated Depreciation / Amortization

2,033,885

Total assets \$ 6,758,242

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$	2,318,855
Unearned revenue		656,221
Other accrued expenses		731,640
Long-term debt - current portion		691,114

Total current liabilities 4,397,830

Long-Term Debt - Long-Term Portion

207,918

Net Position

Net investment in capital assets		1,134,853
Restricted for food operations		181,392
Unrestricted		836,249

Total net position 2,152,494

Total liabilities and net position \$ 6,758,242

See accompanying notes to financial statements

THE NEW STANDARD ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Government Type Activities
Functions				
Instruction				
Basic programs	\$ 3,596,468	\$ -	\$ 765,568	\$ (2,830,900)
Added needs	1,558,365	-	1,902,047	343,682
Support services				
Pupil support services	149,129	-	-	(149,129)
Instructional staff support services	293,447	-	245,354	(48,093)
General administration	966,014	-	-	(966,014)
School administration	348,111	-	8,950	(339,161)
Business support services	119	-	-	(119)
Operations and maintenance	1,290,603	-	402,332	(888,271)
Pupil transportation services	456,773	-	44,521	(412,252)
Central support services	97,104	-	-	(97,104)
Student activities	81,933	-	15,000	(66,933)
Athletic activities	343,508	-	-	(343,508)
Food services	755,030	-	780,272	25,242
Community services	1,919	-	1,919	-
Building improvement services	51,496	-	51,496	-
Unallocated depreciation / amortization	972,138	-	-	(972,138)
Unallocated interest	45,328	-	-	(45,328)
Total primary government	\$ 11,007,485	\$ -	\$ 4,217,459	(6,790,026)
General Purpose Revenues				
State school aid - unrestricted				7,204,641
Miscellaneous revenues				79,076
Total general purpose revenues				7,283,717
Change in net position				493,691
Net position - July 1, 2022				1,658,804
Net position - June 30, 2023				\$ 2,152,495

See accompanying notes to financial statements

THE NEW STANDARD ACADEMY

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS

	General	Non Major Special Revenue - Food Services	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 760,064	\$ -	\$ 760,064
Deposits	20,170	-	20,170
Due from other governmental units	3,916,090	-	3,916,090
Due from other funds	-	181,392	181,392
Prepaid expenses	28,033	-	28,033
 Total assets	\$ 4,724,357	\$ 181,392	\$ 4,905,749

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 2,318,855	\$ -	\$ 2,318,855
Due to other funds	181,392	-	181,392
Unearned revenue	656,221	-	656,221
Other accrued expenses	731,640	-	731,640
 Total liabilities	3,888,108	-	3,888,108

Fund Balance

Nonspendable	48,203	-	48,203
Restricted	-	181,392	181,392
Unassigned	788,046	-	788,046
 Total fund balance	836,249	181,392	1,017,641
 Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 4,724,357	\$ 181,392	\$ 4,905,749

See accompanying notes to financial statements

THE NEW STANDARD ACADEMY

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES JUNE 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 1,017,641
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$4,352,915 and the accumulated depreciation / amortization is \$2,319,030.	2,033,885
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	<u>(899,032)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 2,152,494</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

THE NEW STANDARD ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Non-Major Special Revenue - Food Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues			
Local sources	\$ 79,074	\$ -	\$ 79,074
State sources	8,213,184	7,490	8,220,674
Federal sources	2,394,919	770,610	3,165,529
Interdistrict sources	35,898	-	35,898
Total governmental fund revenues	10,723,075	778,100	11,501,175
Expenditures			
Instruction			
Basic programs	3,596,468	-	3,596,468
Added needs	1,558,365	-	1,558,365
Support services			
Pupil support services	149,129	-	149,129
Instructional staff support services	293,447	-	293,447
General administration	966,014	-	966,014
School administration	348,111	-	348,111
Business support services	119	-	119
Operations and maintenance	1,290,603	-	1,290,603
Pupil transportation services	456,773	-	456,773
Central support services	97,104	-	97,104
Student activities	81,933	-	81,933
Athletic activities	343,508	-	343,508
Food services	-	755,030	755,030
Community services	1,919	-	1,919
Building improvement services	51,496	-	51,496
Capital outlay	1,346,537	-	1,346,537
Debt principal and interest	715,809	-	715,809
Total governmental fund expenditures	11,297,335	755,030	12,052,365
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(574,260)	23,070	(551,190)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Proceeds from long-term debt	591,748	-	591,748
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	17,488	23,070	40,558
Fund balance - July 1, 2022	818,761	158,322	977,083
Fund balance - June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 836,249</u>	<u>\$ 181,392</u>	<u>\$ 1,017,641</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

THE NEW STANDARD ACADEMY

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	40,558
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, assets are capitalized and the cost is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation and amortization expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation and amortization in the current period:

Capital outlay	\$ 1,346,537	
Depreciation and amortization expense	<u>(972,138)</u>	374,399

The governmental funds report loan proceeds as an other financing source, while repayment of loan principal is reported as an expenditure. Interest is recognized as an expenditure in the governmental funds when it is due. The net effect of these differences in the treatment of general loan obligations is as follows:

Proceeds from long-term debt	\$ (591,748)	
Repayment of loan principal	<u>670,481</u>	<u>78,733</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u>493,690</u>
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THE NEW STANDARD ACADEMY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of The New Standard Academy (the “Academy”) conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to public school academies. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

Reporting Entity

The New Standard Academy was formed as a public school academy pursuant to the Michigan School Code of 1976, as amended by Act No. 362 of the Public Acts of 1993 and Act No. 416 of the Public Acts of 1994. The Academy filed articles of incorporation as a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1982, as amended, and began operation in May 2012.

In July 2019, the Academy extended an existing contract with the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control to charter a public school academy through June 30, 2024. The contract requires the Academy to act exclusively as a governmental agency and not undertake any action inconsistent with its status as an entity authorized to receive state school aid funds pursuant to the State constitution. The University’s Board of Control is the fiscal agent for the Academy and is responsible for overseeing the Academy’s compliance with the contract and all applicable laws. The Academy pays the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control three percent of state aid as administrative fees. Total administrative fees paid for the year ended June 30, 2023 were approximately \$210,180.

In July 2019, the Academy entered into an agreement with The Romine Group, Inc. through June 30, 2024. Under the terms of this agreement, The Romine Group, Inc. provides a variety of services including financial management, educational programs and consulting, as well as teacher training. The Academy is obligated to pay The Romine Group, Inc. ten percent of its state school aid revenue and all other governmental revenue sources. Total compensation in no event shall be less than \$350,000 and no more than \$700,000 in any fiscal year. The total paid for these services amounted to approximately \$700,000 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. These criteria include significant operational or financial relationships with the public school academy. Based on application of criteria, the Academy does not contain component units.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the Academy. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

Basis of Presentation – Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Academy are organized on the basis of funds. The operations of a fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenue and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based on the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the combined financial statements in this report, into generic fund types in two broad fund categories.

THE NEW STANDARD ACADEMY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Governmental Funds

A governmental fund is a fund through which most Academy functions typically are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the Academy's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities are accounted for through a governmental fund.

General Fund - The general fund is used to record the general operations of the Academy pertaining to education and those operations not provided for in other funds. Included are all transactions related to the approved current operating budget.

Special Revenue Fund (Food Service) - The special revenue fund is used to account for the food service program operations. The special revenue fund is a subsidiary operation and is an obligation of the general fund. Therefore, any shortfall in the special revenue fund will be covered by an operating transfer from the general fund.

Debt Service Fund - The debt service fund, which the Academy does not currently maintain, is used to record certain revenue and the payment of interest, principal and other expenditures on long-term debt.

Capital Projects Fund - The capital projects fund, which the Academy does not currently maintain, accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities.

Governmental and agency funds utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting. Modifications in such method from the accrual basis are as follows:

- a. Revenue that is both measurable and available for use to finance operations is recorded as revenue when earned. 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. For this purpose, the Academy considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period.
- b. Payments for inventorable types of supplies, which are not significant at year end, are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase.
- c. Principal and interest of general long-term debt are not recorded as expenditures until their due dates.
- d. The State of Michigan utilizes a foundation allowance funding approach, which provides for specific annual amount of revenue per student based on a state-wide formula. The foundation allowance is funded from a combination of state and local sources. Revenue from state sources is primarily governed by the School Aid Act and the School Code of Michigan. The state portion of the foundation is provided from the State's School Aid Fund and is recognized as revenue in accordance with state law. A major portion of the Academy's revenue is derived from this state aid. As such, the Academy is considered to be economically dependent on this aid. The Academy's existence is dependent upon qualification for such aid.

THE NEW STANDARD ACADEMY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This approach differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Therefore, governmental fund financial statements include reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationships between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide Statement of Activities presents a comparison between expenses and program revenues for each segment of the business-type activities of the Academy and for each governmental program. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. The Academy does not allocate indirect expenses to programs. In creating the government-wide financial statements the Academy has eliminated inter-fund transactions. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of the goods or services offered by the programs and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of program revenues and expenses identifies the extent to which each program or function is self financing or draws from the general revenues of the Academy. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Academy's policy to use restricted resources first.

Net position should be reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position's use are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Academy first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Academy's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. The Academy reports its investments in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools and GASB No. 40, Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures. Under these standards, certain investments are valued at fair value as determined by quoted market prices or by estimated fair values when quoted market prices are not available. The standards also provide that certain investments are valued at cost (or amortized cost) when they are of a short-term duration, the rate of return is fixed, and the Academy intends to hold the investment until maturity. The Academy held no investments during the year ended June 30, 2023. State statutes authorize the Academy to invest in bonds and other direct and certain indirect obligations of the U.S. Treasury; certificates of deposit, saving accounts, deposit accounts, and or depository receipts of a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union, which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Savings and Loan Corporation or National Credit Union Administration, respectively; in commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase. The Academy is also authorized to invest in U.S. Government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances of U.S. banks, and mutual funds composed of investments as outlined above.

THE NEW STANDARD ACADEMY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2023 consist primarily of state school aid due from the State of Michigan and the federal government. All receivables are expected to be fully collected in July and August of 2023 and are considered current for the purposes of these financial statements.

Prepaid Assets

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2023, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions or retirements during the year. The Academy follows the policy of not capitalizing assets with a useful life of less than one year. The Academy does not possess any infrastructure assets.

All reported capital assets, with the exception of land, are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Right to use assets of the Academy are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of the lease/subscription period or the estimated useful lives. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Building and improvements	10 – 50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 – 15 years
Computers and software	3 – 10 years

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported on the governmental fund financial statements regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, the non-current portion of capital leases that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they will be paid with current, expendable, available financial resources. In general, payments made within sixty days after year-end are considered to have been made with current available financial resources. Other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are not recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements until due.

THE NEW STANDARD ACADEMY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between the sum of assets and deferred outflows and the sum of liabilities and deferred inflows. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Academy or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws of regulations of other governments.

Fund Equity

The Academy has adopted GASB 54 as part of its fiscal year reporting. The intention of the GASB is to provide a more structured classification of fund balance and to improve the usefulness of fund balance reporting to the users of the Academy's financial statements. The reporting standard establishes a hierarchy for fund balance classifications and the constraints imposed on those resources.

GASB 54 provides for two major types of fund balances, which are nonspendable and spendable. Nonspendable fund balances are balances that cannot be spent because they are not expected to be converted to cash or they are legally or contractually required to remain intact. This category typically includes prepaid items and inventories.

In addition to nonspendable fund balance, GASB 54 has provided a hierarchy of spendable fund balances, based on a hierarchy of spending constraints.

- a. *Restricted fund balance* – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- b. *Committed fund balance* – amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Board; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board takes action to remove or change the constraint.
- c. *Assigned fund balance* – amounts the Board intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the Board or by an official or committee to which the Board delegates the authority.
- d. *Unassigned fund balance* – amounts that are available for any purpose; these amounts are reported only in the general fund.

The Academy follows the policy that restricted, committed, or assigned amounts will be considered to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both unassigned and restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances are available. There are no governmental funds with a deficit.

THE NEW STANDARD ACADEMY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Leases

Leases and Subscription Based IT Arrangements (SBITA)

The Academy is a lessee for a noncancelable lease/subscription of a building, equipment and an IT arrangement. The Academy recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset in the government-wide financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease/subscription, the Academy initially measures the lease/SBITA liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease/SBITA term. Subsequently, the lease/SBITA liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease/SBITA payments made. The lease/SBITA asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease/SBITA liability, adjusted for lease/SBITA payments made at or before the lease/SBITA commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease/SBITA asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgements related to leases included how the Academy determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease/SBITA payments to present value, (2) lease/SBITA term, and (3) lease/SBITA payments.

- The Academy uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the Academy generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases/SBITA.
- The lease/SBITA term includes the noncancelable period of the lease/subscription. Lease/SBITA payments included in the measurement of the lease/SBITA liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the Academy is reasonably certain to exercise.

The Academy monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease/SBITA and will remeasure the lease/SBITA asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease/SBITA liability.

Lease/SBITA assets are reported with other capital assets and lease/SBITA liabilities are reported with long-term obligations on the statement of net position.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Upcoming Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*. This Statement prescribes the accounting and financial reporting for (1) each type of accounting change and (2) error corrections. This Statement requires that (a) changes in accounting principles and error corrections be reported retroactively by restating prior periods, (b) changes to or within the financial reporting entity be reported by adjusting beginning balances of the current period, and (c) changes in accounting estimates be reported prospectively by recognizing the change in the current period. The Academy is currently evaluating the impact this standard will have on the financial statements when adopted during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This Statement requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means. This Statement also establishes guidance for measuring a liability for leave that has not been used, generally using an employee's pay rate as of the date of the financial statements. The Academy is currently evaluating the impact this standard will have on the financial statements when adopted during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Annual budgets are adopted on a consistent basis with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and state law for the general fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end and encumbrances are not formally recorded.

The budget document presents information by fund and function. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body is the function level. State law requires the Academy to have its budget in place by July 1. Expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted is a violation of Michigan Law. The Academy is required by law to adopt a general fund budget. During the year ended June 30, 2023 the budget was amended in a legally permissible manner. During the year ended June 30, 2023 the Academy performed against its budget, as detailed on page 19 of these financial statements.

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NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Interest Rate Risk

In accordance with its investment policy, the Academy will minimize interest rate risk, which is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates, by; structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities in the open market; and, investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities, liquid asset funds, money market mutual funds, or similar investment pools and limiting the average maturity in accordance with the Academy's cash requirements.

Credit Risk

State law limits investments in commercial paper and corporate bonds to a prime or better rating issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs). As of June 30, 2023, the Academy held no investments.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Academy will minimize concentration of credit risk, which is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Academy's investment in a single issuer, by diversifying the investment portfolio so that the impact of potential losses from any one type of security or issuer will be minimized.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2023, \$236,647 of the Academy's cash was exposed to credit risk as it was not covered by federal deposit insurance. All cash balances were uncollateralized as of June 30, 2023.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments

For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Academy will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

The Academy will minimize custodial credit risk, which is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer, by; limiting investments to the types of securities allowed by law; and pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries and advisors with which the Academy will do business.

Foreign Currency Risk

The Academy is not authorized to invest in investments which have this type of risk.

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NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Fair Value

Generally accepted accounting principles define fair value, establish a framework for measuring fair value, and establish a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income or cost approach are used to measure fair value.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

- a. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities the Academy has the ability to access.
- b. Level 2 inputs are inputs (other than quoted prices included within Level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- c. Level 3 are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability and rely on management's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. (The observable inputs should be developed based on the best information available in the circumstances and may include the Academy's own data.)

The Academy does not have any investments that are subject to the fair value measurement.

NOTE 4 – DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Amounts due from other governmental units consist of the following:

Local sources	\$ 7,915
State sources	1,695,940
Federal sources	<u>2,212,235</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,916,090</u>

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NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the Academy's governmental activities was as follows:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2023</u>
Capital assets subject to depreciation / amortization				
Right to use - building	\$ 1,441,377	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,441,377
Right to use - equipment	4,973	591,748	4,973	591,748
Right to use - subscription-based IT		323,398		323,398
Equipment	141,136	11,357	-	152,493
Furniture	245,260	16,401	-	261,661
Technology equipment	482,717	189,426	-	672,143
Other	695,888	214,207	-	910,095
	<u>3,011,351</u>	<u>1,346,537</u>	<u>4,973</u>	<u>4,352,915</u>
Total asset cost basis	3,011,351	1,346,537	4,973	4,352,915
Accumulated depreciation / amortization				
Right to use - building	467,722	533,234	-	1,000,956
Right to use - equipment	2,385	198,255	4,973	195,667
Right to use - subscription-based IT	-	107,799	-	107,799
Equipment	141,135	1,879	-	143,014
Furniture	234,614	6,556	-	241,170
Technology equipment	386,797	55,350	-	442,147
Other	119,212	69,065	-	188,277
	<u>1,351,865</u>	<u>972,138</u>	<u>4,973</u>	<u>2,319,030</u>
Sub-total	1,351,865	972,138	4,973	2,319,030
Total net capital assets	<u>\$ 1,659,486</u>	<u>\$ 374,399</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,033,885</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense was not charged to activities as the Academy considers its assets to impact multiple activities and allocation is not practical.

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NOTE 6 – OTHER ACCRUED EXPENSES

Other accrued expenses may be summarized as follows:

Purchased services - payroll and benefits	\$ 563,476
Management fee	127,273
University oversight fee	38,231
Other accrued expenses	<u>2,660</u>
Total other accrued expenses	<u>\$ 731,640</u>

NOTE 7 – LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS

Loan Information

	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Other</u>
Direct borrowing - building	3.0%	June, 2024	Payable at approximately \$42,000 monthly
Direct borrowing - equipment	3% - 5%	June, 2026	School buses and copiers

Loan Activity

	<u>Balance July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements and Payments</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Direct borrowing - building	\$ 975,240	\$ -	\$ 480,315	\$ 494,925	\$ 494,925
Direct borrowing - equipment	<u>2,525</u>	<u>591,748</u>	<u>190,166</u>	<u>404,107</u>	<u>196,189</u>
	<u>\$ 977,765</u>	<u>\$ 591,748</u>	<u>\$ 670,481</u>	<u>\$ 899,032</u>	<u>\$ 691,114</u>

Following are maturities of long-term obligations for principal and interest for the next three years:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2024	\$ 691,114	\$ 23,829
2025	206,227	5,712
2026	1,691	11

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NOTE 8 - RETIREMENT PLAN

All leased employees of the Academy are eligible to participate in a retirement plan established by the Academy's management company (the employer) which qualifies under the provisions of Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Academy, under this plan, will reimburse the employer's contribution of 4% of salaries regardless of the amount the employee contributes. The Academy will additionally reimburse the employer's match up to 4% of employee contributed funds. Eligible employees may contribute up to 15% of their salaries under the terms of this plan.

NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions and employee injuries (worker's compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The Academy has purchased commercial insurance for all claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 12,000	\$ 59,647	\$ 79,074	\$ 19,427
State sources	8,333,820	9,072,117	8,213,184	(858,933)
Federal sources	2,495,636	2,981,981	2,394,919	(587,062)
Interdistrict sources	-	-	35,898	35,898
Total general fund revenues	<u>10,841,456</u>	<u>12,113,745</u>	<u>10,723,075</u>	<u>(1,390,670)</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Basic programs	3,950,060	4,058,742	3,596,468	(462,274)
Added needs	1,897,344	2,785,073	1,558,365	(1,226,708)
Support services				
Pupil support services	141,757	177,790	149,129	(28,661)
Instructional staff support services	472,178	292,803	293,447	644
General administration	986,400	977,658	966,014	(11,644)
School administration	333,046	393,215	348,111	(45,104)
Business support services	500	160	119	(41)
Operations and maintenance	1,961,800	1,656,828	1,290,603	(366,225)
Pupil transportation services	547,755	1,032,656	456,773	(575,883)
Central support services	92,500	126,000	97,104	(28,896)
Student activities	65,000	117,700	81,933	(35,767)
Athletic activities	380,405	320,995	343,508	22,513
Community services	5,000	11,510	1,919	(9,591)
Building improvement services	-	52,788	51,496	(1,292)
Capital outlay	-	-	1,346,537	1,346,537
Debt principal and interest	-	715,809	715,809	-
Total general fund expenditures	<u>10,833,745</u>	<u>12,719,727</u>	<u>11,297,335</u>	<u>(1,422,392)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	7,711	(605,982)	(574,260)	31,722
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from long-term debt	-	623,468	591,748	(31,720)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	7,711	17,486	17,488	2
Fund balance - July 1, 2022	<u>818,761</u>	<u>818,761</u>	<u>818,761</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 826,472</u>	<u>\$ 836,247</u>	<u>\$ 836,249</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Local Sources

Other local revenues	\$ 79,074
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State Sources

At risk	520,852
Great start readiness program	446,576
Special education	41,115
State aid	<u>7,204,641</u>

Total state sources	8,213,184
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Federal Sources

IDEA	114,339
Title I	380,652
Title II A	63,000
Title IV	45,711
Other program revenue	<u>1,791,217</u>

Total federal sources	2,394,919
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Interdistrict Sources

<u>35,898</u>

Total general fund revenues	<u><u>\$ 10,723,075</u></u>
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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES – GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Basic Programs

Purchased services	\$ 3,389,048
Supplies and materials	104,035
Other expenditures	<u>103,385</u>
Total basic programs	3,596,468

Added Needs

Purchased services	1,558,365
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Pupil Support Services

Health services	40,000
Psychological services	11,595
Speech pathology and audiology	44,671
Social work services	<u>52,863</u>
Total pupil support services	149,129

Instructional Staff Support Services

Purchased services	209,898
Supplies and materials	<u>83,549</u>
Total instructional staff support services	293,447

General Administration

Purchased services	50,032
Management fees	700,000
University oversight	210,176
Other expenditures	<u>5,806</u>
Total general administration	966,014

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES – GENERAL FUND - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

School Administration

Purchased services	276,038
Supplies and materials	29,370
Other expenditures	42,703
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Total school administration	348,111

Business Support Services

Other expenditures	119
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Operations and Maintenance

Purchased services	566,745
Repairs and maintenance	257,985
Rentals	276,325
Supplies and materials	189,548
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Total operations and maintenance	1,290,603

Pupil Transportation Services

Purchased services	347,298
Repairs and maintenance	24,033
Supplies and materials	52,606
Other expenditures	32,836
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Total pupil transportation services	456,773

Central Support Services

Repairs and maintenance	97,104
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Student Activities

Purchased services	15,000
Other expenditures	66,933
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Total student activities	81,933

Athletic Activities

Purchased services	225,204
Supplies and materials	74,419
Other expenditures	43,885
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Total athletic activities	343,508

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES – GENERAL FUND - CONTINUED
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Community Services	
Supplies and materials	1,919
Building Improvement Services	51,496
Capital Outlay	1,346,537
Debt Principal and Interest	<u>715,809</u>
Total general fund expenditures	<u>\$ 11,297,335</u>