Application: St. HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School

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Summary

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Entry 1 School Info and Cover Page

Completed - Aug 1 2023

Instructions

Required of ALL Charter Schools

Each Annual Report begins with a completed School Information and Cover Page. The information is collected in a survey format within the <u>Annual Report Portal</u>. When entering information in the portal, some of the following items may not appear, depending on your authorizer and/or your responses to related items.

Entry 1 School Information and Cover Page

(New schools that were not open for instruction for the 2022-2023 school year are not required to complete or submit an annual report this year).

Please be advised that you will need to complete this cover page (including signatures) <u>before</u> all of the other tasks assigned to you by your school's authorizer are visible on your task page. While completing this cover page task, please ensure that you select the correct authorizer (as of June 30, 2023) or you may not be assigned the correct tasks.

BASIC INFORMATION

a. SCHOOL NAME

(Select name from the drop down menu)

ST. HOPE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL 800000061088

St. HOPE
b. CHARTER AUTHORIZER (As of June 30th, 2023)
Please select the correct authorizer as of June 30, 2023 or you may not be assigned the correct tasks.
NEW YORK CITY CHANCELLOR OF EDUCATION
c. School Unionized
Is your charter school unionized?
No
d. DISTRICT / CSD OF LOCATION
CSD # 5 - MANHATTAN
e. Date of Approved Initial Charter
Jan 15 2008
f. Date School First Opened for Instruction
Aug 12 2008

a1. Popular School Name

g. Approved School Mission and Key Design Elements

(Regents, NYCDOE and Buffalo BOE authorized schools only)

School Mission: St. HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School embraces the following mission statement, which serves as the foundation of the School: To educate self-motivated, productive, and critically thinking leaders who are prepared to succeed in a college preparatory high school, committed to serving others, and passionate about lifelong learning.

St. HOPE's Key Design Elements are:

- · An orderly, structured, and disciplined learning environment
- Character development as the underpinning of (and precursor to) academic achievement
- · Rigorous, standards-based college preparatory curriculum
- · Focus on literacy and mathematics
- Low student-teacher ratios
- An extended instructional day
- Frequent benchmark assessments of scholar progress
- Intensive interventions for scholars who are performing far below grade level
- Extensive leadership development and community service opportunities

h. School Website Address

https://www.sthopeleadershipacademy.org/

i. Total Approved Charter Enrollment for 2022-2023 School Year

300

j. Total Enrollment on June 30, 2023 - excluding Pre-K program enrollment

220

k. Grades Served	
Grades served during the 2022-2023 school year (exclude	Pre-K program students):
Use the CTRL button to select multiple grades to accurately	y capture every grade level served.
Responses Selected:	
6	
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I. Charter Management Organization	
Do you have a <u>Charter Management Organization</u> ?	
No	
FACILITIES INFORMATION	
m. FACILITIES	
Will the school maintain or operate multiple sites in 2023-20)24?
	No, just one site.

School Site 1 (Primary)

m1. SCHOOL SITES

Please provide information on Site 1 for the upcoming school year.

	Physical Address	Phone Number	District/CSD	Grades to be Served at Site for previous	Grades to be Served at Site for coming	Receives Rental Assistance for
				year (K-5, 6-9,	year (K-5, 6-9,	Which Grades
				etc.)	etc.)	(If yes, enter
						the
						appropriate
						grades. If no,
						enter No).
Site 1	222 West 134th Street, New York, NY 10030	212-283-1204	NYC CSD 5	6-8	6-8	No

m1a. Please provide the contact information for Site 1.

	Name	Title	Work Phone	Alternate Phone	Email Address
School Leader	Meghann Persenaire	Principal	212-283-1204	212-882-1830	mpersenaire@st hopeharlem.org
Operational Leader	Yamal Gonzalez	Director of Operations	212-283-1204	646-599-1839	ygonzalez@stho peharlem.org
Compliance Contact	Vivian Lee	Human Resources Manager	212-283-1204	212-882-1149	vlee@sthopeharl em.org
Complaint Contact	Meghann Persenaire	Principal	212-283-1204	212-882-1830	mpersenaire@st hopeharlem.org
DASA Coordinator	Karina Perez	Director of Student Affairs	212-283-1204	212-882-1956	kperez@sthopeh arlem.org
Phone Contact for After Hours Emergencies	Meghann Persenaire	Principal	212-283-1204	212-882-1830	mpersenaire@st hopeharlem.org

m1b. Is site 1 in public (co-located) space or in private space?

(No response)

m1c. Please list the terms of your current co-location.

	Date school	Is school	If so, list year	Is school	If so, list the	School at Full
	will leave	working with	expansion will	working with	proposed	Capacity at
	current co-	NYCDOE to	occur.	NYCDOE to	space and	Site
	location	expand into		move to	year planned	
		current		separate	for move	
		space?		space?		
Site 1	N/A	No		No		Yes

IF LOCATED IN PRIVATE SPACE IN NYC OR IN DISTRICTS OUTSIDE NYC

m1d. Upload a current Certificate of Occupancy (COO) and the annual Fire Inspection Report for school site 1 if located in private space in NYC or located outside of NYC.

Certificate of Occupancy and Fire Inspection. Provide a copy of a current and non-expired certificate of occupancy (if outside NYC or in private space in NYC). For schools that are not in district space (NYC colocations), provide a copy of a current and non-expired certificate of occupancy, and a copy of the current annual fire inspection results, which should be dated on or after July 1, 2023.

- Fire inspection certificates must be updated annually. For the upcoming school year 2023-2024,
 submit a current fire inspection certificate.
- If the fire inspection certificate is dated after the August 1, 2022 submission of the Annual Report, please submit the new certificate with the Annual Report entries due on November 1, 2023.

Site 1 Certificate of Occupancy (COO)

Site 1 Fire Inspection Report

This is required, marked optional for administrative purposes.

CHARTER REVISIONS DURING THE 2022-2023 SCHOO	L YEAR
o. Were there any revisions to the school's charter durapproved or pending material and non-material charter	
Please note, listing the revisions here does not constitute through their authorizer directly.	a request. Schools are advised to seek revision requests
No	
ATTESTATIONS	
extension, please use this format: 123-456-7890-3. Th	Annual Report. (To write type in a phone number with an ne dash and number 3 at the end of the phone number in the work extension or the abbreviation for it - just the r).
Name	Vivian Lee
Position	Business Manager

n. List of owned, rented, leased facilities <u>not used</u> to educate students

Separate by semi-colon (;)

Not Applicable

Phone/Extension

Email

212-283-1204

vlee@sthopeharlem.org

q. Our signatures (Executive Director/School Leader/Head of School and Board President) below attest that all of the information contained herein is truthful and accurate and that this charter school is in compliance with all aspects of its charter, and with all pertinent Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and rules. We understand that if any information in any part of this report is found to have been deliberately misrepresented, that will constitute grounds for the revocation of our charter. Click YES to agree and then use the mouse on your PC or the stylus on your mobile device to sign your name).

Responses Selected:

Yes

As outlined in ENTRY 10:

Our signatures (Executive Director/School Leader/Head of School and Board President) below attest that our school has reviewed, understands and will comply with the employee clearance and fingerprint requirements as outlined in Entry 10 and found in the NYSED CSO Fingerprint Clearance Oct 2019 Memo. Click YES to agree.

Responses Selected:

Yes

Signature, Head of Charter School

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Signature, President of the Board of Trustees



Date

Jul 27 2023



Entry 2 Links to Critical Documents on School Website

Completed - Aug 1 2023

Instructions

Required of ALL Charter Schools noting that SUNY-authorized charter schools are not required to submit item 5: Authorizer-approved DASA policy and NYSED-Approved School Discipline Policy

By law, each charter school is required to maintain certain notices and policies listed on its website. Please insert the link from the school's website for each of the items:

- 1. Current Annual Report (i.e., 2021-2022 Annual Report);[1]
- 2. Board meeting notices, agendas and documents;
- 3. New York State School Report Card;
- 4. Authorizer-approved DASA Policy and NYSED-Approved School Discipline Policy (For Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE-Authorized Charter Schools ONLY);
- 5. District-wide safety plan, not a building level safety plan (as per the September 2021 <u>Emergency Response</u> Plan Memo:
- 6. Authorizer-approved FOIL Policy; and
- 7. Subject matter list of FOIL records. (Example: See NYSED Subject Matter List)

[1] Each charter school is required to make the Annual Report publicly available by August 1 and to post on their respective charter school website. Each school should post an updated and complete version to include accountability data and financial statements that are not or may not be available until after the August deadline (i.e., Repost when financials have been submitted in November.)

Form for Entry 2 Links to Critical Documents on School Website

School Name: St. HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School

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4: Authorizer-approved DASA policy and NYSED-Approved School Discipline Policy

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New York State Report Card

Emergency Response Plan Memo

NYSED Subject Matter List

	Link to Documents
1. Current Annual Report (i.e., 2022-2023 Annual Report)	https://www.sthopeleadershipacademy.org/about/documents-and-policies/annual-report/
2. Board meeting notices, agendas and documents	https://www.sthopeleadershipacademy.org/about/board-of-directors/
3. New York State School Report Card	https://data.nysed.gov/essa.php? year=2022&instid=800000061088
4. Authorizer-approved DASA Policy and NYSED- Approved School Discipline Policy (For Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE-Authorized Charter Schools ONLY)	https://www.sthopeleadershipacademy.org/about/documents-and-policies/dasa-policy/
5. District-wide safety plan, not a building level safety plan (as per the September 2021 Emergency Response Plan Memo	https://www.sthopeleadershipacademy.org/about/documents-and-policies/emergency-readiness-plan/
6. Authorizer-approved FOIL Policy	https://www.sthopeleadershipacademy.org/about/documents-and-policies/foil-and-ferpa-policies/
7. Subject matter list of FOIL records. (Example: See NYSED Subject Matter List)	https://www.sthopeleadershipacademy.org/about/documents-and-policies/foil-and-ferpa-policies/



Entry 3 Progress Toward Goals

Completed - Oct 31 2023

Instructions

Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE-Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

The following tables reflect formatting in the online portal required for Board of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE authorized charter schools only. These charter schools should report all Progress Toward Charter Goals as per their currently approved charters no later than **November 1, 2023.**

PLEASE NOTE: This is a required task, and it is marked optional for administrative purposes only.

Entry 3 Progress Toward Goals

PROGRESS TOWARD CHARTER GOALS

Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE-Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

Complete the tables provided. List each goal and measure as contained in the school's currently approved charter, and indicate whether the school has met or not met the goal. Please provide information for all goals no later than November 1, 2023.

1. ACADEMIC STUDENT PERFORMANCE GOALS

Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE-Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

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	Academic Student Performance Goal	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress Toward Attainment of Goal	Goal - Met, Not Met or Unable to Assess	If not met, describe efforts the school will take to meet goal. If unable to assess goal, type N/A for Not Applicable
Academic Goal 1	For each year of the school's renewal charter term, the percentage of the school's students who score at or above Level 3 on the New York State ELA examination must exceed such percentage for the Community School District (CSD) in which the school is located.	NYS ELA exams SHLA – 41% CSD5 – 37%	Met	
Academic Goal 2	For each year of the school's renewal charter term, the percentage of the school's students who score at or above Level 3 on the New York State ELA examination must exceed such percentage for New York City.	NYS ELA exams	Not Met	While we did not beat NYC in ELA (NYC-53%, SHLA-41%), our 8th graders came within 2 percentage points of the City average, demonstrating that our ELA program brings scholars who are two to three grade levels behind when they enter St. HOPE in 6th grade to near the City average by the time they go to high school. This tremendous growth is due to our

				rigorous, comprehensive ELA program that focuses on one period per day of whole class grade- level novel-based reading and writing instruction, two periods per week of independent reading, two periods per week of extended writing, and daily individualized computer-based learning through i-Ready, Achieve3000, and Lexia.
Academic Goal 3	For each year of the school's renewal charter term, the percentage of the school's students who score at or above Level 3 on the New York State Mathematics examination must exceed such percentage for the Community School District (CSD).	NYS Math exams SHLA – 38% CSD5 – 25%	Met	
Academic Goal 4	For each year of the school's renewal charter term, the percentage of the school's students who score at or above Level 3 on the New York State Mathematics	NYS Math exams	Not Met	While we did not beat NYC in when comparing overall 6-8 averages in math (NYC-47%, SHLA 38%), our 8th graders' scores did exceed their City peers by 4

	examination must exceed such percentage for New York City.			percentage points. This demonstrates that our math program brings scholars who are two to three grade levels behind when they enter St HOPE in 6th grade to levels that exceed their NYC peers by the time they go to high school. This significant growth is due to our rigorous, comprehensive math program that focuses on two periods per day of math instruction — one period of grade-level whole-class instruction and one period of targeted math instruction based on individual student mastery of skills and concepts. Twice per week this targeted teaching block is computer-based using i-Ready.
Academic Goal 5	Each year, 75 percent of 8th graders who have been at St. HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School for at least two years will pass the New York State Earth Science Regents.	NYS Earth Regents Science Exam	Not Met	While we did not meet the target, our scholars made significant progress over last year's results, with 20% passing the exam and 33% scoring 55% or higher. This is evidence that our program is making substantial gains towards meeting and
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				exceeding pre- pandemic pass rates, particularly as evidenced by much higher scores on the practical component of the exam. Scholars continued to struggle with the multiple choice and short answer with the focus of next year's program being vocabulary mastery and continued improved conceptual understanding of the complex material.
Academic Goal 6	In each year of the charter term, the school will demonstrate increased proficiency rates on the New York State ELA examination.	NYS ELA exams Our ELA scores increased from 32% to 41%.	Met	
Academic Goal 7	In each year of the charter term, the school will demonstrate increased proficiency rates on the New York State Math examination.	NYS Math exams Our Math scores increased from 13% to 38%.	Met	
Academic Goal 8	Where the school has an eligible subgroup population (deemed as six or more students) of English language learners, the school will demonstrate positive academic growth on New York	NYS ELA exams 2023 – 31% (including FELLS) 2022 – 23% (including FELLs)	Met	

	State ELA examination proficiency rates for that applicable population in each year of the charter term.			
Academic Goal 9	Where the school has an eligible subgroup population (deemed as six or more students) of students with disabilities, the school will demonstrate positive academic growth on New York State ELA examination proficiency rates for that applicable population in each year of the charter term.	NYS ELA exams 2023 – 16% 2022 – 9%	Met	
Academic Goal 10	Where the school has an eligible subgroup population (deemed as six or more students) of students eligible for the free or reduced price lunch program, the school will demonstrate positive academic growth on New York State ELA examination proficiency rates for that applicable population in each year of the charter term.	NYS ELA exams 2023 – 41% 2022 – 32%	Met	

Yes			

2. Do have more academic goals to add?

	Academic Student Performance Goal	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress Toward Attainment of Goal	Goal - Met, Not Met or Unable to Assess	2019-2020 progress toward attainment of goal Met/Not Met/Unable to Assess During Due to Closure
Academic Goal 11	Where the school has an eligible subgroup population (deemed as six or more students) of English language learners, the school will demonstrate positive academic growth on New York State Math examination proficiency rates for that applicable population in each year of the charter term.	NYS Math exams 2023 – 45% including FELLS 2022 – 11% including FELLs	Met	
Academic Goal 12	Where the school has an eligible subgroup population (deemed as six or more students) of students with disabilities, the school will demonstrate positive academic growth on New York State Math examination proficiency rates for that applicable population in each year of the charter term.	NYS Math exams 2023 – 21% 2022 – 0%	Met	

Academic Goal 13	Where the school has an eligible subgroup population (deemed as six or more students) of students eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program, the school will demonstrate positive academic growth on New York State Math examination proficiency rates for that applicable population in each year of the charter term.	NYS Math exams 2023 – 38% 2022 – 13%	Met	
Academic Goal 14	Each year, each grade will increase the percentage of scholars considered to be on grade level as measured by the NWEA MAP ELA baseline exam in September and endline exam in June.	NWEA MAP ELA assessments All grades increased the percentage of scholars considered on grade level as measured by NWEA MAP exams in ELA. 6th grade increased from 28% to 31%; 7th grade from 33% to 39%; and 8th grade from 33% to 36%.	Met	
Academic Goal 15	Each year, each grade will increase the percentage of scholars considered to be on grade level as measured by the NWEA MAP Math baseline exam in September and endline exam in June.	NWEA MAP Math assessments All grades increased the percentage of scholars considered on grade level as measured by NWEA MAP exams in Math. 6th grade increased from 17% to 21%;	Met	

		7th grade from 22% to 24%; and 8th grade from 16% to 25%.		
		NWEA MAP ELA assessments		
	Each year, growth in	Expected growth from Fall to Spring in 6th Grade Reading is 5 RIT points. Our mean growth was 11 RIT points, far exceeding the target.		
Academic Goal 16	ELA performance in each grade will exceed national growth expectations as measured by NWEA MAP exams.	Expected growth from Fall to Spring in 7th Grade Reading is 4 points. Our mean growth was 7 RIT points, exceeding the target.	Met	
		Expected growth from Fall to Spring in 8th Grade Reading is 4 RIT points. Our mean growth was 7 RIT points, exceeding the target.		
Academic Goal 17	Each year, growth in math performance in each grade will exceed national growth expectations as measured by NWEA MAP exams.	NWEA MAP Math assessments Expected growth from Fall to Spring in 6th Grade Math is 8 RIT points. Our mean growth was 12 RIT points, exceeding the target.	Met	

	Expected growth from Fall to Spring in 7th Grade Math is 7 RIT points. Our mean growth was 8 RIT points, exceeding the target. Expected growth, from Fall to Spring, in 8th Grade Math is 5 RIT points. Our mean growth was 7 points, exceeding the target.	
Academic Goal 18		
Academic Goal 19		
Academic Goal 20		

3. Do have more academic goals to add?

No

4. ORGANIZATION GOALS

For the 2022-2023 school year, any organization goals that cannot be evaluated due to school closure resulting in a lack of data and changes in testing, surveying, and other usual practices should be reported as "N/A".

	Organizational Goal	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress	Goal - Met, Not Met, or Unable to Assess	If not met, describe efforts the school will take to meet goal. If unable to assess goal, type N/A for Not Applicable
Org Goal 1	Each year, the school self-reported average daily student attendance rate shall meet or exceed the average daily attendance for the Community School District (CSD) of location for elementary and middle schools and the citywide average for high schools.	Average daily attendance rate	Unable to Assess	N/A CSD5 attendance data is not available at this time.
Org Goal 2	Each year, the retention rate will exceed the rate of the Community School District (CSD) of location. The retention rate for a given year is defined as the percentage of students enrolled in ATS on 10/31 of that year who are still enrolled in at the school in ATS on 10/31 the following school year, excluding terminating grades.	Retention Rate	Unable to Assess	N/A CSD5 retention data is not available at this time.
Org Goal 3	Each year, the school will meet or	ATS records	Not Met	The NYSED enrollment target for

	exceed any applicable student enrollment targets, as prescribed by the Board of Regents, for English language learners.			ELLs Is 11.3%. Our ELL enrollment was 10%. We met the target at various points during the year but not consistently as a number of our scholars left after a few months to return to their home countries (four were from the same Yemeni family). Despite these challenges, we will continue to recruit and enroll children from migrant and refugee families as they deserve equal access to excellent schools. We will also increase our outreach to our ELL families and communities to ensure that we meet this enrollment target.
Org Goal 4	Each year, the school will meet or exceed any applicable student enrollment targets, as prescribed by the Board of Regents, for students with disabilities.	ATS records The NYSED enrollment target for students with disabilities is 21.2%. Our SWD enrollment was 26.4%.	Met	
Org Goal 5	Each year, the school will meet or exceed any applicable student enrollment targets,	ATS records The NYSED enrollment target for students eligible for	Met	

	as prescribed by the Board of Regents, for students eligible for free and reduced price lunch.	Free and Reduced Price lunch is 85.8%. Our FRPL enrollment was 98%.		
Org Goal 6	Each year, the school will meet or exceed any applicable student retention targets, as prescribed by the Board of Regents, for English language learners.	ATS Records The NYSED retention target for ELLs is 76.4%. Our ELL retention rate was 89%.	Met	
Org Goal 7	Each year, the school will meet or exceed any applicable student retention targets, as prescribed by the Board of Regents, for students with disabilities.	ATS Records	Not Met	The NYSED retention target for students with disabilities is 82.9%. Our retention rate was 70%. Of our 14 SPED students who left, four moved either to a different borough or out-of-state. For eight of the scholars, their disabilities were reclassified during their annual CSE meetings to a more-restrictive setting. While we would like to offer smaller settings, our space restrictions do not permit us to offer these programs.
Org Goal 8	Each year, the school will meet or exceed any applicable student retention targets, as prescribed by the	ATS Records	Not Met	The NYSED retention target for students eligible for free and reduced price lunch is 84.1%. Our retention was
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Board of Regents, 81%. As is being for students eligible seen across NYC for free and reduced post-pandemic, price lunch. families are opting to move out of state or to a less expensive borough in significant numbers, particularly from neighborhoods like Harlem where they are being priced out. 60% of our scholars who left St HOPE this past year moved out of Manhattan or the state, far exceeding numbers pre-pandemic. We continue to focus on supporting our scholars and families by doing all we can to lessen financial burdens, including paying for school uniforms and covering costs for field trips and other student activities. Org Goal 9 Not Met The school's Each year, the Average daily school will have a attendance rate average daily daily student attendance rate was attendance rate of 88%. About 10% of at least 95 percent. scholars and families struggled significantly with maintaining regular attendance, often missing 2-3 days/month. While working with families to ameliorate this issue, we found that it stems from

				vestiges of the pandemic where the importance of consistently attending school inperson became less important. We are fully committed to returning to our prepandemic attendance levels and will continue to partner with families and scholars to reinvigorate their commitment to 95% attendance.
Org Goal 10	Each year, 85% of scholars enrolled during the course of the year return the following September.	ATS Records	Not Met	Our retention of scholars was 82% this past year, missing the target by 3 percentage points. As is being seen across NYC post-pandemic, families are opting to move out of state or to a less expensive borough in significant numbers, particularly from neighborhoods like Harlem where they are being priced out. 60% of our scholars who left St HOPE this past year moved out of Manhattan or the state, far exceeding numbers pre-pandemic. We continue to focus on supporting our scholars and families by doing all we can

				to lessen financial burdens, including paying for school uniforms and covering costs for field trips and other student activities.
Org Goal 11	Each year, 100 percent of teachers will engage in a faculty evaluation process including goal setting and written performance reviews.	School records of teacher evaluations St HOPE's teachers were evaluated utilizing the Charlotte Danielson framework and rubric as well as against the professional goals they set for themselves in collaboration with their supervisor. Teachers were evaluated three times during the school year and had weekly classroom visits, in addition to reflection sessions with their direct supervisor.	Met	
Org Goal 12	Each year, 100 percent of teachers will participate in individualized and team-focused professional development.	School records of professional development All faculty members participated in a two-week professional development program during the summer as well as every Friday from 1:30 – 4:15. Grade teams participated in bi-monthly data-	Met	

		driven professional development.		
Org Goal 13	In each year of the charter term, parents will express satisfaction with the school's program, based on the NYC DOE School Survey. The school will have a percentage of parents that meets or exceeds citywide averages in Top 2 box responses (i.e., agree/strongly agree, likely/very likely). The school will only have met this goal if at least 50% of parents participate in the survey or if the school meets the reporting threshold for NYC DOE School Survey, whichever is higher.	NYC Department of Education School Survey	Not Met	St HOPE met or exceeded City averages in 3 of the 5 categories but lagged behind in Inclusive Leadership and Parent-Teacher Trust by approximately 2 percentage points. Last year was the first year that SHLA did not exceed City averages in all areas and we take these results very seriously. We have shared these results with faculty/staff and are working hard to improve communications between teachers and families, particularly as it relates to families feeling like partners. We are also working with school safety agents to improve families' physical access to our building and feeling welcome when they enter our building, which we share with two other schools.
Org Goal 14	In each year of the charter term, staff will express satisfaction with the school's program, based on	NYC Department of Education School Survey	Not Met	St HOPE met or exceeded City averages in 5 of the 7 categories but lagged behind in
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	the NYC DOE School Survey. The school will have a percentage of staff that meets or exceeds citywide averages in Top 2 box responses (i.e., agree/strongly agree, likely/very likely). The school will only have met this goal if at least 50% of staff participate in the survey or if the school meets the reporting threshold for NYC DOE School Survey, whichever is higher.			Innovation and Collective Responsibility and Outreach to Parents. Teachers struggled last year in their ability to connect with each other and with parents. Much of this was due to post-pandemic mental health issues and fatigue which impacted teachers' ability to go above and beyond their instructional responsibilities. We are already noticing a return to pre- pandemic norms this year and will continue to support our teachers and staff as they heal.
Org Goal 15	In each year of the charter term, students will express satisfaction with the school's program, based on the NYC DOE School Survey. The school will have a percentage of students that meets or exceeds citywide averages in Top 2 box responses (i.e., agree/strongly agree, likely/very likely). The school will only have met this goal if at least 50% of students participate in the	NYC Department of Education School Survey	Met	

	survey or if the school meets the reporting threshold for NYC DOE School Survey, whichever is higher.			
Org Goal 16	Each year, 100 percent of scholars in grades 6 through 8 will participate in a daily advisory program focused on character development.	School records All students participated in our daily advisory program focused on character development.	Met	
Org Goal 17	Each year, 100 percent of scholars will participate in monthly community- building activities focused on character development and teamwork.	School records All students participated in community-building activities every other Friday focused on character development and teamwork.	Met	
Org Goal 18				
Org Goal 19				
Org Goal 20				

5. Do have more organizational goals to add?

No

6. FINANCIAL GOALS

2022-2023 Progress Toward Attainment of Financial Goals

	Financial Goals	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress	Goal - Met, Not Met, or Partially Met	If not met, describe efforts the school will take to meet goal.
Financial Goal 1	Each year, the school will maintain a stable cash flow as evidenced by having 60 days of unrestricted cash on hand reported in their yearly independent fiscal audit.	Monthly Financials	Met	
Financial Goal 2	Each year, the school will operate on a balanced budget. A budget will be considered "balanced" if revenues equal or exceed expenditures.	Monthly Financials	Met	
	Each year, the school with meet or exceed 85% of their authorized enrollment on 10/31 as recorded in ATS.	ATS records	Not Met	The school's authorized enrollment is 300 scholars, with 255 being 85%. Our enrollment as of 10/31 was 230. This enrollment decline was the first in the school's history and mirrors the significant enrollment decline across NYC. The school is working diligently to ameliorate this issue for the 23/24 academic year through

				implementing a comprehensive recruitment campaign that includes wider advertising (bus and bus stops ads), improved online recruitment/enrollme nt and increased in- person recruitment.
Financial Goal 4	Each year, the school will undergo an independent financial audit that will result in an unqualified opinion and no major findings.	Audited Financial Statement	Met	
Financial Goal 5				

7. Do have more financial goals to add?

No

Thank you.

Entry 4 - Audited Financial Statements

Completed - Oct 31 2023

Required of ALL Charter Schools

ALL SUNY-authorized charter schools must upload the financial statements and related documents in PDF format into the <u>Annual Report Portal</u> and into the SUNY Epicenter document management system no later than **November 1, 2023. SUNY-authorized charter schools** are asked to ensure that security features such as password protection are turned off.

ALL Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE-authorized charter schools must upload final, audited financial statements to the <u>Annual Report Portal</u> no later than **November 1, 2023**. Upload the independent auditor's report, any advisory and/or management letter, and the internal controls report as one submission, combined into a PDF file, ensuring that security features such as password protections are removed from all school uploaded documents.

PLEASE NOTE: This task appears as visible and optional task in the online portal until August 1 2023 but will be identified as a required task thereafter and due on November 1, 2023. This is a required task, and it is marked optional for administrative purposes only.

SHLA Audit Package Combined DOE

Filename: SHLA Audit Package Combined DOE.pdf Size: 3.2 MB

Entry 4b – Audited Financial Report Template (BOR/NYC/BOE)

Completed - Oct 31 2023

Instructions - Regents-Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

Regents-authorized schools must download and complete the Excel spreadsheet entitled "Audited Financial Report Template" from the online portal or the 2022-2023 Annual Reports webpage. Upload the completed file in Excel format and submit by **November 1, 2023**.

Please complete one spreadsheet at the Education Corporation level and submit the same spreadsheet for each of the schools.

EDUCATION CORPORATIONS WITH MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL SHOULD COMPLETE THE EXCEL SPREADSHEET FOR THE EDUCATION CORPORATION AS A WHOLE, NOT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS. PLEASE SUBMIT THE SAME EXCEL SPREADSHEET FOR EACH OF THE SCHOOLS.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a required task, and it is marked optional for administrative purposes only.

SHLA Audited Annual Financial Report FY23

Filename: SHLA_Audited_Annual_Financial_Report_FY23.xlsx Size: 64.3 kB

Entry 4c – Additional Financial Documents

Completed - Nov 1 2023

Regents, NYCDOE and Buffalo BOE authorized schools must upload financial documents and submit by November 1, 2023. The items listed below should be uploaded, with an explanation if not applicable or available. For example, a "federal Single Audit was not required because the school did not expend federal funds of more than the \$750,000 Threshold."

- 1. Advisory and/or Management letter
- 2. Federal Single Audit
- 3. Agreed-Upon Procedure Report
- 4. Evidence of Required Escrow Account for each school[1]
- 5. Corrective Action Plan for Audit Findings and Management Letter Recommendations

[1] Note: For BOR schools chartered or renewed after the 2017-2018 school year, the escrow account per school is \$100,000.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a required task, and it is marked optional for administrative purposes only.

Bank Stmt BA 5056 June 2023 FY23 SHLA

Filename: Bank Stmt BA 5056 June 2023 FY23 SHLA.pdf Size: 332.0 kB

FINAL Management Representation Letter

Filename: FINAL Management Representation Letter.pdf Size: 440.8 kB

St Hope - Audit Wrap 2023

Filename: St Hope - Audit Wrap 2023.pdf Size: 1.4 MB

SHLA-FY23 SA

Filename: SHLA- FY23 SA.pdf Size: 161.9 kB

Entry 4d - Financial Contact Information

Completed - Oct 30 2023

Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE authorized schools should enter financial contact information directly into the form within the portal by **November 1, 2023**.

Form for "Financial Contact Information"

1. School Based Fiscal Contact Information

School Based Fiscal Contact Name	School Based Fiscal Contact Email	School Based Fiscal Contact Phone
Meghann Persenaire	mpersenaire@sthopeharle m.org	212-882-1830

2. Audit Firm Contact Information

School Audit Contact Name	School Audit Contact Email	School Audit Contact Phone	Years Working With This Audit Firm
Jimmy Vora	jvora@bdo.com	631-927-1235	14

3. If applicable, please provide contact information for the school's outsourced financial services firm.

Firm Name	Contact Person	Mailing Address	Email	Phone	Years With Firm
Charter School Business Management	Christopher Daniels	425 East 79th Street, Suite 1F New York, NY 10075	cdaniels@csb m.com	315-704-9629	15

Entry 5 - Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

Completed - Oct 31 2023

<u>SUNY-authorized charter schools</u> should download the <u>2023-2024 Budget and Quarterly Report Template and the 2023-2024 Budget Narrative Questionnaire</u> from the SUNY website and upload the completed templates into the Annual Report Portal and into the Epicenter document management system. **Due November 1, 2023**.

<u>Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE authorized charter schools</u> should upload a copy of the school's FY22 Budget using the <u>2023-2024 Budget Template</u> into the Annual Report Portal or from the Annual Report website. **Due November 1, 2023**.

The Assumptions column should be completed for all revenue and expense items unless the item is self-explanatory. Where applicable, reference the page number or section in the application narrative that indicates the assumption being made. For instance, student enrollment would reference the applicable page number in Section I, C of the application narrative.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a required task, and it is marked optional for administrative purposes only.

DOE Budget FY24_SHLA

Filename: DOE_Budget_FY24_SHLA.xlsx Size: 37.4 kB

Entry 6 – Board of Trustees Disclosure of Financial Interest Form

Completed - Aug 1 2023

Required of ALL Charter Schools

Each member of the charter school's Board of Trustees who served on a charter school education corporation governing one or more charter schools for any period during the 2022-2023 school year must complete and sign a Trustee <u>Disclosure of Financial Interest Form</u> is due on August 1, 2023. Acceptable signature formats include:

- Digitally certified PDF signature (i.e., DocuSign)
- Manual signature (1. download to print, 2. manually sign, 3. scan signed document to PDF, and 4. upload into portal)

All completed forms must be collected and uploaded in .PDF format for each individual member. The education corporation is responsible for ensuring that each member who served on the board during the 2022-2023 school year completes the form.

Charter schools must submit the latest version of the form. Forms completed from past years will not be accepted.

Trustees serving on an education corporation that governs more than one school are not required to complete a separate disclosure for each school governed by the education corporation. In the Trustee Disclosure of Financial Interest Form, trustees must disclose information relevant to any of the schools served by the governing education corporation.

AR FD Ankur Dalal

Filename: AR_FD_Ankur_Dalal.pdf Size: 172.6 kB

AR_FD_Jennifer Reynoso Ng

Filename: AR_FD_Jennifer_Reynoso_Ng.pdf Size: 189.4 kB

AR_FD_Caitlin Robisch

Filename: AR FD Caitlin Robisch.pdf Size: 201.8 kB

AR_FD_Elizabeth Pernick

Filename: AR_FD_Elizabeth_Pernick.pdf Size: 362.8 kB

AR FD Bianca Peart

Filename: AR_FD_Bianca_Peart.pdf Size: 318.5 kB

AR_FD_Kristopher John

Filename: AR FD Kristopher John.pdf Size: 317.5 kB

AR FD Maureen Higgins

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AR_FD_Katie Embree

Filename: AR FD Katie Embree.pdf Size: 2.9 MB

AR FD Mirlande Joachim

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AR FD Lindsey Moschet

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AR FD Gabrielle Apollon

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AR FD Salone Kapur

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Entry 7 BOT Membership Table

Completed - Aug 1 2023

Instructions

Required of ALL charter schools

ALL charter schools or education corporations governing multiple schools must complete the Board of Trustees Membership Table within the online portal. Please be sure to include and identify parents who are members of the Board of Trustees and indicate whether parents are voting or non-voting members.

Entry 7 BOT Table

- 1. SUNY-AUTHORIZED charter schools are required to provide information for VOTING Trustees only.
- 2. REGENTS, NYCDOE, and BUFFALO BOE-AUTHORIZED charter schools are required to provide information for all --VOTING and NON-VOTING-- trustees.

Authorizer:

Who is the authorizer of your charter school?

NYCDOE

1. 2022-2023 Board Member Information (Enter info for each BOT member)

	Trustee	Trustee	Position	Committe	Voting	Number	Start	End	Board
	Name	Email Address	on the Board	e Affiliation s	Member Per By- Laws (Y/N)	of Complet ed Terms Served	Date of Current Term (MM/DD/ YYYY)	Date of Current Term (MM/DD/ YYYY)	Meetings Attended During 2022- 2023
1	Ankur Dalal	ankurdal al@gmail .com	Chair	Finance; Executiv e	Yes	4	6/30/202	6/29/202	10
2	Gabrielle Apollon Hoekstra	gapollon @door.or g	Vice Chair	Nominati ng; Executiv e	Yes	3	6/30/202	6/29/202 5	8
3	Elizabeth Pernick	elizabeth .a.phillips @gmail.c om	Secretar y	Finance; Executiv e	Yes	2	6/30/202	6/29/202	8
4	Maureen Higgins Piotrowic z	maureen .higgins @gmail.c om	Treasure r	Account ability; Executiv e	Yes	4	6/30/202	6/29/202	10
5	Katie Embree	cme11@ columbia .edu	Trustee/ Member	Nominati ng; Account ability	Yes	1	11/7/202 2	6/29/202 5	6
6	Mirlande Joachim	mirlandej oachim@ yahoo.co m	Trustee/ Member	Account ability; Nominati ng	Yes	1	6/15/202	6/29/202 6	5 or less
7	Kristoph er John	kmjohn@ gmail.co m	Trustee/ Member	Account ability;	Yes	2	6/30/202	6/29/202 5	8
8	Salone Kapur	salonevk apur@g mail.com	Trustee/ Member	Account ability;	Yes	2	6/30/202	6/29/202 6	9

9	Lindsey Moschet	LMM63 @cornell. edu	Trustee/ Member	Account ability; Nominati ng	Yes	1	5/26/202 2	6/29/202 5	10	
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1a. Are there more than 9 members of the Board of Trustees?

Yes

1b. Board Member Information

	Trustee Name	Trustee Email Address	Position on the Board	Committe e Affiliation s	Voting Member Per By- Laws (Y/N)	Number of Terms Served	Start Date of Current Term (MM/DD/ YYYY)	End Date of Current Term (MM/DD/ YYYY)	Board Meetings Attended During 2022- 2023
10	Bianca Peart	bipeart@ collegeb oard.com	Trustee/ Member	Nominati ng; Account ability	Yes	2	6/30/202	11/15/20 22	5 or less
11	Jennifer Reynoso Ng	j <u>reynoso.</u> ng@gma il.com	Trustee/ Member	Nominati ng; Account ability	Yes	1	6/30/202	6/29/202 6	9
12	Caitlin Robisch	caitlin.ro bisch@g mail.com	Trustee/ Member	Nominati ng; Account ability	Yes	2	6/30/202	09/01/20 22	5 or less
13									
14									
15									

1c. Are there more than 15 members of the Board of Trustees?				
No				
2. INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF	TRUSTEES			
 SUNY-AUTHORIZED charter schools provide response. REGENTS, NYCDOE, and BUFFALO BOE-AUTHORIZED charter schools provide response. 	onse relative to VOTING Trustees only. ORIZED charter schools provide a response relative to all			
a. Total Number of BOT Members on June 30, 2023	10			
b.Total Number of Members Added During 2022-2023	2			
c. Total Number of Members who Departed during 2022- 2023	2			
d.Total Number of members, as set in Bylaws, Resolution or Minutes	10			
3. Number of Board meetings held during 2022-2023				
12				
4. Number of Board meetings scheduled for 2023-2024				
12				
Total number of Voting Members on June 30, 2023:				
10				

Total number of Voting Members added during the 2022-2023 school year:
2
Total number of Voting Members who departed during the 2022-2023 school year:
2
Total Maximum Number of Voting members in 2022-2023, as set by the board in bylaws, resolution, or minutes:
10
Total number of Non-Voting Members on June 30, 2023:
0
Total number of Non-Voting Members added during the 2022-2023 school year:
0
Total number of Non-Voting Members who departed during the 2022-2023 school year:
0
Total Maximum Number of Non-Voting members in 2022-2023, as set by the board in bylaws, resolution or minutes:
0

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Thank you.

Entry 8 Board Meeting Minutes

Completed - Aug 1 2023

Instructions - Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Schools ONLY

Schools must upload a complete set of monthly board meeting minutes (July 2022-June 2023), which should <u>match</u> the number of meetings held during the 2022-2023 school year, as indicated in the above table. The minutes provided must be the final version approved by the school's Board of Trustees and may be uploaded individually or as one single combined file. Board meeting minutes must be submitted by **August 1, 2023**.

1- July Board minutes_FY23_SHLA

Filename: 1-_July_Board_minutes_FY23_SHLA.pdf Size: 232.3 kB

12-June Board minutes FY23 SHLA

Filename: 12-June_Board_minutes_FY23_SHLA.pdf Size: 229.9 kB

11-May Board minutes FY23 SHLA

Filename: 11-May Board minutes FY23 SHLA.pdf Size: 234.5 kB

2- August Board minutes_FY23_SHLA

Filename: 2- August Board minutes FY23 SHLA.pdf Size: 233.7 kB

3- September Board minutes FY23 SHLA

Filename: 3-_September_Board_minutes_FY23_SHLA.pdf Size: 230.4 kB

10-April Board minutes FY23 SHLA

Filename: 10-April_Board_minutes_FY23_SHLA.pdf Size: 232.3 kB

9- March Board minutes_FY23_SHLA

Filename: 9- March Board minutes FY23 SHLA.pdf Size: 230.0 kB

4- October Board minutes_FY23_SHLA

Filename: 4-_October_Board_minutes_FY23_SHLA.pdf Size: 231.4 kB

8- February Board minutes FY23 SHLA

Filename: 8- February Board minutes FY23 SHLA.pdf Size: 209.4 kB

7- January Board minutes_FY23_SHLA

Filename: 7-_January_Board_minutes_FY23_SHLA.pdf Size: 212.9 kB

5- November Board minutes FY23 SHLA

Filename: 5- November Board minutes FY23 SHLA.pdf Size: 230.3 kB

6- December Board minutes_FY23_SHLA

Filename: 6- December Board minutes FY23 SHLA.pdf Size: 207.8 kB

Entry 9 Enrollment & Retention

Completed - Oct 31 2023

Instructions for submitting Enrollment and Retention Efforts

Required of ALL Charter Schools

Describe the good faith efforts the charter school has made in 2022-2023 toward meeting targets to attract and retain the enrollment of Students with Disabilities (SWDs), English Language Learners (ELLs), and students who are economically disadvantaged. In addition, describe the school's plans for meeting or making progress toward meeting its enrollment and retention targets in 2023-2024.

*SUNY-authorized charter schools

The education corporation must include a plan for the charter to meet or exceed enrollment and retention targets established by the SUNY Trustees for students with disabilities, ELLs, and students who are eligible to participate in the FRPL program. See the <u>enrollment and retention target calculator</u> to find specific targets.

Entry 9 Enrollment and Retention of Special Populations

	Describe Recruitment Efforts in	Describe Recruitment Plans in 2023-
	2022-2023	2024
Economically Disadvantaged	Our percentage of students eligible for free and reduced priced lunch was 98% in the 2022-2023 school year, surpassing our target of 85.5%. We used the following strategies to effectively recruit economically disadvantaged students: • Increased online presence and social media campaign • Outreach in high needs neighborhoods, including housing projects • Collaborations with community-based organizations • Assistance with completion of the Meal program application, as needed.	As St HOPE exceeded the enrollment target for Economically Disadvantaged students by 12.5% percentage points, we plan to utilize the same enrollment strategies in the 2023-24 school year.
English Language Learners	In 2022-23, 10% of the students enrolled at St. HOPE were English Language Learners, less than the target of 11.3%. Our robust recruitment of ELL students included the following efforts: • Outreach to schools, churches, and community-based organizations in the South Bronx and Harlem that serve families with a primary language other than English • Orientation, recruitment, and open house events presented in English, Spanish, and French • Application materials translated into Spanish and French	St HOPE missed the target by 1.3 percentage points despite implementing our usual robust recruitment strategy. We met the target at various points during the year but not consistently as a number of our scholars left after a few months to return to their home countries (four were from the same Yemeni family). Despite these challenges, we will continue to recruit and enroll children from migrant and refugee families as they deserve equal access to excellent schools. In addition to our regular recruitment efforts, we will also conduct direct outreach to our current and past ELL families to enroll additional family members and friends.

	In the 2022-23 school year, 26.4%	
	of our students received special	
	education services, exceeding the	
	enrollment target of 21.2%. To	
	recruit and retain these students, we	
	employed the following strategies:	As St. HOPE exceeded the
	Targeted outreach to feeder	enrollment target for Students with
Students with Dischilities	schools that serve high populations	Disabilities by 5.2 percentage
Students with Disabilities	of special needs students	points, we plan to utilize the same
	Consultations with non-profit and	enrollment strategies in the 2023-24
	charter support organizations to pin-	school year.
	point recruitment targets in the	
	South Bronx and Harlem	
	Orientation to educate families on	
	our full program offerings for	
	students with special needs	

	Describe Retention Efforts in 2022- 2023	Describe Retention Plans in 2023- 2024
Economically Disadvantaged	In the 2022-23 school year, St. HOPE retained 81% of our students eligible for free or reduced price lunch, missing the target of 84.1%. To retain Economically Disadvantaged students, St. HOPE ensures that all students are fully able to participate in school activities regardless of their ability to pay. The school does not charge for field trip expenses or participation fees for afterschool clubs and activities. Uniforms are also provided free of charge for students and families who cannot afford the expense. Unfortunately, these efforts were not enough for the significant number of our families who moved out-of-state during the course of the year and over the summer, priced out of housing in Harlem. Of the students who left St HOPE, 60% left Manhattan or the state, a much higher percentage than prepandemic.	We will continue to support our Economically Disadvantaged scholars and families in any ways we can to ensure that they are able to fully participate in school and all student activities regardless of their ability to pay. While there is little we can do to ameliorate the increasing costs of food and housing in Harlem, we will continue to assist our families with access to community services that can provide help.
English Language Learners	In the 2022-23 school year, St. HOPE retained 89% of our English Language Learners, far exceeding the NYSED target of 76.4. To retain ELLs, St. HOPE offers the following program services: Comprehensive ELL services provided by a tri-lingual ELL Coordinator and two bi-lingual Guidance Counselors as well as numerous other bi-lingual staff members Translation services at all school events, including parent-teacher conferences	As St. HOPE exceeded the retention target for English Language Learners by 12 percentage points, we plan to utilize the same enrollment strategies in the 2023-24 school year.

	• On-going communication with parents on the progress of ELL students.	
Students with Disabilities	In the 2022-23 school year, St. HOPE retained 70% of our Students with Disabilities, missing the NYSED target of 82.9%. Of our 14 SPED students who left, four moved either to a different borough or out-of-state. For eight of the scholars, their disabilities were reclassified during their annual CSE meetings to a more-restrictive setting. While we would like to offer smaller settings, our space restrictions do not permit us to offer these programs. To retain Students with Disabilities, St. HOPE provided the following services and supports: • A Director of Student Support Services who is available to answer questions for all current and prospective students • Differentiated and targeted instruction provided by teachers on each grade level in Integrated Co-Teaching Classrooms • Counseling services provided by a certified, St. HOPE Counselor • An outside provider for speech and occupational therapy services • On-going communication with parents on student progress.	This is the first time in St. HOPE's history that we have not met this target. The high number of scholars who had parents request a possible change of classification to a more-restrictive setting was unusual. While we are confident that the right decisions around appropriate setting were made for each scholar, we are fully committed to serving every student regardless of classification.

Entry 10 – Teacher and Administrator Attrition

Completed - Aug 1 2023

Form for "Entry 10 – Teacher and Administrator Attrition" Revised to Employee Fingerprint Requirements Attestation

A. TEACH System - Employee Clearance

Required of ALL Charter Schools

Charter schools must ensure that all prospective employees[1] receive clearance through the NYSED Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability (OSPRA) prior to employment. This includes paraprofessionals and other school personnel who are provided or assigned by the district of location, or related/contracted service providers. After an employee has been cleared, schools are required to maintain proof of such clearance in the file of each employee. For the safety of all students, charter schools must take immediate steps to terminate the employment of individuals who have been denied clearance. Once the employees have been terminated, the school must terminate the request for clearance in the TEACH system.

In the Annual Report, charter schools are asked to confirm that all employees have been cleared through the NYSED TEACH system; and, if denied clearance, confirm that the individual or employee has been removed from the TEACH system, and is <u>not</u> employed by the school.

1. Emergency Conditional Clearances

Charter schools are **strongly discouraged** from using the emergency conditional clearance provisions for prospective employees. This is because the school must request clearance through NYSED TEACH, and the school's emergency conditional clearance of the employee terminates <u>automatically</u> once the school receives notification from NYSED regarding the clearance request. Status notification is provided for all prospective employees through the NYSED TEACH portal within 48 hours after the clearance request is submitted. Therefore, at most, a school's emergency conditional clearance will be valid for only 48 hours after approval by the board.

Schools are not permitted to renew or in any way re-establish a prospective employee's emergency conditional clearance after status notification is sent by NYSED through the TEACH portal.

Schools are asked to attest that they have reviewed and understand these requirements. More information can be found in the memo at NYSED CSO Employee Clearance and Fingerprint Memo 10-2019.

[1] Employees who must be cleared include, but are not limited to, teachers, administrative staff, janitors, security personnel and cafeteria workers, and other staff who are present when children are in the school building. This includes paraprofessionals and other school personnel that are provided or assigned by the district of location, as well as related/contracted service providers. See NYSED memorandum dated October 1, 2019 at http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/charter-schools/employeefingerprintoct19.pdf or visit the NYSED website at: http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tsei/ospra/fingerprintingcharts.html for more information regarding who must be fingerprinted. Also see, 8 NYCRR §87.2.

B. Emergency Conditional Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Charter schools are **strongly discouraged** from using the emergency conditional clearance provisions for prospective employees. This is because the school must request clearance through NYSED TEACH, and the school's emergency conditional clearance of the employee terminates <u>automatically</u> once the school receives notification from NYSED regarding the clearance request. Status notification is provided for all prospective employees through the NYSED TEACH portal within 48 hours after the clearance request is submitted. Therefore, at most, a school's emergency conditional clearance will be valid for only 48 hours after approval by the board.

Schools are not permitted to renew or in any way re-establish a prospective employee's emergency conditional clearance after status notification is sent by NYSED through the TEACH portal.

Schools are asked to attest that they have reviewed and understand these requirements. More information can be found in the memo at NYSED CSO Employee Clearance and Fingerprint Memo 10-2019.

Attestation

Responses Selected:

I hereby attest that the school has reviewed, understands, and will comply with these requirements.

Entry 11 Percent of Uncertified Teachers

Completed - Aug 1 2023

Instructions

Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

The table below reflects the information collected through the online portal for compliance with New York State Education Law 2854(3)(a-1) for teaching staff qualifications. Uncertified teachers are those not certified pursuant to the State Certification Requirements established by the NYSED Commissioner of Education.

Enter the relevant full-time equivalent (FTE) count of teachers in each column. For example, a school with 20 full-time teachers and 5 half-time teachers would have an FTE count of 22.5.

Entry 11 Uncertified Teachers

School Name:

Instructions for Reporting Percent of Uncertified Teachers

Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

The table below reflects the information collected through the online portal for compliance with New York State Education Law 2854(3)(a-1) for teaching staff qualifications. Uncertified teachers are those not certified pursuant to the State Certification Requirements established by the NYSED Commissioner of Education.

Enter the relevant full-time equivalent (FTE) count of teachers in each column. For example, a school with 20 full-time teachers and 5 half-time teachers would have an FTE count of 22.5.

If more than one line applies to a teacher, please include in only one FTE uncertified category. Please do not include paraprofessionals, such as teacher aides.

CATEGORY A. 30% OR 5 UNCERTIFIED TEACHERS WHICHEVER IS LESS

	FTE Count
i. FTE count of uncertified teacher with at least three years of elementary, middle or secondary classroom teaching experience (as of June 30, 2023)	5
ii. FTE count of uncertified teachers who are tenured or tenure track college faculty (as of June 30, 2023)	0
iii. FTE count of uncertified teachers with two years of Teach for America experience (as of June 30, 2023)	0
iv. FTE count of uncertified teachers with exceptional business, professional, artistic, athletic, or military experience (as June 30, 2023)	0
Total Category A: 5 or 30% whichever is less	5.0

CATEGORY B. PLUS FIVE UNCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, COMPUTER SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY OR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

	FTE Count
i. Mathematics	3
ii. Science	2
iii. Computer Science	0
iv. Technology	0
v. Career and Technical Education	0
Total Category B: not to exceed 5	5.0

CATEGORY C: PLUS 5 ADDITIONAL UNCERTIFIED TEACHERS

	FTE Count
i. FTE count of uncertified teacher with at least three years of elementary, middle or secondary classroom teaching experience (as of June 30, 2023)	1
ii. FTE count of uncertified teachers who are tenured or tenure track college faculty (as of June 30, 2023)	0
iii. FTE count of uncertified teachers with two years of Teach for America experience (as of June 30, 2023)	0
iv. FTE count of uncertified teachers with exceptional business, professional, artistic, athletic, or military experience (as June 30, 2023)	0
Total Category C: not to exceed 5	1.0

TOTAL FTE COUNT OF **UNCERTIFIED** TEACHERS (Sum of Categories A, B AND C)

(Include teachers who do not fit in one of these categories or if did fit would exceed the numerical limits for that category)

	FTE Count
Total	11

CATEGORY D: TOTAL FTE COUNT OF <u>UNCATEGORIZED</u>, <u>UNCERTIFIED</u> TEACHERS

(Include teachers who do not fit in one of these categories or if did fit would exceed the numerical limits for that category)

	FTE Count
Total Category D	3

CATEGORY E: TOTAL FTE COUNT OF <u>CERTIFIED</u> TEACHERS

	FTE Count
Total Category E	12

CATEGORY F: TOTAL FTE COUNT OF ALL TEACHERS

Please do not include paraprofessionals, such as teacher aides.

	FTE Count
Total Category F	26



Thank you.

Entry 12 Organization Chart

Completed - Aug 1 2023

Instructions

Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

Upload the 2022-2023 **Organization Chart.** The organization chart should be a graphic representation (A list will not be accepted.) and should include position titles and reporting (hierarchical) relationships. Employee names should **not** appear on the chart.

SHLA 22-23 Org Chart

Filename: SHLA_22-23_Org_Chart.pdf Size: 48.4 kB

Entry 13 School Calendar

Completed - Aug 1 2023

Instructions for submitting School Calendar

Required of ALL Charter Schools

If the charter school has a tentative calendar based on available information and guidance at the time, please submit with the August 1, 2023 submission. Charter schools must upload a final school calendar into the portal and may do so at any time but no later than **September 15, 2023**.

School calendars must meet the <u>minimum instructional requirements</u> as required of other public schools "... *unless the school's charter requires more instructional time than is required under the regulations."*

Board of Regents-authorized charter schools also are required to submit school calendars that clearly <u>indicate the start and end date of the instructional year AND</u> the number of instructional hours and/or instructional days for each month (also used to align to schools with extended days/years referenced in their mission statements/key design elements), See an example of a calendar showing the requested information. Schools **must** use a calendar format and ensure there is a monthly tally of instructional days.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a required task, and it is marked optional for administrative purposes only.

2023-24 Academic Calendar

Filename: 2023-24 Academic Calendar.pdf Size: 202.3 kB

Entry 14 Staff Roster

Completed - Aug 1 2023

INSTRUCTIONS

Required of Regents and NYCDOE-authorized Charter Schools ONLY

Please click on the MS Excel <u>Faculty/Staff Roster Template</u> and provide the following information for **ANY and ALL** instructional and non-instructional employees (all faculty and staff employed by the school during the 2022-2023 school year).

Use of the 2022-2023 Annual Report Faculty/Staff Roster Template is required. Each of the data elements, with the exception of the Notes, are required, and use of the drop-down options, when provided, is also required. Reminders: Please use the Notes section provided to add any additional information as deemed necessary. Failure to adhere to the guidelines and validations in the Faculty/Staff Roster Template will result in a resubmission of a fully corrected roster.

Here is the complete list of data elements in the roster template and an explanation of what information is required to correctly complete this task.

Roster Data Elements

Authorizer

NOTE: MUST BE DONE FIRST

School Name and Institution ID

Faculty/Staff First Name

Faculty/Staff Last Name

Explanations

Select your school's authorizer from the **drop-down list first**, before completing the roster.

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Select your school's name from the **drop-down list**.

Enter the first name of the Faculty/Staff person.

Enter the last name of the Faculty/Staff person.

TEACH ID

Role in School

CPR/AED Certification Status

Hire Date

Start Date

Total Years' Experience in this Role

Total Years at this School

Out-of-Certification Justification Subject Taught

Notes

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Enter the 7 digit TEACH ID for the Faculty/Staff person.

Select the best choice of role of the Faculty/Staff person from the **drop-down list**.

Select the appropriate choice from the drop-down list.

Enter the date that the Faculty/Staff person was hired.

Enter the date that the Faculty/Staff person actually began employment in this school.

Enter Total Years of Experience that the Faculty/Staff person has in their current role.

Enter the Total Years that the Faculty/Staff person has been employed in this school.

Select the appropriate choice from the **drop-down list**. **Select** the appropriate choice from the **drop-down list**. Optional

Optional Additional Documents to Upload (BOR)

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Financial Statements Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

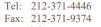
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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School New York, New York

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the related statements of activities, functional expense, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits 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, 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 audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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



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 opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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.



Other Matters

Supplementary Information

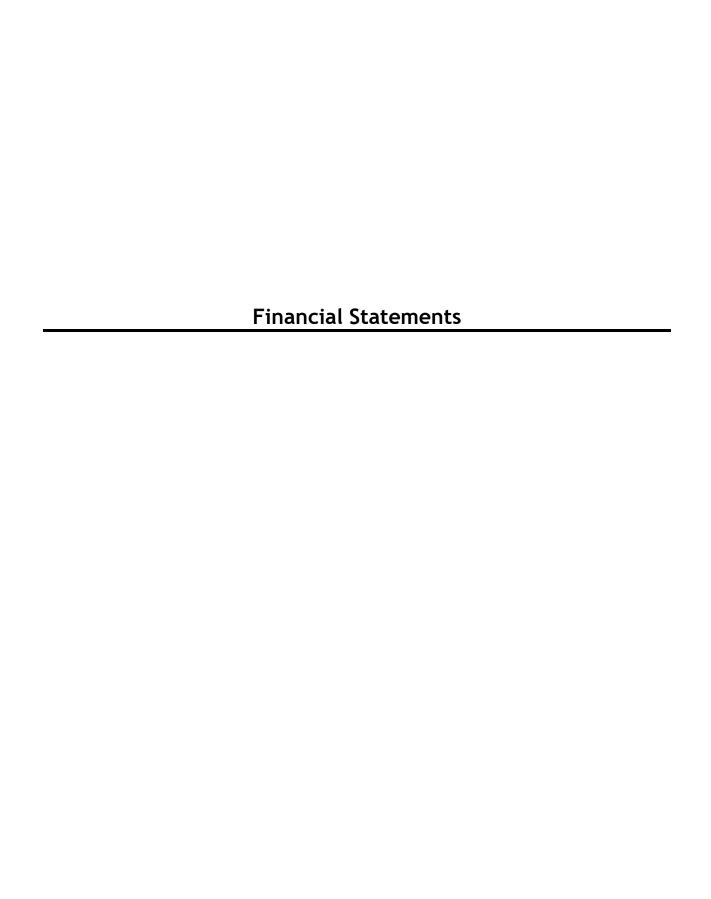
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 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 financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 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 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.

October 27, 2023

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Statements of Financial Position

June 30,	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash Grants and other receivables Investments at fair value Prepaid expenses and other assets Property and Equipment, net	\$ 634,964 75,398 1,383,355 2,811,668 224,649 470,897	\$ 1,204,288 75,390 877,474 2,739,531 17,627 539,800
Total Assets	\$ 5,600,931	\$ 5,454,110
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accrued salaries and other payroll related expenses Deferred grant revenue	\$ 379,918 178,033 2,184	\$ 215,586 280,815 21,009
Total Liabilities	560,135	517,410
Commitments and Contingencies (Notes 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 9)		
Net Assets Net assets - without donor restrictions	5,040,796	4,936,700
Total Net Assets	5,040,796	4,936,700
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 5,600,931	\$ 5,454,110

Statements of Activities

	Without Donor Restrictions									
Year ended June 30,	2023	2022								
Revenue and Support State per pupil operating revenue Government grants Contributions and other grants Investment return, net Other income	\$ 4,962,239 860,393 58,235 72,137 8	\$ 5,735,374 1,116,623 28,165 (303,851) 215								
Total Revenue and Support	5,953,012	6,576,526								
Expenses Program services: General education Special education	3,368,399 1,736,458	3,604,137 2,010,938								
Total Program Services Supporting services: Management and general	5,104,857 744,059	5,615,075 817,320								
Total Expenses	5,848,916	6,432,395								
Change in Net Assets Net Assets, beginning of the year	104,096 4,936,700	144,131 4,792,569								
Net Assets, end of the year	\$ 5,040,796	\$ 4,936,700								

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year ended June 30, 2023

			Prog	ram Services			Supporting Services	
	No. of positions	General Education		Special Education		Program Services	Management and General	Total
Personnel service costs: Administrative staff personnel Instructional personnel	7 39	\$ 412,051 1,638,149	\$	114,503 951,064		526,554 589,213	\$ 405,401	\$ 931,955 2,589,213
Total Salaries and Staff	46	2,050,200		1,065,567	3,	115,767	405,401	3,521,168
Fringe benefits and payroll taxes		403,473		237,761 47,905		641,234 129,198	79,254 15,968	720,488 145,166
Retirement Legal Services Accounting and audit services Other purchases, professional,		81,293 - -		- -		- -	382 162,331	382 162,331
consulting and services Repairs and maintenance Insurance		65,660 3,890 33,431		38,693 2,292 19,700		104,353 6,182 53,131	12,898 764 6,567	117,251 6,946 59,698
Supplies and materials Equipment and furnishings		65,877 16,802		23,146 9,901		89,023 26,703	3,300	89,023 30,003
Staff development Marketing and recruitment		13,801 186,789		4,849 72,548		18,650 259,337	5,712	18,650 265,049
Technology Student services Office expense		141,877 152,110 68,572		75,096 53,444 35,690		216,973 205,554 104,262	20,843 - 10,776	237,816 205,554 115,038
Depreciation and amortization Other		84,623		49,867		134,490	16,621 3,242	151,111 3,242
		\$ 3,368,398	\$	1,736,459	\$ 5,	104,857	\$ 744,059	\$ 5,848,916

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year ended June 30, 2022

	_	P	rogr	am Services		Supporting Services	
	No. of positions	General Education		Special Education	Total Program Services	Management and General	Total
Personnel service costs: Administrative staff personnel Instructional personnel	6 36	\$ 234,563 2,071,887	\$	82,603 1,252,448	\$ 317,166 3,324,335	\$ 464,360 -	\$ 781,526 3,324,335
Total Salaries and Staff	42	2,306,450		1,335,051	3,641,501	464,360	4,105,861
Fringe benefits and payroll taxes Retirement Accounting and audit services Other purchases, professional,		462,954 104,909 -		272,813 61,821	735,767 166,730 -	90,938 20,607 136,950	826,705 187,337 136,950
consulting and services Repairs and maintenance		108,496		63,935	172,431 -	21,312 5,540	193,743 5,540
Insurance Supplies and materials Staff development		28,586 114,253 10,343		16,846 40,143 3,634	45,432 154,396 13,977	5,615 - -	51,047 154,396 13,977
Marketing and recruitment Technology		122,488 101,153		46,111 53,228	168,599 154,381	2,539 14,602	171,138 168,983
Student services Office expense Depreciation and amortization		112,331 57,843 74,331		39,467 34,087 43,802	151,798 91,930 118,133	40,256 14,601	151,798 132,186 132,734
Depreciation and amortization		\$ 3,604,137	\$	2,010,938	,	\$ 817,320	\$ 6,432,395

Statements of Cash Flows

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities (145,322) (1,139,945) Net Decrease in Cash (569,316) (1,090,355) Cash and Restricted Cash, beginning of year 1,279,678 2,370,033 Cash and Restricted Cash, end of year \$ 710,362 \$ 1,279,678 Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Operating Activities Change in net assets \$ 104,097 \$ 144,131 Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization 151,111 132,734 Realized gain on investments (9,024) 355,679 Changes in operating assets and liabilities: Grants and other receivables (505,881) (429,006) Prepaid expenses and other assets (207,022) 65,870 Accounts payable and accrued expenses 164,332 (295,466) Accrued salaries and other payroll related expenses (102,782) 55,099 Deferred grant revenue (18,825) 21,009 Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Operating Activities \$ (423,994) \$ 49,590 Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information Cash and cash equivalents \$ 634,964 \$ 1,204,288 Restricted cash 575,398 75,390	Year ended June 30,	2023	2022
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	Cash and Restricted Cash, end of year	\$ 710,362	\$ 1,279,678

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Nature of the Organization

St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School (the School) is a not-for-profit college-preparatory public charter school in New York City pursuant to Article 56 of the Educational Law of the State of New York. On January 15, 2008, the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York granted the School a provisional charter valid for a term of five years and renewable upon expiration. The School opened in the Fall of 2008 and currently serves students in grades six through eight. The charter of the School was renewed and extended to June 30, 2026. The School aims to graduate self-motivated, industrious, and critically thinking leaders who are prepared to attend a four-year college, committed to serving others, and passionate about lifelong learning. The School features an extended school day and school year.

The School, as determined by the Internal Revenue Service, is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and the corresponding provisions of the New York State tax laws. The School has also been classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the IRC and qualifies for deductible contributions as provided in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the IRC.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Statement Presentation

The School's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

The classification of the School's net assets and its support, revenues, and expenses is based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. It requires that the amounts for each of the two classes of net assets - with donor restrictions or without donor restrictions - be displayed in a statement of financial position and that the amount of change in each of those classes of net assets be displayed in a statement of activities.

These classes are defined as follows:

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions - These consist of contributions and other inflows of assets whose use is subject to donor-imposed restrictions that are more specific than broad limits reflecting the nature of the not-for-profit entity, the environment in which it operates and the purposes specified in its articles of incorporation or bylaws or comparable documents. Donor-imposed restrictions may be temporary in nature, such as stipulating that resources may be used only after a specified date or limited to specific programs or services. Certain donor- imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature.

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - These consist of contributions and other inflows of assets whose use is not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. This net asset category includes both contributions not subject to donor restrictions and exchange transactions, and are, therefore, available for general operations.

At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the School had no assets with donor restrictions.

Notes to Financial Statements

Restricted Cash

An escrow account in the amount of \$75,398 and \$75,390 was held aside under the provisions of the School's charter to pay for legal and audit expenses that would be associated with a dissolution should it occur, as required by the NYCDOE as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Grants and Other Receivables

Grants and other receivables represent unconditional promises to give. Grants and other receivables that are expected to be collected within one year and are recorded at net realizable value are \$1,383,355 and \$877,474 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The School evaluates the collectability of the receivables and employs the allowance method. The School has determined that no allowance for uncollectible accounts for grants and other receivables is necessary as of June 30, 2023 and 2022. Such estimate is based on management's assessments of the aged basis of its receivables, as well as current economic conditions and historical information.

Contributions

Transfers of cash or other assets or settlement of liabilities that are both voluntary and nonreciprocal are recognized as contributions.

Contributions may either be conditional or unconditional. A contribution is considered conditional when the donor imposes both a measurable barrier and a right of return. Conditional contributions are recognized as revenue on the date all donor-imposed barriers are overcome or explicitly waived by the donor. Barriers may include specific and measurable outcomes, limitations on the performance of an activity and other stipulations related to the contribution. A donor has a right of return of any assets transferred or a right of release of its obligation to transfer any assets in the event the School fails to overcome one or more barriers. Assets received before the barrier is overcome are accounted for as refundable advances.

Unconditional contributions may or may not be subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Donor-imposed restrictions limit the use of the donated assets as to time or purpose restrictions.

Contributions subject to donor restrictions are recognized in changes in net assets with donor restrictions. When a purpose restriction is satisfied or when a time restriction expires, the contribution is reported as net assets released from restrictions and is recognized in changes in net assets without donor restrictions in the statement of activities.

Revenue Recognition

Per-Pupil Revenue

The School recognizes revenues from per-pupil funding in the fiscal year in which the academic programs are provided. Per-pupil revenue is billed and received based on the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and the basic charter school tuition rate for the school district of residence of the students attending the School in any given fiscal year for general education and special education. The FTE is formula-driven and based on the number of days the student has been with the School as a proportion of the number of days in the entire school year (the calculation is done by using the New York State calculator online). The School's total student population includes general education and special education students. The School has determined that revenue from its

Notes to Financial Statements

students has the same performance obligations, types of contract, and services rendered. As a result, the student body is viewed as one customer base for revenue purposes. The School uses a portfolio approach to account for per-pupil contracts as a collective group rather than recognizing revenue on an individual-contract basis. The School believes that revenue recognized by utilizing the portfolio approach approximates the revenue that would have been recognized if an individual contract approach were used.

Per-pupil invoicing is managed on a bi-monthly basis to the funding source (local school district). Billing is a function of student enrollment for the upcoming fiscal year, which is the basis for the first two invoices per-pupil due June 1st and July 31st, which is a projection. Subsequent invoices are due bi-monthly. With the implementation of an automated-invoicing process through a dedicated website, the submission of each invoice is done online. After the year is complete, the School submits the FTE per-pupil reconciliation, listing every student who attended any part of the year, and the FTE each represents. Based on this final count, it calculates how much should have been paid to the School and included in the reconciliation will be any amounts due from the funding source included in grants and other receivables on the statement of financial position at year end, or any amounts payable to the funding source included as a liability on the statement of financial position at year end, as amounts are trued up to actual based on actual numbers submitted at year end.

Additional funding is also provided to support special education services. All students who are identified to need special education services or settings have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), formalized for his or her unique needs. Based on this IEP, the student is categorized into one of three levels of service: 0-20% service, 20-60% service, or 60% or more service required and provided by the School. For a student receiving less than 20% in services, no additional funding is received. For a student receiving services between 20% and 60% or more services of the school day, additional funding per FTE is received. Billing for this support is incorporated into the per-pupil invoices and is also settled in the same FTE per-pupil reconciliation process.

As the students receive the benefit of these services simultaneously as the School is providing them, the School recognizes per-pupil revenue from these services over time. The School believes that this method provides a reasonable depiction of the transfer of services over the term of the performance obligation based on the services needed to satisfy the obligation. Generally, performance obligations satisfied over time relate to students receiving academic or school services. The School measures the performance obligation from admission or enrollment into the School to the point when the student is discharged or the end of the school year where it is no longer required to provide services to the student, which is generally at the time of discharge or the completion of the school year. All of these services are bundled and considered a single-performance obligation, and as such, the School accounts for these bundled-performance obligations under state and local per pupil operating revenue in the statement of activities and recognizes the per-pupil revenue over time.

Government Grants

Revenue from federal, state, and local government grants and contracts is recognized by the School when qualifying expenditures are incurred and billable to the government, or when required services have been provided.

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Contract Assets and Contract Liabilities

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 606, contract assets are to be recognized when an entity has the right to receive consideration in exchange for goods or services that have been transferred to a customer when that right is conditional on something other than the passage of time. The School does not recognize contract assets, as the right to receive consideration is unconditional in accordance with the passage of time criteria. Also, in accordance with ASC 606, contract liabilities are to be recognized when an entity is obligated to transfer goods or services for which consideration has already been received. The School does not receive consideration prior to the transfer of goods or services and, therefore, does not recognize contract liabilities.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost and are depreciated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of the useful life of the asset or the lease term. The School has established a \$3,000 threshold above which assets are evaluated to be capitalized. Property and equipment acquired with certain government contract funds is recorded as an expense pursuant to the terms of the contract in which the government funding source retains ownership of the property. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred; major renewals and betterments are capitalized, based on the established threshold.

Impairment

The School reviews long-lived assets to determine whether there has been any permanent impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the sum of the expected future undiscounted cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the assets, the School recognizes an impairment loss. No impairment losses were recognized for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the respective programs and activities according to the functional categories, as follows:

Program Services - This category represents expenses related to general education and special education for certain students requiring additional attention and guidance. These costs are allocated based on the FTE allocation method.

Management and General - This category represents expenses related to the overall administration and operation of the School that are no specific to any program services or development. These costs are allocated based on the FTE allocation method.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts

Notes to Financial Statements

of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes

The School is exempt from federal, state and local income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and, therefore, has made no provision for income taxes in the accompanying financial statements. In addition, the School has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service not to be a "private foundation" within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the IRC. There was no unrelated business income for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Under GAAP, an organization must recognize the tax benefit associate with tax positions taken for tax-return purposes when it is more likely than not that the position will not be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority. The School does not believe it has taken any material uncertain tax positions and, accordingly, it has not recorded any liability for unrecognized tax benefits. The School is subject to routine audits by a taxing authority. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the School was not subject to any examination by a taxing authority.

Investments

Investments are recorded at fair value based upon quoted market prices. Investment return includes dividend, interest and realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments carried at fair value. Investment return is recorded as income without donor restrictions in the statements of activities.

The Board has designated investment income to be used for student scholarships.

Fair Value Measurements and Fair Value - Definition and Hierarchy

Fair value is defined as 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.

Accounting standards establish a fair value hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring the most observable units be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the School. Unobservable inputs reflect the School's assumptions about inputs used by market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy is categorized into three levels based on inputs as follows:

- Level 1 Valuation based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the School has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Valuation based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Valuation based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

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Reclassification

Certain amounts in the 2022 financial statements were classified to conform with the 2023 presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the School's financial position and change in net assets.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

Lease Accounting

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Accounting for Leases, which applies a right-of-use (ROU) model that requires a lessee to record, for all leases with a lease term of more than 12 months, an asset representing its right to use the underlying asset and a liability to make lease payments. For leases with a term of 12 months or less, a practical expedient is available whereby a lessee may elect, by class of underlying asset, not to recognize an ROU asset or lease liability. At inception, lessees must classify all leases as either finance or operating based on five criteria. Balance sheet recognition of finance and operating leases is similar, but the pattern of expense recognition in the income statement, as well as the effect on the statement of cash flows, differs depending on the lease classification. In addition, lessees and lessors are required to provide certain qualitative and quantitative disclosures to enable users of financial statements to assess the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. The FASB issued ASU 2020-05, which deferred the effective date for the Organization until annual periods beginning after December 15, 2021. Effective July 1, 2022, the School adopted this ASU following the modified retrospective method of application. The adoption of ASU 2016-02 did not result in a material change.

Recently Issued but not yet Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

Financial Instruments - Credit Losses

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments. The new credit losses standard changes the impairment model for most financial assets and certain other instruments. For trade and other receivables, contract assets recognized as a result of applying ASC 606, loans and certain other instruments, entities will be required to use new forward looking "expected loss" model that generally will result in earlier recognition of credit losses than under today's incurred loss model. ASU 2016-13 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2022. The School is currently evaluating the impact of this ASU on its financial statements.

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3. Liquidity and Availability of Resources

The School maintains a policy of structuring its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations come due. The School's management meets monthly to address projected cash flows to meet its operational expenditures. The School also invests cash in excess of weekly requirements in government bonds, which are highly liquid investments (Note 4). The School's financial assets available within one year of the statements of financial position date for general expenditures are as follows:

June 30,	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash Grants and other receivables Investments at fair value	\$ 634,964 75,398 1,383,355 2,811,668	\$ 1,204,288 75,390 877,474 2,739,531
Total Financial Assets	4,905,385	4,896,683
Less amounts unavailable for general expenditures within one year due to: Restricted by contract	(75,398)	(75,390)
Total Financial Assets Available to Management for	(13,370)	(13,370)
General Expenditures Within One Year	\$ 4,829,987	\$ 4,821,293

The School had no board designated net assets for student scholarships at June 30, 2023 and 2022.

4. Investments at fair value

Determination of Fair Values

The valuation methodologies used to determine the fair values of assets and liabilities under the "exit price" notion reflect market-participant objectives and are based on the application of the fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable market inputs over unobservable inputs. The School measures the fair values of the government bond based on quoted market prices.

The preceding method may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair value. Furthermore, although the School believes its valuation method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The School's investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risks associated with these investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of these investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of financial position and the statements of activities.

Notes to Financial Statements

The following tables present by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the School's investments at fair value. As required by fair value measurement accounting standards, investments are classified in their entirety based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The School's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgement and may affect the placement within the fair hierarchy levels.

June 30, 2023									
		Total		Level 1		Leve	l 2		Level 3
Government bond	\$	2,811,668	\$	2,811,668	\$ \$		-	\$	-
June 30, 2022									
		Total		Level 1		Leve	l 2		Level 3
Government bond	\$	2,739,531	\$	2,739,531	\$		-	\$	-
The aggregate cost basis, gross unrealiare as follows:	zed	gains and lo	osse	s, and fair	marl	ket value	of t	:he	investments
June 30, 2023									
		Cost		Gross Unrealized Gains	I	Gro Unrealiz Loss	ed		Fair Value
Government bond	\$	3,197,532	\$	-	. \$	(385,8	864)	\$	2,811,668
June 30, 2022									
		Cost		Gross Unrealized Gains	I	Gro Unrealiz Loss	ed		Fair Value
Government bond	\$	3,134,420	\$. \$	(394,8	889)	\$	2,739,531
The components of the activity of the	Scł	nool's invest	:me	nts were a	s foll	ows:			
June 30,						2023			2022
Investments, beginning of year Purchase of investments Interest & Dividends Sale of investments Realized gain on investments Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	rep	orted at faiı	· va	\$ lue	-	39,531 - 63,113 - - 9,024	\$		2,193,381 900,000 51,369 (50,000) 460 (355,679)
Investments, end of year				\$	2,8	11,668	\$		2,739,531

Notes to Financial Statements

5. Agreement with School Facility

The School shares space with P.S. 92, a New York City public school, located at 222 West 134th Street. Approximately 11,000 feet of square footage is allocated to the School. As part of the New York City Chancellor's Charter School Initiative, the NYCDOE has provided this space to the School at no charge. The services provided by the NYCDOE to the charter school, such as rent, utilities, custodial services, maintenance and school safety services are also provided at no cost. The provided space can be cancelled by NYCDOE as it is on a yearly basis.

The School is using a relative valuation model to measure the fair value of the donated space. The NYCDOE has not provided a value for the space and there is no lease agreement in place. In applying the valuation model, significant inputs include the total square footage allocated the School, the average cost per square foot based on comparable sales prices in Manhattan, New York, and the estimated discount factor applied to the cost per square foot to account for the restricted use of the space. Based on such assumptions, the School applies a relative cost per square foot calculated using all available market information in Manhattan, New York.

Square footage totaling 11,000 feet is allocated to the School. The value of the space and related utilities and services calculated by applying the relative valuation model is not significant and, therefore, is not recorded in these financial statements.

6. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following:

June 30,	2023	2022	Estimated Useful Lives (Years)
Furniture and fixtures Computers and servers Software	\$ 655,461 1,260,945 54,545	\$ 606,537 1,234,960 54,545	5 3 5 Lesser of the
Leasehold improvements	855,101	847,801	useful life of the asset or the lease term
	2,826,052	2,743,843	
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(2,355,155)	(2,204,043)	
	\$ 470,897	\$ 539,800	

Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$151,111 and \$132,734, respectively.

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7. Retirement Plan

The School has adopted a defined contribution 401(k) profit sharing plan (the Plan) which covers most of its employees. Employees are eligible to enroll in the Plan on the first day of their one month anniversary once they have worked at least 140 hours. Those employees who are employed on the last day of the Plan year (December 31st) are also eligible for employer contributions. The Plan provides for the School to contribute up to 5% of an employee's salary. The School's contribution becomes vested on a straight-line basis over five years. For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, retirement expense for the School was \$145,166 and \$187,337, respectively.

8. Risk Management

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The School maintains commercial insurance to help protect itself from such risks. The School also intends to defend its positions on these matters. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, there are no matters for which the School believes the ultimate outcome would have a material adverse effect on the School's financial position.

The School entered into contractual relationships with certain governmental funding sources. The governmental agencies may request return of funds as a result of noncompliance by the School, as well as additional funds for the use of facilities. The accompanying financial statements make no provision for the possible disallowance or refund. The School is of the opinion that such cost disallowances, if any, will not have a material effect in the School's financial statements and will record them in the fiscal year they become known.

9. Concentration Risks

Financial instruments that potentially subject the School to a concentration of credit risk include cash accounts at a major financial institution that, at times, exceeded the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit of \$250,000. The School has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk.

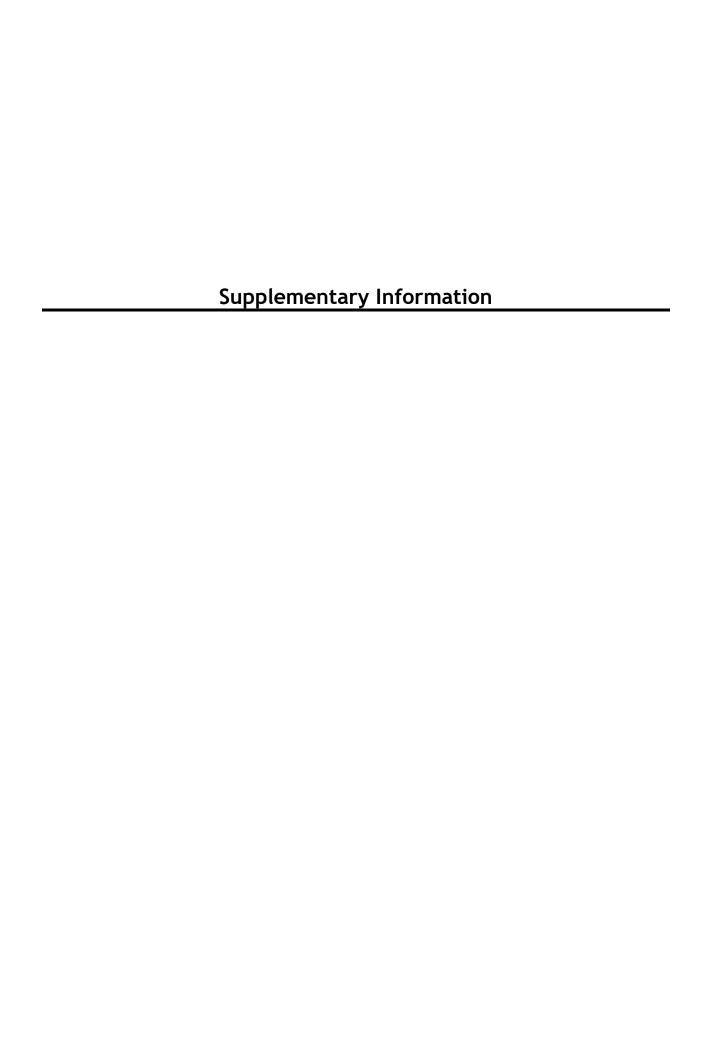
The School received approximately 83% and 87% of its total revenue from per pupil funding from the NYCDOE during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The School's grants and other receivables consist of one major grantor accounting for 100% and 100% at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The School's payables consist of three major vendors accounting for approximately 35% at June 30, 2023 and two major vendors accounting for approximately 47% at June 30, 2022.

10. Subsequent Events

The School has evaluated events through October 27, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30	. 2023
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Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listir Number	Pass-Through ng Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	 al Federal penditures
U.S. Department of Education Passed through the New York State Education Department: Title I Grants to Local Education				
Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA) Supporting Effective Instruction	84.010	Not Applicable	\$ -	\$ 139,176
State Grants	84.367	Not Applicable	-	11,028
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program Special Education Cluster (IDEA):	84.424	Not Applicable	-	12,066
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act,	84.027	Not Applicable	-	87,220
2021 - Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (CRRSA EANS) American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency	84.425R	Not Applicable	-	108,596
Relief (ARP ESSER)	84.425U	Not Applicable	-	476,414
Total U.S. Department of Education			-	834,500
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ -	\$ 834,500

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the School, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the School.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following cost principals contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

3. Indirect Cost Rate

The School has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect costs rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



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

To the Board of Trustees St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School New York, New York

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 St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the School's statements of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 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 opinion 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 School'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 School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

October 27, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Board of Trustees St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School New York, New York

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School (the "School") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the School's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The School's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the School complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the School's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the School's compliance based on our audit. 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, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the School's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 School's compliance with the compliance
 requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered
 necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the School's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit
 in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and
 report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not
 for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control
 over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.



Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

October 27, 2023

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section 1. Summary of Auditor's Results			
Financial Statements			
Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP: Internal control over financial reporting:	ı	Jnmodified	
Material weakness(es) identified?	□Yes	⊠ No	
 Significant deficiency(ies) identified? 	☐ Yes	⊠ None repo	rted
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	, ccu
Federal Awards	☐ 1C3		
Internal control over major federal programs:	□ v	NZ Na	
Material weakness(es) identified?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	☐ Yes	None report None	orted
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:	I	Jnmodified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	
Identification of major federal programs:			
Assistance Listing Number	Name o	f Federal Progran or Cluster	n
84.425R 84.425U	Supplement 2021 - Eme Non-Public Americ	s Response and Re al Appropriations orgency Assistance Schools (CRRSA E can Rescue Plan -	Act, e for ANS)
	-	and Secondary So y Relief (ARP ESS	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:		\$750,000	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	
Section 2. Financial Statement Findings There were no findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported, in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.			

Section 3. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings and questioned costs for federal awards (as defined in 2 CFR 200.516(a)) that are required to be reported.

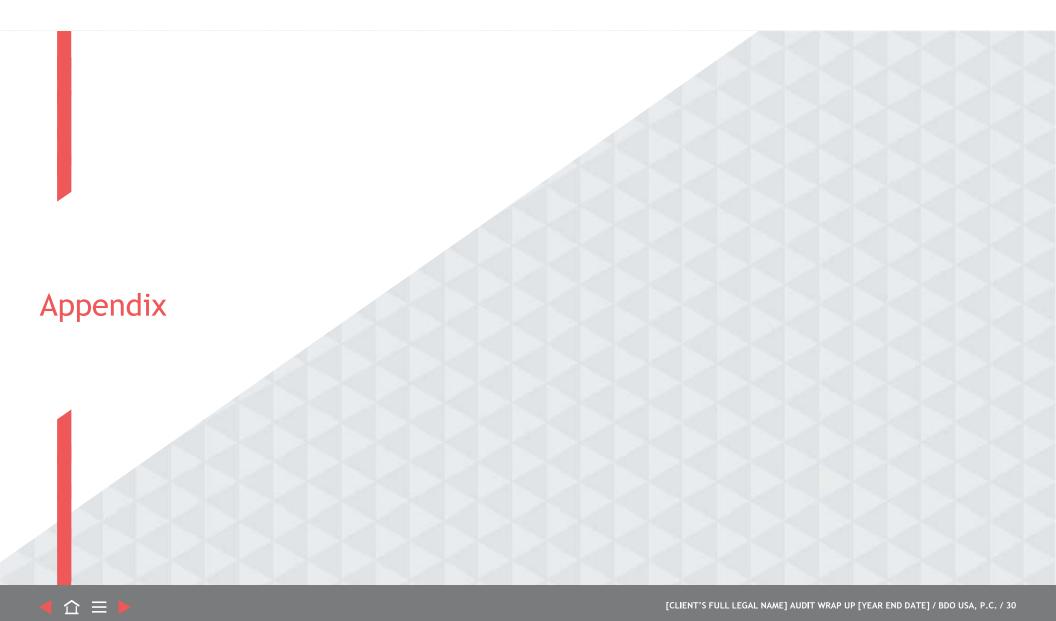
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Appendix A - Schedule of Proposed Adjusting Journal Entries Report

PROPOSED ADJUSTED JOURNAL ENTRIES REPORT

Item #	Account Name and Adjustment Description	<u>Debit</u>		Credit
1	Proposed and unrecorded adjustment to record the in-kind revenue and rent expense for the fair value of donated space received from the NYCDOE.			
	In-Kind Rent - Donated Space	\$ 189,200		
	In-Kind Revenue - Donated Space		5	189.200





Peer Review Report

PEER REVIEWS

As a member of the AICPA, we are subject to triennial external peer reviews of the portion of our auditing practice applicable to non-SEC issuers.

Our 2021 peer review concluded that the system of quality for the firm's accounting and auditing practice applicable to non-SEC issuers was suitably designed, and the firm had complied with its own quality guidelines.

The peer review also concluded the system provided the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiency(ies), or fail.

Our firm received a rating of pass.



Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

November 22, 2021

To the Partners of BDO USA, LLP and the National Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of BDO USA, LLP (the firm) applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection in effect for the year ended March 31, 2021. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at www.nature.gov/prisummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibilit

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if

Peer Rev ewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under Government Auditing Standards, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act, audits of employee benefit plans, an audit performed under FDICIA, an audit of a broker-dealer, and examinations of service opganizations (SCO1 and SOC 2 engagements).

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

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In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of BDO USA, LLP applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection in effect for the year ended March 31, 2021, has been suitably designed and compiled with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiency(es) or fall. BDO USA LLP has received an ener review rating of pass.

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National Peer Review Committee

December 09, 2021

Wayne Berson BDO USA, LLP 12505 Park Potomac Ave Ste 700 Potomac, MD 20854-6801

Dear Wayne Berson

It is my pleasure to notify you that on December 09, 2021, the National Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is September 30, 2024. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Michael Wagner Chair, National PRC

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Review Number: 584260

Audit Firm System of Quality Management

An audit firm's system of quality control (aka system of quality management) is essential to how the firm conducts audits and is in place to protect donors, stakeholders and other users of financial statements.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

In June 2022, the AICPA Auditing Standards Board (ASB) issued the following interrelated standards on audit quality management (collectively, the QM standards), which are designed to improve a CPA firm's risk assessment and audit quality. The effective date of the QM standards is December 15, 2025.

Statement on Quality Management	Statement on Quality Management	Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS)
Standards (SQMS) No. 1	Standards (SQMS) No. 2	No. 146
A Firm's System of Quality Management	Engagement Quality Reviews	Quality Management for an Engagement
		Conducted in Accordance With Generally
		Accepted Auditing Standards

BDO has assessed the requirements of the QM standards and has analyzed our firm's current system of quality management to identify changes and improvements necessary for compliance. This includes the identification of quality objectives, quality risks and the assessment of those quality risks, and responses to address those risks. We are further working with BDO Global to appropriately integrate processes deployed at a global level into our firm's system of quality management.



We will continue to provide you with updates on our progress. Currently, you may find discussion of BDO's system of quality control within our annual <u>Audit Quality Reports</u>, the most recent of which is accessible here.

Independence

Our engagement letter to you dated May 8, 2023 describes our responsibilities in accordance with professional standards and certain regulatory authorities with regard to independence and the performance of our services. This letter also stipulates the responsibilities of the School with respect to independence as agreed to by the School. Please refer to that letter for further information.



Other Required Communications

Following is a summary of other required items, along with specific discussion points as they pertain to the School:

Discussion Point
There were no disagreements with management about matters, whether or not satisfactorily resolved, that individually or in aggregate could be significant to the School's financial statements or to our auditor's report.
There were no significant difficulties encountered during the audit.
There were no difficult or contentious matters that we consulted with others outside the engagement team that we reasonably determined to be relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process.
There are no other matters that we consider significant to the oversight of the School's financial reporting process that have not been previously communicated.
Please refer to the management representation letter.
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Other Required Communications

Following is a summary of other required items, along with specific discussion points as they pertain to the School:

Requirement	Discussion Point
Significant changes to planned audit strategy or significant risks initially identified	There were no significant changes to the planned audit strategy or significant risks initially identified and previously communicated to those charged with governance as part of our Audit Planning communications.
Obtain information from those charged with governance relevant to the audit	There were no matters noted relevant to the audit, including, but not limited to: violations or possible violations of laws or regulations; risks of material misstatement, including fraud risks; or tips or complaints regarding the School's financial reporting that we were made aware of as a result of our inquiry of those charged with governance.
Nature and extent of specialized skills or knowledge needed related to significant risks	There were no specialized skills or knowledge needed, outside of the core engagement team, to perform the planned audit procedures or evaluate audit results related to significant risks.
Consultations with other accountants	We are not aware of any consultations about accounting or auditing matters between management and other independent public accountants. Nor are we aware of opinions obtained by management from other independent public accountants on the application of requirements of an applicable financial reporting framework.
Significant findings and issues arising during the audit in connection with the School's related parties	We have evaluated whether the identified related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately identified, accounted for, and disclosed and whether the effects of the related party relationships and transactions, based on the audit evidence obtained, prevent the financial statements from achieving fair presentation.





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 our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

We are required to communicate, in writing, to those charged with governance all material weaknesses and significant deficiencies that have been identified in the School's internal control over financial reporting. The definitions of control deficiency, significant deficiency and material weakness follow:

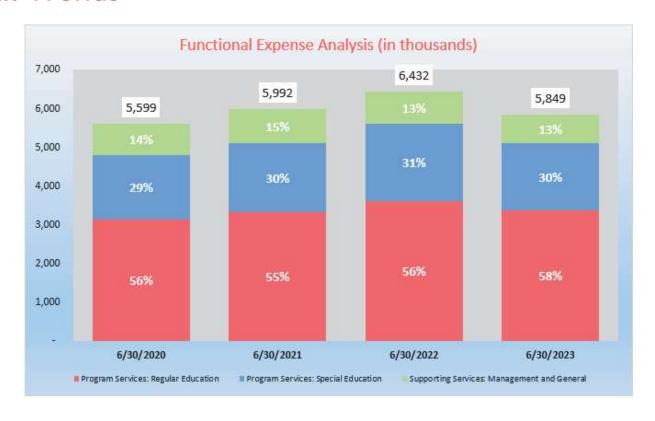
Category	Definition
Control Deficiency	A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis.
Significant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

In conjunction with our audit of the financial statements, we noted no material weaknesses.



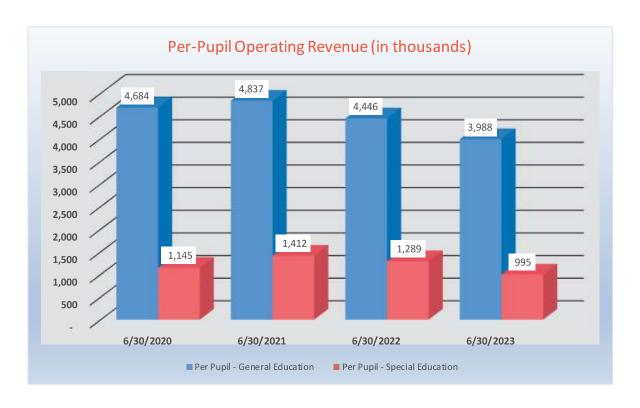


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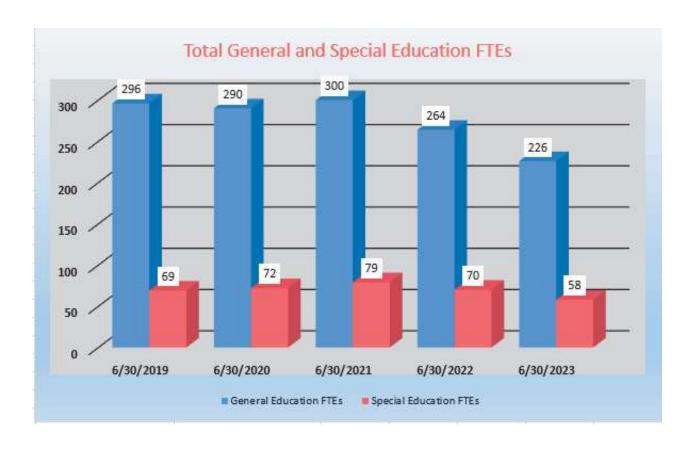




Historical Trends



Historical Trends





Highlights: Results of the Single Audit

SUMMARY OF AUDITORS RESULTS ON F	EDERAL AWA	RDS	
Internal control over major programs:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes	1	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	Yes	1	None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:	Unmodified		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reporting in accordance with 2 CFR 20.516(a)?	Yes	1	_ No

Highlights: Results of the Single Audit

- For FY 2023, the School had applicable federal expenditures amounting to \$834,500. This amount was greater than the \$750,000 established dollar threshold and therefore subject to Single Audit under Uniform Guidance.
- ▶ Due to the School not being subject to Single audit in the past two audit periods, the School does not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

Assistance Listing	
Numbers	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021
84.425R	Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (CRRSA EANS)
	American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency
84.425U	Relief (ARP ESSER)

▶ Based on our evaluations of federal programs included in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA). The major programs audited in FY 2023 were the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 - Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (CRRSA EANS), and the American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER).

Highlights: Results of the Single Audit

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM OR CLUSTER TITLE			PROVIDED TO SUBRECIPIENTS		F	TOTAL FEDERAL PENDITURES
U.S. Department of Education:						
Passed through the New York State Education Department:						
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies						
(Title I Part A of the ESEA)	84.010	Not Applicable	\$	3	\$	139,176
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	Not Applicable		- 12		11,028
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	Not Applicable		34		12,066
Special Education Cluster (IDEA), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 -	84.027	Not Applicable		ē		87,220
Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (CRRSA EANS) American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency	84.425R	Not Applicable		ē		108,596
Relief (ARP ESSER)	84.425U	Not Applicable				476,414
Total U.S. Department of Education						834,500
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			c	2	S	834,500



Highlights: Results of the Audit - Expenses (continued)

							Sι	pporting		
		P	rog	ram Services	5		S	ervices		
	-							Total		
		General		Special			Mai	nagement		
	E	Education	Е	ducation		Total	and	d General	Tot	al Expenses
June 30, 2023	\$	3,368,399	\$	1,736,458	\$	5,104,857	\$	744,059	\$	5,848,916
June 30, 2022		3,604,137		2,010,938		5,615,075		817,320		6,432,395
Increase (\$)	\$	(235,738)	\$	(274,480)	\$	(510,218)	\$	(73,261)	\$	(583,479)

FUNCTIONAL CLASS ANALYSIS (%)									
				Supporting					
		Program Services		Services					
				Total					
	General	Special		Management					
	Education	Education	Total	and General	Total Expenses				
June 30, 2023	58%	30%	87%	13%	100%				
June 30, 2022	56%	31%	87%	13%	100%				
Increase / (Decrease) (%)	2%	-1%	0%	0%	•				

[▶] The decrease in overall expenses is directly related to reduction in payroll expense.



Highlights: Results of the Audit - Expenses (continued)

	2023	2022	Change
\$ 5,	104,857 \$	5,615,075	\$ (510,218)
	744,059	817,320	(73,261)
	226	264	(38)
	22,588	21,269	1,319
	3,292	3,096	196
\$	25,880 \$	24,365	\$ 1,515
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	2023	2022	(hange
Significant Expense Fluctuations				
Instructional personnel	\$ 2,589,213	\$ 3,324,335	5	(735,122)

[▶] Payroll decreased because a few positions from FY22 remained unfilled and several terminations during FY23 were either late replacing or remained open as well.



Highlights: Results of the Audit - Expenses

		2023		2022	Change
Program services:	-			1,100,000	-
General education	5	3,368,399	\$	3,604,137	\$ (235,738)
Special education		1,736,458		2,010,938	(274,480)
Total Program services	\$	5,104,857	\$	5,615,075	\$ (510,218)
Supporting services:					
Management and general	\$	744,059	\$	817,320	\$ (73,261)
Total Supporting services	S	744,059	\$	817,320	\$ (73,261)
Total Expenses	S	5,848,916	S	6,432,395	\$ (583,479)

[▶] The decrease in program services is mainly due to decrease in number of students and reduction in payroll expense.

Highlights: Results of the Audit - Revenues

		2023	2022	Change
State and local per pupil operating revenue	S	4,962,239	\$ 5,735,374	\$ (773,135)
Government grants and contracts		860,393	1,116,623	(256,230)
Contributions and other grants		58,235	28,165	30,070
Investment return, net		72,137	(303,851)	375,988
Other income		8	215	(207)
	S	5,953,012	\$ 6,576,526	\$ (623,514)

▶ The decrease in revenue by \$773k is noted due to decline in student enrollment which resulted in decrease in overall revenue.

FTE BREAKDOWN							
	2023	2022	Change				
Total General Education FTE	226	264	(38)				
Special Education FTE Breakdown							
Less than 20%	2	1	1				
Between 20% and 60%	9	3	6				
More than 60%	47	66	(19)				
	58	70	(12)				

Highlights: Results of the Audit - Liabilities and Net Assets

NET ASSETS							
		2023		2022		Change	
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$	5,040,796	\$	4,936,700	\$	104,096	
Reconciliation of the Change in Net Assets		2023		2022			
Change in Net Assets		104,096		144,131			
Net change (decrease)		(40,035)	ı				
The following represents significant fluctuations in the							
change in net assets between the current and prior year:							
Decrease in revenue and support	\$	(623,514)	Refe	er to page 1	2		
Decrease in expenses		583,479	Refe	er to page 1.	3		
	\$	(40,035)					



Highlights: Results of the Audit - Liabilities and Net Assets

LIABILITIES AND	NE	T ASSETS			
		2023		2022	Change
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	379,918	\$	215,586	\$ 164,332
Accrued salaries and other payroll related expenses		178,033		280,815	(102,782)
Deferred grant revenue		2,184		21,009	(18,825)
Total Liabilities	\$	560,135	\$	517,410	\$ 42,725
Net Assets - Without Donor Restrictions	¢	5,040,796	Ċ	4 027 700	104,096
Undesignated Total Net Assets	\$	5,040,796		4,936,700 4,936,700	\$ 104,096
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	5,600,931	\$	5,454,110	\$ 146,821

Highlights: Results of the Audit - Assets

	ASSETS				
		2023	2022		Change
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	634,964	\$ 1,204,288 \$	5 ((569,324)
Cash - restricted		75,398	75,390		8
Grants and other receivable		1,383,355	877,474		505,881
Investments		2,811,668	2,739,531		72,137
Prepaid expenses and other assets		224,649	17,627		207,022
Property, plant, & equipment, net		470,897	539,800		(68,903)
	\$	5,600,931	\$ 5,454,110	\$	146,821

- ▶ The decrease in cash value in CY by approximately \$569k is mainly due to the increase in Accounts Receivable, primarily resulting from the inclusion of ARP and ESSER 2 grants receivable. This shift has led to a reduction in the available cash balance.
- ▶ The increase in Accounts Receivable by approximately \$505k is attributed to the inclusion of ARP and ESSER 2 grants receivable. These grants, aimed at addressing specific financial needs in the organization, have contributed to the rise in the outstanding amounts owed to the organization.

Results of the Audit

CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

There were no corrected misstatements, other than those that were clearly trivial, related to accounts and/or disclosures that we brought to the attention of management.

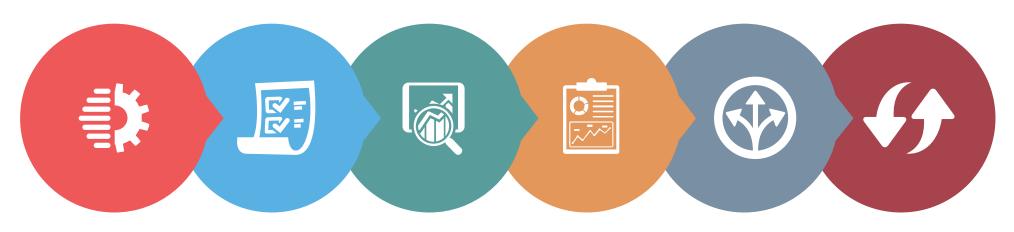
Please refer to the schedule of Proposed Adjusting Journal Entries (PAJEs) in Appendix A. We concur with management's assessment that the effects of not recording such adjustments are, both individually and in the aggregate, immaterial to the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, considering both qualitative and quantitative factors. None of the proposed adjustments could potentially cause future-period financial statement to be materially misstated.



Results of the Audit

QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF THE SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL REPORTING

A discussion will be held regarding the quality of the School's financial reporting, which will include:



Qualitative Aspects of Significant Accounting Policies and Practices Our Conclusions Regarding Significant Accounting Estimates Significant Unusual Transactions Financial Statement Presentation and Disclosures New Accounting Pronouncements

Alternative Accounting Treatments

Results of the Audit

ACCOUNTING PRACTICES, POLICIES, AND ESTIMATES

The following summarizes the more significant required communications related to our audit concerning the School's accounting practices, policies, and estimates:

The School's significant accounting practices and policies are those included in Note 2 to the financial statements. These accounting practices and policies are appropriate, comply with the applicable financial reporting framework and industry practice, were consistently applied, and are adequately described within Note 2 to the financial statements.

- ▶ A summary of recently issued accounting pronouncements is included in Note 2 to the School's financial statements.
- ▶ In September 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2020-07, *Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets (Topic 958)*. The update requires not-for-profits to present contributed nonfinancial assets as a separate line item on the statement of activities, and to disclose information regarding each type of contributed nonfinancial assets. The update is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. The School adopted this ASU as of July 1, 2021. The adoption of this ASU did not have a material impact on the financial statements.
- ▶ There were no other changes in significant accounting policies and practices during June 30, 2023.

Significant estimates are those that require management's most difficult, subjective, or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain. The School's significant accounting estimates, including a description of management's processes and significant assumptions used in development of the estimates, are disclosed in Note 2 of the financial statements.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Allowances on accounts/contributions receivable

Useful Lives of Fixed Assets

Allocation of functional expenses

Fair value measurements

▶ Management did not make any significant changes to the processes or significant assumptions used to develop the significant accounting estimates in June 30, 2023.

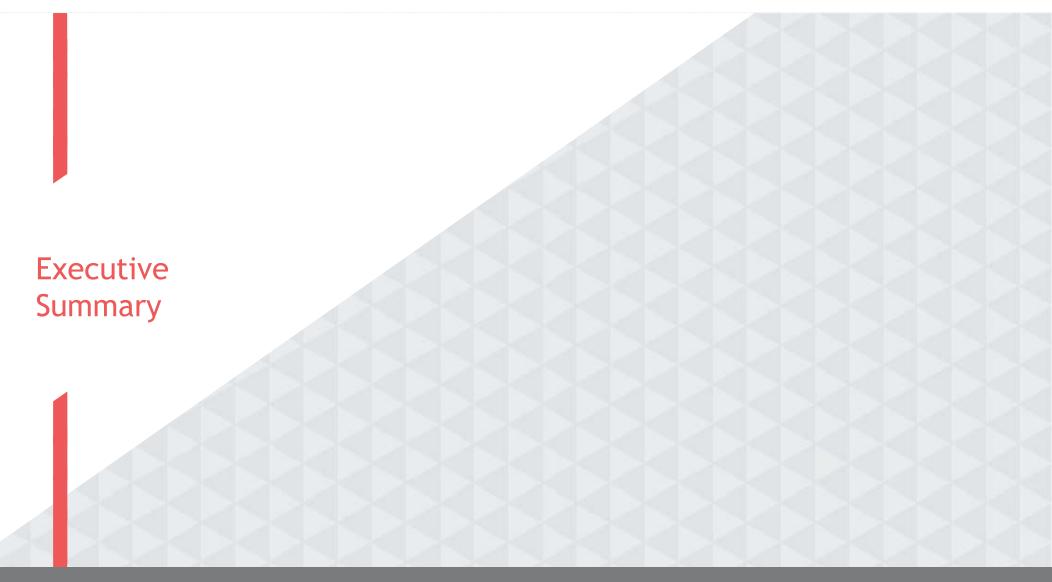


Status of Our Audit

We have substantially completed our audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. Our audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. This audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.

- ▶ The objective of our audit was to obtain reasonable not absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.
- ▶ The scope of the work performed was substantially the same as that described to you in our earlier Audit Planning communications.
- ▶ We expect to issue an unmodified opinion on the financial statements and release our report on October 2023.
- Dur responsibility for other information in documents containing the School's audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform procedures to corroborate such other information. However, in accordance with professional standards, we will read the information included by the School and consider whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, is materially inconsistent with its presentation in the financial statements. Our responsibility also includes calling to management's attention any information that we believe is a material misstatement of fact. We have not identified any material inconsistencies or concluded there are any material misstatements of facts in the other information that management has chosen not to correct.
- ▶ All records and information requested by BDO were freely available for our inspection.





Welcome

October 26, 2023

To the Audit Committee

St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School

Professional standards require us to communicate with you regarding matters related to the audit, that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. On July 27, 2023 we presented an overview of our plan for the audit of the financial statements of St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 including a summary of our overall objectives for the audit, and the nature, scope, and timing of the planned audit work.

This communication is intended to elaborate on the significant findings from our audit, including our views on the qualitative aspects of the School's accounting practices and policies, management's judgments and estimates, financial statement disclosures, and other required matters.

We are pleased to be of service to the School and look forward to meeting with you to discuss our audit findings, as well as other matters that may be of interest to you, and to answer any questions you might have.

Respectfully,

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The following communication was prepared as part of our audit, has consequential limitations, and is intended solely for the information and use of those charged with governance (e.g., Board of Directors and Audit Committee) and, if appropriate, management of the School, and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.







October 27, 2023

BDO USA, P.C. 600 Third Avenue, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10016

Ladies and gentlemen:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, changes in net assets, and cash flows of the School in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We confirm that we are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation in the financial statements of financial position, changes in net assets, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of this representation letter, as entered on the first page, the following representations made to you during your audit(s):

- (1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated May 8, 2023, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- (2) We have fulfilled our responsibility, as set out in the terms of the aforementioned audit engagement letter, 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.
- (3) The financial statements include all assets and liabilities under the entity's control.

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- (4) We have made available to you:
 - (a) All financial records, and related data and federal awards (including amendments, if any, and any other correspondence with federal agencies or pass-through entities relevant to federal programs and related activities), including the names of all related parties and all relationships and transactions with related parties, as agreed upon in the terms of the aforementioned audit engagement letter.
 - (b) All additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - (c) Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - (d) Minutes of the meetings of trustees and committees of trustees that were held from July 1, 2022 to the date of this letter, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- (5) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in financial reporting practices.
- (6) There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements or schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA).
- (7) The financial statement misstatements relating to accounts and disclosures identified and discussed with us in the course of the audit that are listed immediately below have not been corrected. In our opinion, the effects of not correcting such identified financial statement misstatements are, both individually and in the aggregate, immaterial to the financial statements of the School taken as a whole.

Uncorrected Misstatements

Item #	Account Name and Adjustment	Debit	Credit	Impact on	
	Description			Net Assets	
1	In-Kind Rent - Donated Space	\$ 189,200		\$ 0	
	In-Kind Revenue - Donated Space		\$ 189,200		
	Proposed and unrecorded adjustment to record the in-kind revenue and rent expense for the fair value of donated space received from the NYCDOE.				

Description of Uncorrected Disclosure Misstatements

The School used a reasonable valuation model to calculate the fair value of donated space received from the NYCDOE. The calculated value resulted in an immaterial amount and, therefore, was not recorded in the financial statements.

- (8) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud or noncompliance. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud or noncompliance. We have no knowledge of any:
 - (a) Fraud or suspected fraud involving management or involving employees who have significant roles in internal control, whether or not perceived to have a material effect on the financial statements.

- (b) Fraud or suspected fraud involving others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- (c) Allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Organization received in communications from employees, former employees, regulatory agencies, grantors, law firms, predecessor accounting firms, or others.
- (d) Instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects, both quantitatively and qualitatively, should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- (9) We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or net asset balances.
- (10) The following, where applicable and material, have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements:
 - (a) The identity of all related parties and all related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware (e.g., transactions with unconsolidated subsidiaries; affiliates under common control with the entity or that are directly or indirectly controlled by the entity; directors, management, and members of their immediate families), including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.
 - (b) Arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances and line-of-credit or similar arrangements.
 - (c) All derivative instruments and any embedded derivative instruments that require bifurcation, in accordance with FASB ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*.
 - (d) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the School is contingently liable.
 - (e) Significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with FASB ASC 275-10, Risk and Uncertainties Overall. In that regard, all accounting estimates that could be material to the financial statements, including key factors and significant assumptions underlying those estimates, have been identified, and we believe the estimates are reasonable in the circumstances. The methods, significant assumptions, and the data used in making the accounting estimates and the related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, and disclosure that is in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - (f) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by FASB ASC 450, *Contingencies*, including:
 - Pending or anticipated tax assessments or refunds, other potential or pending claims, lawsuits by or against any branch of government or others;
 - Written or oral guarantees, endorsements, or unused letters of credit;
 - Unusual warranties or guarantees; or

Labor claims or negotiations.

FASB ASC 450-20, Loss Contingencies, requires loss contingencies to be accrued if it is probable an asset has been impaired or a liability incurred at the statement of financial position date and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. Such contingencies must be disclosed, but may not be accrued, if the loss is reasonably possible (but not probable) or the loss is probable but the amount of loss cannot be reasonably estimated.

- (g) Commitments, such as:
 - Major fixed asset purchase agreements;
 - More-than-one-year employment arrangements or contracts with suppliers or customers, or one-year-or-longer term leases;
 - Deferred compensation, bonuses, pension and profit-sharing plans, or severance pay; or
 - Pending sale or merger of all or a portion of the business or of an interest therein or acquisition
 of all or a portion of the business, assets or securities of another entity;
- (h) Joint ventures or other participations, the detailed transactions of which are not carried on our books.
- (i) Foreign currency transaction gains or losses, as well as translation of foreign currency financial statements.

(11) There are no:

- (a) Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements (including the failure to file reports required by regulatory bodies (e.g., EPA, OCC, FDIC, DOL, Medicare, U.S. Customs Service, HIPAA, IRS, Dept. of Commerce, state and municipal authorities) when the effects of failing to file could be material to the financial statements) whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.
- (b) Unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with FASB ASC 450.
- (c) Side agreements or other arrangements (either written or oral) that have not been disclosed to you.
- (d) Designation of net assets disclosed to you that were not properly authorized and approved, or reclassifications of net assets that have not been properly reflected in the financial statements.
- (12) Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims against debtors or grantors for sales, contributions, pledges, or other charges arising on or before the statement of financial position date and have been appropriately reduced to their estimated net realizable value.
- (13) During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the New York State Education Department owed the School ERATE, Title I, Title IV, ESSER II CRRSA, and ESSER III ARP grant funds totaling \$1,359,939.

- (14) With regard to items reported at fair value: (a) the underlying assumptions are reasonable and they appropriately reflect management's intent and ability to carry out its stated courses of action, (b) the measurement methods and related assumptions used in determining fair value are appropriate in the circumstances and have been consistently applied, (c) the disclosures related to fair values are complete, adequate, and in conformity with U.S. GAAP and (d) there are no subsequent events that require adjustments to the fair value measurements and disclosures included in the financial statements.
- (15) The School has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- (16) We have complied with all aspects of grant agreements and other contractual agreements, including debt covenants, that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- (17) No discussions have taken place with your firm's personnel regarding employment with the School.
- (18) The School is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as evidenced by determination letter dated April 9, 2009. Any activities of which we are aware that would jeopardize our tax-exempt status, all activities subject to tax on unrelated business income or excise or other tax, have been disclosed to you. All required filings with tax authorities are up-to-date.
- (19) We have complied with all restrictions on resources, including donor restrictions, and all aspects of contractual and grant agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance. This includes complying with donor requirements to maintain a specific asset composition necessary to satisfy their restrictions.
- (20) There were no net assets with donor restrictions of the School at June 30, 2023.
- (21) The basis used for the allocation of functional expenses is reasonable, and is in compliance with the provisions of ASU 2016-14.
- (22) As part of your audit, you assisted with the preparation of the financial statements and related notes and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonattest/nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for the financial statements and related notes and schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- (23) We are responsible for compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us and we have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- (24) We have provided views on your reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations. We are responsible for taking corrective action on audit findings and we are responsible for preparing and implementing a corrective action plan for each audit finding.

- (25) We have identified and disclosed to you the findings received for previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- (26) With respect to federal award programs:
 - (a) We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with, the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), as applicable.
 - (b) We have, in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, identified and disclosed to you, in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA), expenditures made during the audit period for all government programs and related activities provided by federal agencies in the form of federal awards, grants, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance.
 - (c) We acknowledge our responsibility for the preparation of the SEFA and related notes in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance, and we believe the SEFA, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. The methods of measurement or presentation of the SEFA have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have outlined any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the SEFA.
 - (d) We have notified you of federal awards and funding increments that were received for awards received before December 26, 2014, and differentiated those awards from awards received on or after December 26, 2014, and subject to the audit requirements of the Uniform Guidance.
 - (e) We will include the auditor's report on the SEFA in any document that contains the SEFA and that indicates you have reported on such information.
 - (f) If the SEFA is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the SEFA no later than the date we issue the SEFA and the auditor's report thereon.
 - (g) We are responsible for understanding and complying with the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major program.
 - (h) We are responsible for establishing and maintaining, and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance for federal programs that provides reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a material effect on our federal programs. We believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended. Also, subsequent to the date of the auditor's report as of which compliance was audited, no changes have occurred in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action we have taken regarding significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance as reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

- (i) We have made available to you all federal awards (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence relevant to federal programs and related activities that have taken place with federal agencies or pass-through entities.
- (j) We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- (k) We have complied, in all material respects, with the direct and material compliance requirements (except for noncompliance disclosed to you), including, when applicable, those set forth in the OMB Compliance Supplement, relating to federal awards and have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and all known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of federal awards, or confirmed that there were no amounts questioned and no known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of federal awards. We also know of no instances of noncompliance occurring subsequent to the end of the period audited.
- (I) We have disclosed to you any communications from federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.
- (m) Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in Uniform Guidance.
- (n) We have disclosed to you our interpretations of compliance requirements that are subject to varying interpretations, if any.
- (o) We have made available to you all documentation related to compliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- (p) We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence with respect to conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period that affect noncompliance during the reporting period.
- (q) Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the basic financial statements have been prepared, and are prepared on a basis consistent with the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- (r) The copies of federal program financial reports provided to you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- (s) We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.
- (t) We are responsible for, and have accurately completed, the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance. The final version of the applicable audit reporting package, which includes your signed auditor's reports, that we will submit to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) will be identical to the final version of such documents that you provided to us.
- (u) We have identified and disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation engagements, internal or external monitoring, and other studies

directly related to the audit objectives of the compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the audit period covered by the compliance audit report to the date of the auditor's report.

- (v) We have disclosed to you all contracts or other agreements with service organizations, and we have disclosed to you all communications from the service organizations relating to noncompliance at the service organizations.
- (w) We are responsible for and have ensured the reporting package does not contain protected personally identifiable information.
- (x) As part of your audit, you assisted with the preparation of the financial statements and related notes and schedule of expenditures of federal awards. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonattest/nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably with senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes and schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- (27) There have been no known or suspected breaches of sensitive information (e.g., personnel files) caused by cyber-attack or other means, or other cybersecurity incidents, where the breach or other incidents could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- (28) In connection with any electronic presentation of the financial statements and your audit report thereon on our web site, we acknowledge that:
 - We are responsible for the preparation, presentation, and content of the financial statements in the electronic format.
 - If your audit report is presented on our web site, the full financial statements upon which you reported and to which you appended your signed report will be presented.
 - We will clearly indicate in the electronic presentation on our web site the financial information that is subject to your audit report. We will clearly differentiate any information that may also be presented by us on or in connection with our web site that was contained in the published version of the financial statements and other supplementary information, but which is not part of the audited financial statements or other financial information covered by your audit report.
 - We have assessed the security over financial statement information and the audit report presented
 on our web site, and are satisfied that procedures in place are adequate to ensure the integrity of
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 statements will be provided on request.

- (29) By executing this document, you represent that St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School is not owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by one or more Russian citizen(s), Russian national(s), persons physically located in Russia or entity(s) organized under the laws of Russia. You agree that if at any time while BDO USA, P.C. ("BDO") is providing services to the School that the foregoing representation is no longer true, you will immediately notify BDO.
- (30) We are aware that Adam Cole is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report.
- (31) By signing below, the authorized signatory represents that he/she has power and authority and has obtained all approvals authorizations and consents necessary to execute this document on behalf of the School for whom the authorized signatory is executing this document.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, no events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the statement of financial position date and through the date of this representation letter, as entered on the first page, that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements or in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Very truly yours,

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Meghann Persenaire

Meghann Persenaire, Principal

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Account summary

Ending balance on June 30, 2023	\$75,397.99	Average collected balance: \$75,397.39
Service fees	-0.00	Average ledger balance: \$75,397.39
Withdrawals and other debits	-0.00	# of days in cycle: 30
Deposits and other credits	0.62	# of withdrawals/debits: 0
Beginning balance on June 1, 2023	\$75,397.37	# of deposits/credits: 1

Annual Percentage Yield Earned this statement period: 0.01%. Interest Paid Year To Date: \$3.74.

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Deposit agreement - When you opened your account, you received a deposit agreement and fee schedule and agreed that your account would be governed by the terms of these documents, as we may amend them from time to time. These documents are part of the contract for your deposit account and govern all transactions relating to your account, including all deposits and withdrawals. Copies of both the deposit agreement and fee schedule which contain the current version of the terms and conditions of your account relationship may be obtained at our financial centers.

Electronic transfers: In case of errors or questions about your electronic transfers - If you think your statement or receipt is wrong or you need more information about an electronic transfer (e.g., ATM transactions, direct deposits or withdrawals, point-of-sale transactions) on the statement or receipt, telephone or write us at the address and number listed on the front of this statement as soon as you can. We must hear from you no later than 60 days after we sent you the FIRST statement on which the error or problem appeared.

- Tell us your name and account number.
- Describe the error or transfer you are unsure about, and explain as clearly as you can why you believe there is an error or why you need more information.
- Tell us the dollar amount of the suspected error.

For consumer accounts used primarily for personal, family or household purposes, we will investigate your complaint and will correct any error promptly. If we take more than 10 business days (10 calendar days if you are a Massachusetts customer) (20 business days if you are a new customer, for electronic transfers occurring during the first 30 days after the first deposit is made to your account) to do this, we will provisionally credit your account for the amount you think is in error, so that you will have use of the money during the time it will take to complete our investigation.

For other accounts, we investigate, and if we find we have made an error, we credit your account at the conclusion of our investigation.

Reporting other problems - You must examine your statement carefully and promptly. You are in the best position to discover errors and unauthorized transactions on your account. If you fail to notify us in writing of suspected problems or an unauthorized transaction within the time period specified in the deposit agreement (which periods are no more than 60 days after we make the statement available to you and in some cases are 30 days or less), we are not liable to you and you agree to not make a claim against us, for the problems or unauthorized transactions.

Direct deposits - If you have arranged to have direct deposits made to your account at least once every 60 days from the same person or company, you may call us to find out if the deposit was made as scheduled. You may also review your activity online or visit a financial center for information.

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Deposits and other credits

Date	Description	Amount
06/30/23	Interest Earned	0.62

Total deposits and other credits

\$0.62

Daily ledger balances

Date	Balance (\$)	Date	Balance(\$)
06/01	75,397.37	06/30	75,397.99

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Ladies and gentlemen:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, changes in net assets, and cash flows of the School in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We confirm that we are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation in the financial statements of financial position, changes in net assets, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of this representation letter, as entered on the first page, the following representations made to you during your audit(s):

- (1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated May 8, 2023, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- (2) We have fulfilled our responsibility, as set out in the terms of the aforementioned audit engagement letter, 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.
- (3) The financial statements include all assets and liabilities under the entity's control.

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- (4) We have made available to you:
 - (a) All financial records, and related data and federal awards (including amendments, if any, and any other correspondence with federal agencies or pass-through entities relevant to federal programs and related activities), including the names of all related parties and all relationships and transactions with related parties, as agreed upon in the terms of the aforementioned audit engagement letter.
 - (b) All additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - (c) Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - (d) Minutes of the meetings of trustees and committees of trustees that were held from July 1, 2022 to the date of this letter, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- (5) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in financial reporting practices.
- (6) There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements or schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA).
- (7) The financial statement misstatements relating to accounts and disclosures identified and discussed with us in the course of the audit that are listed immediately below have not been corrected. In our opinion, the effects of not correcting such identified financial statement misstatements are, both individually and in the aggregate, immaterial to the financial statements of the School taken as a whole.

Uncorrected Misstatements

Item #	Account Name and Adjustment	Debit	Credit	Impact on	
	Description			Net Assets	
1	In-Kind Rent - Donated Space	\$ 189,200		\$ 0	
	In-Kind Revenue - Donated Space		\$ 189,200		
	Proposed and unrecorded adjustment to record the in-kind revenue and rent expense for the fair value of donated space received from the NYCDOE.				

Description of Uncorrected Disclosure Misstatements

The School used a reasonable valuation model to calculate the fair value of donated space received from the NYCDOE. The calculated value resulted in an immaterial amount and, therefore, was not recorded in the financial statements.

- (8) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud or noncompliance. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud or noncompliance. We have no knowledge of any:
 - (a) Fraud or suspected fraud involving management or involving employees who have significant roles in internal control, whether or not perceived to have a material effect on the financial statements.

- (b) Fraud or suspected fraud involving others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- (c) Allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Organization received in communications from employees, former employees, regulatory agencies, grantors, law firms, predecessor accounting firms, or others.
- (d) Instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects, both quantitatively and qualitatively, should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- (9) We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or net asset balances.
- (10) The following, where applicable and material, have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements:
 - (a) The identity of all related parties and all related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware (e.g., transactions with unconsolidated subsidiaries; affiliates under common control with the entity or that are directly or indirectly controlled by the entity; directors, management, and members of their immediate families), including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.
 - (b) Arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances and line-of-credit or similar arrangements.
 - (c) All derivative instruments and any embedded derivative instruments that require bifurcation, in accordance with FASB ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*.
 - (d) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the School is contingently liable.
 - (e) Significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with FASB ASC 275-10, Risk and Uncertainties Overall. In that regard, all accounting estimates that could be material to the financial statements, including key factors and significant assumptions underlying those estimates, have been identified, and we believe the estimates are reasonable in the circumstances. The methods, significant assumptions, and the data used in making the accounting estimates and the related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, and disclosure that is in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - (f) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by FASB ASC 450, *Contingencies*, including:
 - Pending or anticipated tax assessments or refunds, other potential or pending claims, lawsuits by or against any branch of government or others;
 - Written or oral guarantees, endorsements, or unused letters of credit;
 - Unusual warranties or guarantees; or

Labor claims or negotiations.

FASB ASC 450-20, Loss Contingencies, requires loss contingencies to be accrued if it is probable an asset has been impaired or a liability incurred at the statement of financial position date and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. Such contingencies must be disclosed, but may not be accrued, if the loss is reasonably possible (but not probable) or the loss is probable but the amount of loss cannot be reasonably estimated.

- (g) Commitments, such as:
 - Major fixed asset purchase agreements;
 - More-than-one-year employment arrangements or contracts with suppliers or customers, or one-year-or-longer term leases;
 - Deferred compensation, bonuses, pension and profit-sharing plans, or severance pay; or
 - Pending sale or merger of all or a portion of the business or of an interest therein or acquisition
 of all or a portion of the business, assets or securities of another entity;
- (h) Joint ventures or other participations, the detailed transactions of which are not carried on our books.
- (i) Foreign currency transaction gains or losses, as well as translation of foreign currency financial statements.

(11) There are no:

- (a) Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements (including the failure to file reports required by regulatory bodies (e.g., EPA, OCC, FDIC, DOL, Medicare, U.S. Customs Service, HIPAA, IRS, Dept. of Commerce, state and municipal authorities) when the effects of failing to file could be material to the financial statements) whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.
- (b) Unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with FASB ASC 450.
- (c) Side agreements or other arrangements (either written or oral) that have not been disclosed to you.
- (d) Designation of net assets disclosed to you that were not properly authorized and approved, or reclassifications of net assets that have not been properly reflected in the financial statements.
- (12) Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims against debtors or grantors for sales, contributions, pledges, or other charges arising on or before the statement of financial position date and have been appropriately reduced to their estimated net realizable value.
- (13) During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the New York State Education Department owed the School ERATE, Title I, Title IV, ESSER II CRRSA, and ESSER III ARP grant funds totaling \$1,359,939.

- (14) With regard to items reported at fair value: (a) the underlying assumptions are reasonable and they appropriately reflect management's intent and ability to carry out its stated courses of action, (b) the measurement methods and related assumptions used in determining fair value are appropriate in the circumstances and have been consistently applied, (c) the disclosures related to fair values are complete, adequate, and in conformity with U.S. GAAP and (d) there are no subsequent events that require adjustments to the fair value measurements and disclosures included in the financial statements.
- (15) The School has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- (16) We have complied with all aspects of grant agreements and other contractual agreements, including debt covenants, that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- (17) No discussions have taken place with your firm's personnel regarding employment with the School.
- (18) The School is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as evidenced by determination letter dated April 9, 2009. Any activities of which we are aware that would jeopardize our tax-exempt status, all activities subject to tax on unrelated business income or excise or other tax, have been disclosed to you. All required filings with tax authorities are up-to-date.
- (19) We have complied with all restrictions on resources, including donor restrictions, and all aspects of contractual and grant agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance. This includes complying with donor requirements to maintain a specific asset composition necessary to satisfy their restrictions.
- (20) There were no net assets with donor restrictions of the School at June 30, 2023.
- (21) The basis used for the allocation of functional expenses is reasonable, and is in compliance with the provisions of ASU 2016-14.
- (22) As part of your audit, you assisted with the preparation of the financial statements and related notes and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonattest/nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for the financial statements and related notes and schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- (23) We are responsible for compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us and we have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- (24) We have provided views on your reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations. We are responsible for taking corrective action on audit findings and we are responsible for preparing and implementing a corrective action plan for each audit finding.

- (25) We have identified and disclosed to you the findings received for previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- (26) With respect to federal award programs:
 - (a) We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with, the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), as applicable.
 - (b) We have, in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, identified and disclosed to you, in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA), expenditures made during the audit period for all government programs and related activities provided by federal agencies in the form of federal awards, grants, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance.
 - (c) We acknowledge our responsibility for the preparation of the SEFA and related notes in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance, and we believe the SEFA, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. The methods of measurement or presentation of the SEFA have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have outlined any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the SEFA.
 - (d) We have notified you of federal awards and funding increments that were received for awards received before December 26, 2014, and differentiated those awards from awards received on or after December 26, 2014, and subject to the audit requirements of the Uniform Guidance.
 - (e) We will include the auditor's report on the SEFA in any document that contains the SEFA and that indicates you have reported on such information.
 - (f) If the SEFA is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the SEFA no later than the date we issue the SEFA and the auditor's report thereon.
 - (g) We are responsible for understanding and complying with the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major program.
 - (h) We are responsible for establishing and maintaining, and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance for federal programs that provides reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a material effect on our federal programs. We believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended. Also, subsequent to the date of the auditor's report as of which compliance was audited, no changes have occurred in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action we have taken regarding significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance as reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

- (i) We have made available to you all federal awards (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence relevant to federal programs and related activities that have taken place with federal agencies or pass-through entities.
- (j) We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- (k) We have complied, in all material respects, with the direct and material compliance requirements (except for noncompliance disclosed to you), including, when applicable, those set forth in the OMB Compliance Supplement, relating to federal awards and have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and all known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of federal awards, or confirmed that there were no amounts questioned and no known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of federal awards. We also know of no instances of noncompliance occurring subsequent to the end of the period audited.
- (I) We have disclosed to you any communications from federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.
- (m) Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in Uniform Guidance.
- (n) We have disclosed to you our interpretations of compliance requirements that are subject to varying interpretations, if any.
- (o) We have made available to you all documentation related to compliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- (p) We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence with respect to conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period that affect noncompliance during the reporting period.
- (q) Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the basic financial statements have been prepared, and are prepared on a basis consistent with the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- (r) The copies of federal program financial reports provided to you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- (s) We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.
- (t) We are responsible for, and have accurately completed, the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance. The final version of the applicable audit reporting package, which includes your signed auditor's reports, that we will submit to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) will be identical to the final version of such documents that you provided to us.
- (u) We have identified and disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation engagements, internal or external monitoring, and other studies

directly related to the audit objectives of the compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the audit period covered by the compliance audit report to the date of the auditor's report.

- (v) We have disclosed to you all contracts or other agreements with service organizations, and we have disclosed to you all communications from the service organizations relating to noncompliance at the service organizations.
- (w) We are responsible for and have ensured the reporting package does not contain protected personally identifiable information.
- (x) As part of your audit, you assisted with the preparation of the financial statements and related notes and schedule of expenditures of federal awards. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonattest/nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably with senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes and schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- (27) There have been no known or suspected breaches of sensitive information (e.g., personnel files) caused by cyber-attack or other means, or other cybersecurity incidents, where the breach or other incidents could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- (28) In connection with any electronic presentation of the financial statements and your audit report thereon on our web site, we acknowledge that:
 - We are responsible for the preparation, presentation, and content of the financial statements in the electronic format.
 - If your audit report is presented on our web site, the full financial statements upon which you reported and to which you appended your signed report will be presented.
 - We will clearly indicate in the electronic presentation on our web site the financial information that is subject to your audit report. We will clearly differentiate any information that may also be presented by us on or in connection with our web site that was contained in the published version of the financial statements and other supplementary information, but which is not part of the audited financial statements or other financial information covered by your audit report.
 - We have assessed the security over financial statement information and the audit report presented
 on our web site, and are satisfied that procedures in place are adequate to ensure the integrity of
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 the integrity of such information, they should not be relied on. A copy of the printed financial
 statements will be provided on request.

- (29) By executing this document, you represent that St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School is not owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by one or more Russian citizen(s), Russian national(s), persons physically located in Russia or entity(s) organized under the laws of Russia. You agree that if at any time while BDO USA, P.C. ("BDO") is providing services to the School that the foregoing representation is no longer true, you will immediately notify BDO.
- (30) We are aware that Adam Cole is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report.
- (31) By signing below, the authorized signatory represents that he/she has power and authority and has obtained all approvals authorizations and consents necessary to execute this document on behalf of the School for whom the authorized signatory is executing this document.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, no events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the statement of financial position date and through the date of this representation letter, as entered on the first page, that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements or in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Very truly yours,

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ST. HOPE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

AUDIT WRAP UP: YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023





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The following communication was prepared as part of our audit, has consequential limitations, and is intended solely for the information and use of those charged with governance (e.g., Board of Directors and Audit Committee) and, if appropriate, management of the School, and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Welcome

October 26, 2023

To the Audit Committee

St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School

Professional standards require us to communicate with you regarding matters related to the audit, that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. On July 27, 2023 we presented an overview of our plan for the audit of the financial statements of St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 including a summary of our overall objectives for the audit, and the nature, scope, and timing of the planned audit work.

This communication is intended to elaborate on the significant findings from our audit, including our views on the qualitative aspects of the School's accounting practices and policies, management's judgments and estimates, financial statement disclosures, and other required matters.

We are pleased to be of service to the School and look forward to meeting with you to discuss our audit findings, as well as other matters that may be of interest to you, and to answer any questions you might have.

Respectfully,

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Status of Our Audit

We have substantially completed our audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. Our audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. This audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.

- ▶ The objective of our audit was to obtain reasonable not absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.
- ▶ The scope of the work performed was substantially the same as that described to you in our earlier Audit Planning communications.
- ▶ We expect to issue an unmodified opinion on the financial statements and release our report on October 2023.
- ▶ Our responsibility for other information in documents containing the School's audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform procedures to corroborate such other information. However, in accordance with professional standards, we will read the information included by the School and consider whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, is materially inconsistent with its presentation in the financial statements. Our responsibility also includes calling to management's attention any information that we believe is a material misstatement of fact. We have not identified any material inconsistencies or concluded there are any material misstatements of facts in the other information that management has chosen not to correct.
- ▶ All records and information requested by BDO were freely available for our inspection.



Results of the Audit

ACCOUNTING PRACTICES, POLICIES, AND ESTIMATES

The following summarizes the more significant required communications related to our audit concerning the School's accounting practices, policies, and estimates:

The School's significant accounting practices and policies are those included in Note 2 to the financial statements. These accounting practices and policies are appropriate, comply with the applicable financial reporting framework and industry practice, were consistently applied, and are adequately described within Note 2 to the financial statements.

- ▶ A summary of recently issued accounting pronouncements is included in Note 2 to the School's financial statements.
- ▶ In September 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2020-07, Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets (Topic 958). The update requires not-for-profits to present contributed nonfinancial assets as a separate line item on the statement of activities, and to disclose information regarding each type of contributed nonfinancial assets. The update is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. The School adopted this ASU as of July 1, 2021. The adoption of this ASU did not have a material impact on the financial statements.
- ▶ There were no other changes in significant accounting policies and practices during June 30, 2023.

Significant estimates are those that require management's most difficult, subjective, or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain. The School's significant accounting estimates, including a description of management's processes and significant assumptions used in development of the estimates, are disclosed in Note 2 of the financial statements.

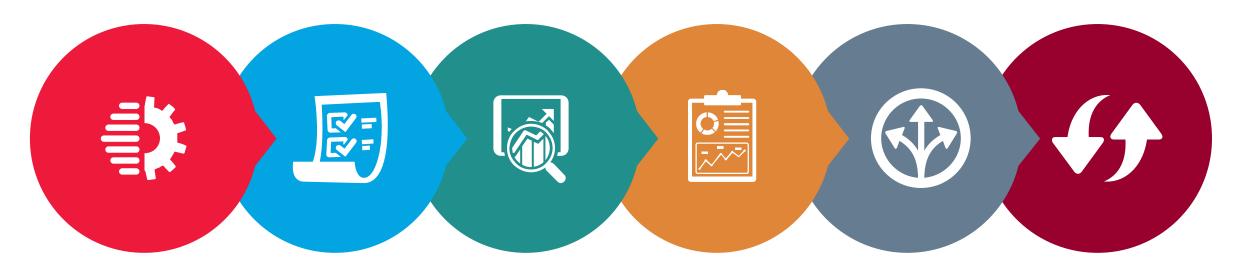
Significant Accounting Estimates Allowances on accounts/contributions receivable Useful Lives of Fixed Assets Allocation of functional expenses Fair value measurements

Management did not make any significant changes to the processes or significant assumptions used to develop the significant accounting estimates in June 30, 2023.

Results of the Audit

QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF THE SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL REPORTING

A discussion will be held regarding the quality of the School's financial reporting, which will include:



Qualitative Aspects of Significant Accounting Policies and Practices Our Conclusions
Regarding Significant
Accounting
Estimates

Significant Unusual Transactions

Financial Statement
Presentation and
Disclosures

New Accounting Pronouncements

Alternative Accounting Treatments

Results of the Audit

CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

There were no corrected misstatements, other than those that were clearly trivial, related to accounts and/or disclosures that we brought to the attention of management.

Please refer to the schedule of Proposed Adjusting Journal Entries (PAJEs) in Appendix A. We concur with management's assessment that the effects of not recording such adjustments are, both individually and in the aggregate, immaterial to the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, considering both qualitative and quantitative factors. None of the proposed adjustments could potentially cause future-period financial statement to be materially misstated.



Highlights: Results of the Audit - Assets

	ASSETS
	2023 2022 Change
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 634,964 \$ 1,204,288 \$ (569,324)
Cash - restricted	75,398 75,390 8
Grants and other receivable	1,383,355 877,474 505,881
Investments	2,811,668 2,739,531 72,137
Prepaid expenses and other assets	224,649 17,627 207,022
Property, plant, & equipment, net	470,897 539,800 (68,903)
	\$ 5,600,931 \$ 5,454,110 \$ 146,821

- ► The decrease in cash value in CY by approximately \$569k is mainly due to the increase in Accounts Receivable, primarily resulting from the inclusion of ARP and ESSER 2 grants receivable. This shift has led to a reduction in the available cash balance.
- ▶ The increase in Accounts Receivable by approximately \$505k is attributed to the inclusion of ARP and ESSER 2 grants receivable. These grants, aimed at addressing specific financial needs in the organization, have contributed to the rise in the outstanding amounts owed to the organization.

Highlights: Results of the Audit - Liabilities and Net Assets

LIABILITIES AND	NE	T ASSETS		
		2023	2022	Change
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	379,918	\$ 215,586	\$ 164,332
Accrued salaries and other payroll related expenses		178,033	280,815	(102,782)
Deferred grant revenue		2,184	21,009	(18,825)
Total Liabilities	\$	560,135	\$ 517,410	\$ 42,725
Net Assets - Without Donor Restrictions				
Undesignated	\$	5,040,796	\$ 4,936,700	104,096
Total Net Assets	\$	5,040,796	\$ 4,936,700	\$ 104,096
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	5,600,931	\$ 5,454,110	\$ 146,821

Highlights: Results of the Audit - Liabilities and Net Assets

NET ASSETS							
		2023		2022		Change	
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$	5,040,796	\$	4,936,700	\$	104,096	
Reconciliation of the Change in Net Assets		2023		2022	_		
Change in Net Assets		104,096		144,131			
Net change (decrease)		(40,035)					
The following represents significant fluctuations in the							
change in net assets between the current and prior year:							
Decrease in revenue and support	\$	(623,514)	Refe	er to page 12	2		
Decrease in expenses		583,479	Refe	er to page 1.	3		
	\$	(40,035)					

Highlights: Results of the Audit - Revenues

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT								
		2023		2022		Change		
State and local per pupil operating revenue	\$	4,962,239	\$	5,735,374	\$	(773,135)		
Government grants and contracts		860,393		1,116,623		(256,230)		
Contributions and other grants		58,235		28,165		30,070		
Investment return, net		72,137		(303,851)		375,988		
Other income		8		215		(207)		
	\$	5,953,012	\$	6,576,526	\$	(623,514)		

▶ The decrease in revenue by \$773k is noted due to decline in student enrollment which resulted in decrease in overall revenue.

FTE BREAKDOWN						
	2023	2022	Change			
Total General Education FTE	226	264	(38)			
Special Education FTE Breakdown						
Less than 20%	2	1	1			
Between 20% and 60%	9	3	6			
More than 60%	47	66	(19)			
	58	70	(12)			

Highlights: Results of the Audit - Expenses

EXPENS	SES				
		2023		2022	Change
Program services:					
General education	S	3,368,399	5	3,604,137	(235,738)
Special education		1,736,458		2,010,938	(274,480)
Total Program services	\$	5,104,857	\$	5,615,075	(510,218)
Supporting services:					
Management and general	\$	744,059	\$	817,320 \$	(73,261)
Total Supporting services	S	744,059	\$	817,320 \$	(73,261)
Total Expenses	\$	5,848,916	\$	6,432,395 \$	(583,479)

[▶] The decrease in program services is mainly due to decrease in number of students and reduction in payroll expense.

Highlights: Results of the Audit - Expenses (continued)

	2023	2022	Change
Program services expense	\$ 5,104,857 \$	5,615,075	\$ (510,218)
Management and general	744,059	817,320	(73,261)
Total FTE of Gen Ed Scholars	226	264	(38)
Program services expense per Scholar	22,588	21,269	1,319
General and administrative per Scholar	3,292	3,096	196
	\$ 25,880 \$	24,365	\$ 1,515

	2023	2022	(Change
Significant Expense Fluctuations				
Instructional personnel	\$ 2,589,213	\$ 3,324,335	\$	(735,122)

[▶] Payroll decreased because a few positions from FY22 remained unfilled and several terminations during FY23 were either late replacing or remained open as well.

Highlights: Results of the Audit - Expenses (continued)

							Sι	pporting		
		Program Services						Services		
								Total		
		General Special				Management				
	E	ducation	E	ducation		Total	and	d General	Tot	al Expenses
June 30, 2023	\$	3,368,399	\$	1,736,458	\$	5,104,857	\$	744,059	\$	5,848,916
June 30, 2022		3,604,137		2,010,938		5,615,075		817,320		6,432,395
Increase (\$)	\$	(235,738)	\$	(274,480)	\$	(510,218)	\$	(73,261)	\$	(583,479)

				Supporting	
	ı	Program Services		Services	
				Total	•
	General	Special		Management	
	Education	Education	Total	and General	Total Expenses
June 30, 2023	58%	30%	87%	13%	100%
June 30, 2022	56%	31%	87%	13%	100%
Increase / (Decrease) (%)	2%	-1%	0%	0%	•

[▶] The decrease in overall expenses is directly related to reduction in payroll expense.

Highlights: Results of the Single Audit

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS						
	FEDERAL	PASS-THROUGH				
	ASSISTANCE	ENTITY				TOTAL
FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH	LISTING	IDENTIFYING	PROVIDE	D TO	F	EDERAL
GRANTOR/PROGRAM OR CLUSTER TITLE	NUMBER	NUMBER	SUBRECIP	IENTS	EXPENDITURES	
U.S. Department of Education:						
Passed through the New York State Education Department:						
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies						
(Title I Part A of the ESEA)	84.010	Not Applicable	\$	-	\$	139,176
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	Not Applicable		-		11,028
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	Not Applicable		-		12,066
Special Education Cluster (IDEA), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	84.027	Not Applicable		-		87,220
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 -						
Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (CRRSA EANS)	84.425R	Not Applicable		-		108,596
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency						
Relief (ARP ESSER)	84.425U	Not Applicable		-		476,414
Total U.S. Department of Education						834,500
Total Expenditures of Endoral Awards						
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			S	-	\$	834,500

Highlights: Results of the Single Audit

- ▶ For FY 2023, the School had applicable federal expenditures amounting to \$834,500. This amount was greater than the \$750,000 established dollar threshold and therefore subject to Single Audit under Uniform Guidance.
- ▶ Due to the School not being subject to Single audit in the past two audit periods, the School does not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

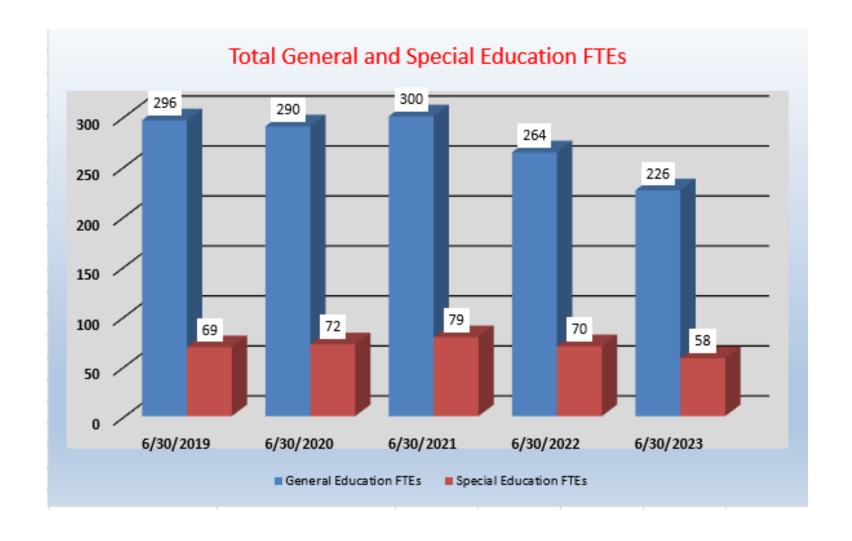
IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS			
Assistance Listing			
Numbers	Name of Federal Program or Cluster		
84.425R	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 - Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (CRRSA EANS)		
84.425U	American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER)		

▶ Based on our evaluations of federal programs included in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA). The major programs audited in FY 2023 were the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 - Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (CRRSA EANS), and the American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER).

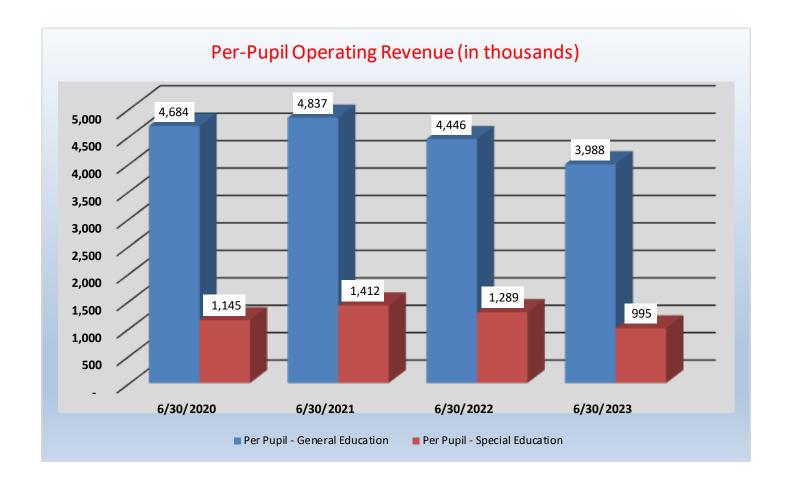
Highlights: Results of the Single Audit

SUMMARY OF AUDITORS RESULTS ON FEDERAL AWARDS					
Internal control over major programs: Material weakness(es) identified? Significant deficiency(ies) identified?		Yes Yes	✓	No None reported	
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:		Unmodifie	d		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reporting in accordance with 2 CFR 20.516(a)?		Yes		No	

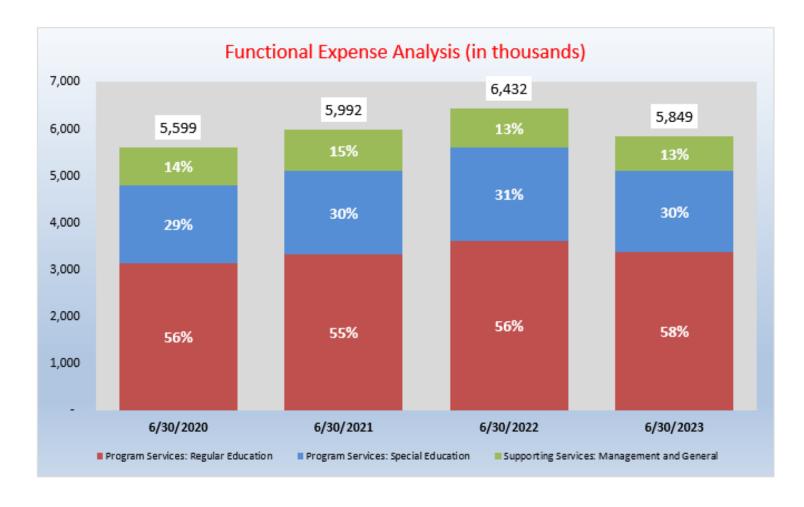
Historical Trends

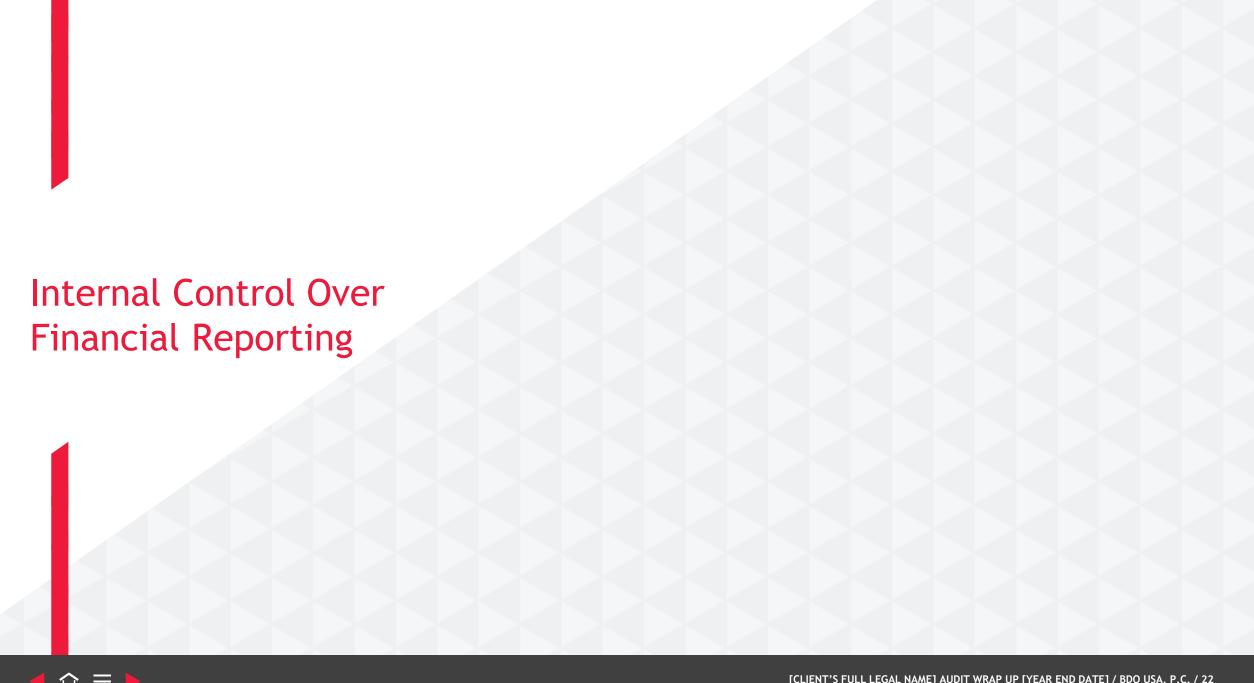


Historical Trends



Historical Trends







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 our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control.

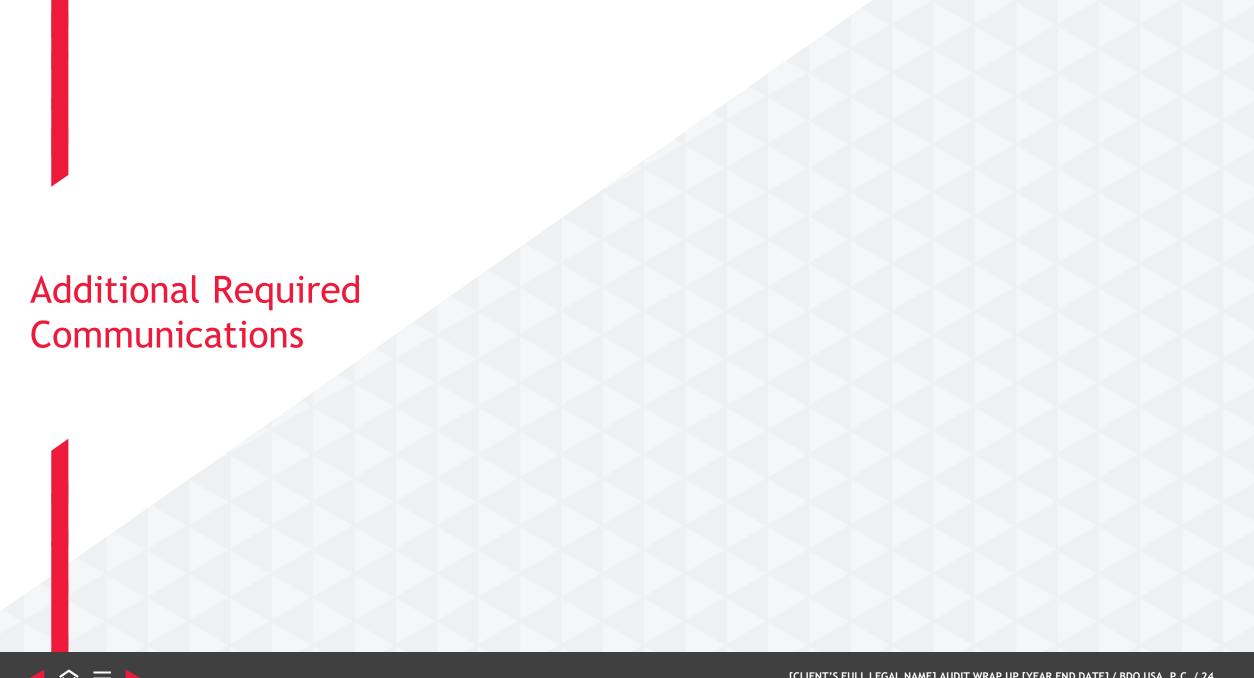
Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

We are required to communicate, in writing, to those charged with governance all material weaknesses and significant deficiencies that have been identified in the School's internal control over financial reporting. The definitions of control deficiency, significant deficiency and material weakness follow:

Category	Definition
Control Deficiency	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.
Significant Deficiency	A deficiency or 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.
Material Weakness	A deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the School's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

In conjunction with our audit of the financial statements, we noted no material weaknesses.





Other Required Communications

Following is a summary of other required items, along with specific discussion points as they pertain to the School:

Requirement	Discussion Point
Significant changes to planned audit strategy or significant risks initially identified	There were no significant changes to the planned audit strategy or significant risks initially identified and previously communicated to those charged with governance as part of our Audit Planning communications.
Obtain information from those charged with governance relevant to the audit	There were no matters noted relevant to the audit, including, but not limited to: violations or possible violations of laws or regulations; risks of material misstatement, including fraud risks; or tips or complaints regarding the School's financial reporting that we were made aware of as a result of our inquiry of those charged with governance.
Nature and extent of specialized skills or knowledge needed related to significant risks	There were no specialized skills or knowledge needed, outside of the core engagement team, to perform the planned audit procedures or evaluate audit results related to significant risks.
Consultations with other accountants	We are not aware of any consultations about accounting or auditing matters between management and other independent public accountants. Nor are we aware of opinions obtained by management from other independent public accountants on the application of requirements of an applicable financial reporting framework.
Significant findings and issues arising during the audit in connection with the School's related parties	We have evaluated whether the identified related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately identified, accounted for, and disclosed and whether the effects of the related party relationships and transactions, based on the audit evidence obtained, prevent the financial statements from achieving fair presentation.

Other Required Communications

Following is a summary of other required items, along with specific discussion points as they pertain to the School:

Requirement	Discussion Point
Disagreements with management	There were no disagreements with management about matters, whether or not satisfactorily resolved, that individually or in aggregate could be significant to the School's financial statements or to our auditor's report.
Significant difficulties encountered during the audit	There were no significant difficulties encountered during the audit.
Matters that are difficult or contentious for which the auditor consulted outside the engagement team	There were no difficult or contentious matters that we consulted with others outside the engagement team that we reasonably determined to be relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process.
If applicable, other matters significant to the oversight of the School's financial reporting process, including complaints or concerns regarding accounting or auditing matters	There are no other matters that we consider significant to the oversight of the School's financial reporting process that have not been previously communicated.
Representations requested from management	Please refer to the management representation letter.

Independence

Our engagement letter to you dated May 8, 2023 describes our responsibilities in accordance with professional standards and certain regulatory authorities with regard to independence and the performance of our services. This letter also stipulates the responsibilities of the School with respect to independence as agreed to by the School. Please refer to that letter for further information.



Audit Firm System of Quality Management

An audit firm's system of quality control (aka system of quality management) is essential to how the firm conducts audits and is in place to protect donors, stakeholders and other users of financial statements.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

In June 2022, the AICPA Auditing Standards Board (ASB) issued the following interrelated standards on audit quality management (collectively, the QM standards), which are designed to improve a CPA firm's risk assessment and audit quality. The effective date of the QM standards is December 15, 2025.

Statement on Quality Management	Statement on Quality Management	Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS)
Standards (SQMS) No. 1	Standards (SQMS) No. 2	No. 146
A Firm's System of Quality Managemen	Engagement Quality Reviews	Quality Management for an Engagement
		Conducted in Accordance With Generally
		Accepted Auditing Standards

BDO has assessed the requirements of the QM standards and has analyzed our firm's current system of quality management to identify changes and improvements necessary for compliance. This includes the identification of quality objectives, quality risks and the assessment of those quality risks, and responses to address those risks. We are further working with BDO Global to appropriately integrate processes deployed at a global level into our firm's system of quality management.



We will continue to provide you with updates on our progress. Currently, you may find discussion of BDO's system of quality control within our annual <u>Audit Quality Reports</u>, the most recent of which is accessible here.

Peer Review Report

PEER REVIEWS

As a member of the AICPA, we are subject to triennial external peer reviews of the portion of our auditing practice applicable to non-SEC issuers.

Our 2021 peer review concluded that the system of quality for the firm's accounting and auditing practice applicable to non-SEC issuers was suitably designed, and the firm had complied with its own quality guidelines.

The peer review also concluded the system provided the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiency(ies), or fail.

Our firm received a rating of pass.



Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

November 22, 2021

To the Partners of BDO USA, LLP and the National Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of BDO USA, LLP (the firm) applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection in effect for the year ended March 31, 2021. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.grafprsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under Government Auditing Standards, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act, audits of employee benefit plans, an audit performed under FDICIA, an audit of a broker-dealer, and examinations of service organizations (SOC 1 and SOC 2 engagements).

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinior

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of BDO USA, LLP applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection in effect for the year ended March 31, 2021, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiency(ses) or fail. BDO USA, LLP has received a peer review rating of pass.

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National Peer Review Committee

December 09, 2021

Wayne Berson BDO USA, LLP 12505 Park Potomac Ave Ste 700 Potomac, MD 20854-6801

Dear Wayne Berson:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on December 09, 2021, the National Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is September 30, 2024. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Michael Wagner Chair, National PRC

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Appendix A - Schedule of Proposed Adjusting Journal Entries Report

PROPOSED ADJUSTED JOURNAL ENTRIES REPORT

Item #	Account Name and Adjustment Description		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
1	Proposed and unrecorded adjustment to record the in-kind revenue and rent expense for the fair value of donated space received from the NYCDOE.			
	In-Kind Rent - Donated Space	s	189,200	
	In-Kind Revenue - Donated Space			\$ 189,200

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St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2023	Year	ended	June	30.	2023
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Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listir Number	Pass-Through ng Entity Identifying Number	Providec Subrecipie		 al Federal penditures
U.S. Department of Education Passed through the New York State Education Department:					
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies (Title I, Part A of the ESEA)	84.010	Not Applicable	\$	-	\$ 139,176
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	Not Applicable		-	11,028
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program Special Education Cluster (IDEA):	84.424	Not Applicable		-	12,066
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B) Coronavirus Response and Relief	84.027	Not Applicable		-	87,220
Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 - Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (CRRSA EANS) American Rescue Plan - Elementary	84.425R	Not Applicable		-	108,596
and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER)	84.425U	Not Applicable		-	476,414
Total U.S. Department of Education				-	834,500
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$	-	\$ 834,500

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the School, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the School.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following cost principals contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

3. Indirect Cost Rate

The School has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect costs rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Board of Trustees St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School New York, New York

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School (the "School") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the School's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The School's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the School complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the School's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the School's compliance based on our audit. 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, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the School's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 School's compliance with the compliance
 requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered
 necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the School's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit
 in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and
 report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not
 for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control
 over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.



Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

October 27, 2023

BOOUSA, P.C.

St. Hope Leadership Academy Charter School

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section 1. Summary of Auditor's Results			
Financial Statements			
Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP: Internal control over financial reporting:	ı	Jnmodified	
Material weakness(es) identified?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	
 Significant deficiency(ies) identified? 	☐ Yes	⊠ None rep	orted
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	or tea
Federal Awards		<u> </u>	
Internal control over major federal programs:			
 Material weakness(es) identified? 	☐ Yes	⊠ No	
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Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	☐ Yes	None rep	ortea
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:	ı	Jnmodified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	
Identification of major federal programs:			
Assistance Listing Number	Name o	f Federal Progra or Cluster	m
84.425R 84.425U	Supplement 2021 - Eme Non-Public Americ Elementary	s Response and I al Appropriation orgency Assistant Schools (CRRSA can Rescue Plan and Secondary S y Relief (ARP ES	ns Act, ce for EANS) - School
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:		\$750,000	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	
Section 2. Financial Statement Findings There were no findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported, in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.			

Section 3. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings and questioned costs for federal awards (as defined in 2 CFR 200.516(a)) that are required to be reported.

Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Former Trustee

Tr	ustee Name:
_	ANKUR DAUAC
Na	ame of Charter School Education Corporation:
	ST HOPE LEADERSHIP ALADEMY
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g., chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary, parent representative, etc.).
	PRESIDENT
2.	Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person employed by the school and/or education corporation?
	Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and the person's position, job description, and other responsibilities with the school.
3.	Are you related by blood, or marriage, or legal adoption/guardianship to any student currently enrolled in a school operated by the education corporation?
	Yes No
	If Yes , please describe the nature of your relationship and if the student could benefit from your participation.

4.	Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person that could otherwise benefit from your participation as a board member of the education corporation?
	Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and if this person could benefit from your participation.
5.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities?
	If Yes , please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.

6. Identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you, any of your immediate family members, and/or any persons who you reside with have held or engaged in with the charter school(s) operated by the education corporation during the time you have served on the Board, and in the six months prior to such service. If there has been no such interest or transaction, check None.



Date(s)	Nature of financial interest / transaction	Steps taken to avoid a conflict of interest, (e.g., did not vote, did not participate in discussion)	Name of person holding interest or engaging in transaction and relationship to you

7. Identify each individual, business, corporation, union association, firm, partnership, franchise holding company, joint-stock company, business or real estate trust, non-profit organization, or other organization or group of people doing business with the school(s) operated by the education corporation and in which such entity, during the time of your tenure as a trustee, you and/or your immediate family member(s) or person(s) you reside with had a financial interest or other relationship. If you are a member, director, officer, or employee of an organization formally partnered with and/or doing business with the school(s) through a management or services agreement, please identify only the name of the organization, your position in the organization, and the relationship between such organization and the school(s). If there was no financial interest, check **None**.



Organization conducting business with the school(s)	Nature of business conducted	Approximate value of the business conducted	Name of Trustee and/or immediate family member of household holding an interest in the organization conducting business with the school(s) and the nature of the interest	Steps taken to avoid conflict of interest

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6/22/23
Signature Date

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Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Former Trustee

Tr	ustee Name:
	JENNIFET BRYNDSO NG
Na	ame of Charter School Education Corporation:
	St. Hope Leadership Academy
	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g., chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary, parent representative, etc.). ACCONTAINING COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATOR COMMITTEE MEMBER
2.	Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person employed by the school and/or education corporation? Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and the person's position, job description, and other responsibilities with the school.
3.	Are you related by blood, or marriage, or legal adoption/guardianship to any student currently enrolled in a school operated by the education corporation? Tyes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and if the student could benefit from your participation.

4.	Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person that could otherwise benefit from your participation as a board member of the education corporation? Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and if this person could benefit from your participation.
5.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities? Yes No If Yes, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.

6. Identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you, any of your immediate family members, and/or any persons who you reside with have held or engaged in with the charter school(s) operated by the education corporation during the time you have served on the Board, and in the six months prior to such service. If there has been no such interest or transaction, check **None**.

X	None
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7. Identify each individual, business, corporation, union association, firm, partnership, franchise holding company, joint-stock company, business or real estate trust, non-profit organization, or other organization or group of people doing business with the school(s) operated by the education corporation and-in which such entity, during the time of your tenure as a trustee, you and/or your immediate family member(s) or person(s) you reside with had a financial interest or other relationship. If you are a member, director, officer, or employee of an organization formally partnered with and/or doing business with the school(s) through a management or services agreement, please identify only the name of the organization, your position in the organization, and the relationship between such organization and the school(s). If there was no financial interest, check **None**.



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Date

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Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Former Trustee **Trustee Name:** Caitlin Robisch Name of Charter School Education Corporation: St. HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School 1. List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g., chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary, parent representative, etc.). Board member, e.g. Trustee 2. Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person employed by the school and/or education corporation? If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and the person's position, job description, and other responsibilities with the school. 3. Are you related by blood, or marriage, or legal adoption/guardianship to any student currently enrolled in a school operated by the education corporation?

If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and if the

student could benefit from your participation.

4.	Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person that could otherwise benefit from your participation as a board member of the education corporation?
	Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and if this person could benefit from your participation.
5.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities?
	Yes No
	If Yes , please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.

6. Identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you, any of your immediate family members, and/or any persons who you reside with have held or engaged in with the charter school(s) operated by the education corporation during the time you have served on the Board, and in the six months prior to such service. If there has been no such interest or transaction, check **None**.

✓ None

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7. Identify each individual, business, corporation, union association, firm, partnership, franchise holding company, joint-stock company, business or real estate trust, non-profit organization, or other organization or group of people doing business with the school(s) operated by the education corporation and in which such entity, during the time of your tenure as a trustee, you and/or your immediate family member(s) or person(s) you reside with had a financial interest or other relationship. If you are a member, director, officer, or employee of an organization formally partnered with and/or doing business with the school(s) through a management or services agreement, please identify only the name of the organization, your position in the organization, and the relationship between such organization and the school(s). If there was no financial interest, check **None**.

✓ None

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Business Telephone:

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07/18/2023

Date

Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Former Trustee

Tr	Trustee Name:					
	Elizabeth Pernick					
						
Na	ame of Charter School Education Corporation:					
St	HOPE Leadership Academy Charter School					
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g., chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary, parent representative, etc.). Board member					
2.	Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person employed by the school and/or education corporation? Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and the person's position, job description, and other responsibilities with the school.					
3.	student currently enrolled in a school operated by the education corporation?					
	Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and if the student could benefit from your participation					

4.	Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person that could otherwise benefit from your participation as a board member of the education corporation?
	Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and if this person could benefit from your participation.
5.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school,
	education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities?
	Yes V No
	If Yes , please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.

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✓ None

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Signature

7/19/2023

Date

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Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Former Trustee

Tr	Trustee Name: Name of Charter School Education Corporation:				
Na					
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g., chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary, parent representative, etc.).				
2.	Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person employed by the school and/or education corporation? Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and the person's position, job description, and other responsibilities with the school.				
3.	Are you related by blood, or marriage, or legal adoption/guardianship to any student currently enrolled in a school operated by the education corporation? Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and if the student could benefit from your participation.				

4. Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person that could otherwise benefit from your participation as a board member of the education corporation?

Yes No

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Yes No

If **Yes**, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.

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6. Identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you, any of your immediate family members, and/or any persons who you reside with have held or engaged in with the charter school(s) operated by the education corporation during the time you have served on the Board, and in the six months prior to such service. If there has been no such interest or transaction, check **None**.

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Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Former Trustee

Tr	Trustee Name: Name of Charter School Education Corporation:			
Na				
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2.	Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person employed by the school and/or education corporation? Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and the person's position, job description, and other responsibilities with the school.			
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Yes No

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Signature	Date	
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Home Telephone:		
E-mail Address:		
Business Address:		
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Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Former Trustee

Tr	ustee Name:
N	Laureen Higgins Piotravicz
Na	ıme of Charter School Education Corporation:
S	+. Hope leadership Academy
	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g., chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary, parent representative, etc.).
	Treasurer
	Accountability Committee Chair
2.	Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person employed by the school and/or education corporation?
	Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and the person's position, job description, and other responsibilities with the school.
3.	Are you related by blood, or marriage, or legal adoption/guardianship to any student currently enrolled in a school operated by the education corporation?
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None

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Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Former Trustee

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	Yes No
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Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Proposed Board of Trustees Member

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2.	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation? Yes X_No If Yes, for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.			
3.	Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person employed by the school? No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and how this person could benefit from your participation.			
4.	Are you related, by blood, marriage, or legal adoption/guardianship, to any student currently enrolled in the school? No If Yes , please describe the nature of your relationship and how this person could benefit from your participation.			

5. Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person that could otherwise benefit from your participation as a board member of this school? **No**

If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and how this person could benefit from your participation.

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If **Yes**, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.

7. Identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you or any of your immediate family members or any persons who live with you in your house have held or engaged in with the charter school(s) operated by the education corporation during the time you have served on the Board, and in the six-month period prior to such service. If there has been no such interest or transaction, write None. Please note that if you answered Yes to Questions 2-3 above, you need not disclose again your employment status, salary, etc.

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Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Former Trustee

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Lindsey Moschet
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Are you related, by blood or marriage, to any person employed by the school and/or education corporation? Yes No If Yes, please describe the nature of your relationship and the person's position, job description, and other responsibilities with the school.
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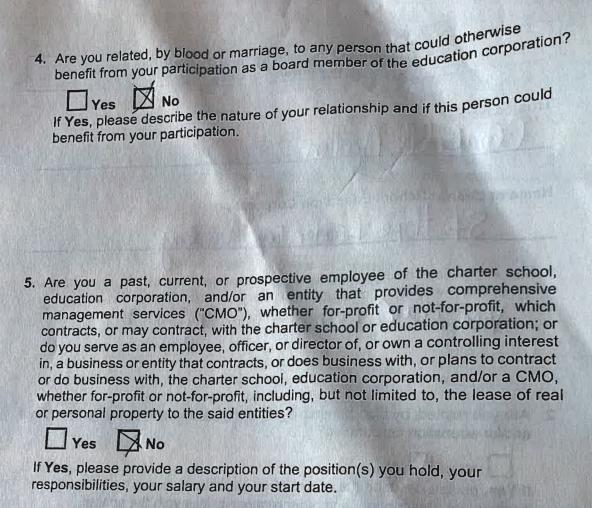
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Elizabeth Phillips (Secretary)
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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

July 14, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Meeting Conducted at 222 West 134th Street New York, NY 10030

And Virtually

Welcome

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon Absent (Excused)
Ankur Dalal Absent (Excused)
Maureen Higgins Present (Virtual)

Kristopher John Present

Salone Kapur Absent (Excused)

Lindsey Moschet Present

Jennifer Ng Present (Virtual) Bianca Peart Present (Virtual)

Elizabeth Phillips Present

Caitlin Robisch Absent (Excused)

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal; Katie Embree, Prospective Board Member; Jimmy Vora, BDO (auditors). The meeting took place in person, with some board members present via teleconference. The meeting was recorded.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the June 23, 2022 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee

- Ms. Persenaire introduced Katie Embree, who is a prospective board member (candidate). Ms. Embree shared her background and shared her impressions from the SHLA student tour. The next step in the process will be to vote on adding Ms. Embree to the Board at the August board meeting.
- Ms. Moschet is officially a voting board member.
- o Ms. Persenaire reminded the board that Annual Report Financial Disclosures are due tomorrow.

• Finance Committee

 Mr. Vora discussed the upcoming SHLA audit. Preliminary work is underway and fieldwork will commence in August; he plans to have a draft to the Board by early September. Ms. Persenaire provided an update on enrollment and recruitment. The current projection is 62 sixth graders, 90 seventh graders, and 84 eighth graders, for a total projected enrollment of 236. These are projections based on both fully enrolled students and students who have accepted and are pending enrollment. There are also 37 waitlisted students, all of which are eighth graders. SHLA is budgeted for 275; to address the current gap of 39, there will be two more recruitment mailings. SHLA is also using a grass roots campaign to reach additional prospective students. If SHLA accepted eighth graders off the waitlist, they would move to four cohorts (rather than three); Ms. Persenaire noted that SHLA has not accepted any new eighth graders over the last three years. The board and Ms. Persenaire further discussed recruitment strategy.

Accountability Committee

- Ms. Higgins discussed the Board's consideration of a new Engagement Committee, which was discussed during executive session at the June meeting. The idea for a committee stemmed from faculty and staff interest in having the Board become more engaged in the SHLA community. Ms. Persenaire noted that the committee could have a role in the scholarship applications, attend honor roll dinners and parent-teacher conferences, and attend graduation, among other things. Board members expressed interest in forming an Engagement Committee. Ms. Persenaire will explore next steps for forming the committee and will follow up at the August board meeting.
- OMs. Persenaire reported on the 2021-2022 MAP and interim data. She noted that eighth graders met the ELA growth target and exceeded the math growth target. Seventh graders exceeded growth for both ELA and math, and noted that the percentage below the 20th percentile reduced for both ELA and math. Sixth graders exceeded target growth for both ELA and math; Ms. Persenaire noted minimal movement of scholars below the 20th percentile and at or above the 50th percentile, and explained that this may have been impacted by enrollment of new students throughout the school year (including a number of ELLs). Ms. Persenaire also discussed breakout data for students with IEPs and for ELLs; for example, ELLs experienced meaningful growth across all grades. Ms. Persenaire also discussed results in the context of remote learning and learning loss associated with the pandemic, and plans to further examine the data to evaluate how remote learning impacted the results. She also noted how the scores impact planning for the next year, including SHLA's plan to introduce iReady for math instruction.
- Ms. Persenaire presented the 2021-2022 dashboard. She discussed that SHLA ended the year with enrollment of 258, and noted attendance rates for the last school year as well as a goal of 95% for the next year.

Principal Update

Ms. Persenaire shared a chart showing COVID-19 test volume by month, noting that SHLA had <1%
positivity rate over the course of the year. The Board also noted the relationship between positivity rates
and attendance rates.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

I, Elizabeth Phillips, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting interim Secretary of St. HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on July 14, 2022 at which quorum was present throughout. (July 14, 2022)

Board of Trustees

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Ankur Dalal (President)
Katie Embree
Maureen Higgins (Treasurer)
Mirlande Joachim
Kristopher John
Salone Kapur
Lindsey Moschet
Jennifer Ng
Elizabeth Pernick (Secretary)



St HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

June 22, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm Meeting Conducted In-Person and Virtually

Welcome

Call to Order

Ankur Dalal Present

Katie Embree Absent (Excused)
Gabrielle Apollon Present (Virtual)

Maureen Higgins Present
Mirlande Joachim Present
Kristopher John Present

Salone Kapur Present (Virtual)

Jennifer Ng Present

Lindsey Moschet Present (Virtual) Elizabeth Pernick Present (Virtual)

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal; and Raisa Schwanbeck, NYCDOE Charter School Office. The meeting took place at SHLA and via teleconference, and was recorded.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the May 25, 2023 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee

- Ms. Persenaire informed the Board that Mirlande Joachim's Board candidacy was approved by the school's authorizer. Ms. Joachim is now a full member of the Board with all voting privileges.
- 2023-2024 Board Membership: The Board voted unanimously to re-elect Salone Kapur and Kristopher John to the Board for a full three-year term.
- 2023-2024 Slate of Officers: The Board unanimously approved the slate of officers for the 2023-2024 year: Ankur Dalal (President), Gabrielle Apollon (Vice President), Maureen Higgins (Treasurer), and Salone Kapur (Secretary). The Board unanimously approved the proposed committee membership, with two changes Ms. Joachim on the Nominating Committee and the Accountability Committee and Ms. Kapur on the Executive Committee.
- 2023-2024 Board Calendar: The Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2023-2024 Board meeting calendar.

 Annual Report Financial Disclosures: Ms. Persenaire informed the Board that financial disclosures are due July 20, 2023.

Finance Committee

- May Finance Report: Ms. Persenaire presented the May finance report, noting current projected surplus and enrollment, as well as other line items.
- 2023-2024 Budget Approval: Ms. Persenaire noted changes to the proposed budget relative to the version discussed at the May Board meeting. Following questions and discussion by the Board, the Board unanimously approved to adopt the proposed 2023-2024 budget as presented.
- Recruitment and Enrollment: Ms. Persenaire discussed enrollment, which did not dip below 220 this year, which was the goal.

Accountability Committee

- Accountability of Principal: Ms. Higgins discussed the Board's review of Ms. Persenaire's performance. The committee felt confident that test scores are moving in the right direction, and noted that SHLA leadership is working to improve enrollment for the next year. She discussed areas of focus for next year, including teacher morale and student social-emotional growth. Committee members discussed themes from conversations with staff members.
- o Dashboard: Ms. Persenaire discussed the dashboard, noting enrollment, attendance, and other items.

Principal Update

o Ms. Persenaire recognized Ankur Dalal and Maureen Higgins for 10 years of service on the SHLA Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm, and the Board entered Executive Session.

I, Elizabeth Pernick, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of St HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on June 22, 2023 at which quorum was present throughout. (June 22, 2023)

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St HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

May 25, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm Meeting Conducted Virtually

Welcome

Call to Order

Ankur Dalal Absent (Excused)

Katie Embree Present
Gabrielle Apollon Present
Maureen Higgins Present
Kristopher John Present
Salone Kapur Present

Jennifer Ng Absent (Excused) Lindsey Moschet Absent (Excused)

Elizabeth Pernick Present

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal and Mirlande Joachim, Board candidate. The meeting took place via teleconference and was recorded.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the April 27, 2023 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee

At the April meeting the Board met with Ms. Joachim in person and engaged in a question and answer session regarding her Board candidacy. The Board and Ms. Joachim were given a final opportunity to discuss her candidacy at this meeting. With no further questions, Ms. Apollon presented the candidacy of Mirlande Joachim to the Board. Ms. Joachim was unanimously elected to the Board, subject to approval by school's authorizer.

Finance Committee

Update from the Finance Committee: The Committee met this month to review the retirement account provider, Wells Fargo and the custodian, Empower. Every three years the Board reviews the retirement plan. A questionnaire was developed by the Committee to help measure provider efficacy which Ms. Lee, Business Manager, will share with our current provider and two other potential providers. These three providers will then be invited to the July meeting to present to the Board.

- ARP Funds Review: As shared in the April meeting, \$318,072 in unspent ARP funds has been reallocated from the current fiscal year's budget to the 23-24 budget. The Board discussed in greater depth what the funds will be used for in the upcoming fiscal year including a continued focus on closing the pandemic learning gap and supporting our special populations post-pandemic. With these funds moved, the projected 2022-23 surplus equals approximately \$203K.
- O 23-24 Proposed Budget: Ms. Persenaire thoroughly presented the draft budget, highlighting specific accounts to show where the \$318,072 ARP funds were allocated or where accounts were adjusted to better fit the expected needs based on this years' experience and anticipated changes. The budget is based on an enrollment of 250 which is an increase of 25 over our current enrollment but is 50 scholars shy of our chartered enrollment. NYC is still experiencing an exodus of families so it is important to plan for another challenging year. The budget reflects these challenges, including an increase to the student recruitment line. Budget projects a surplus of approximately \$140K.
- Recruitment and Enrollment: The school is ahead of last year with 229 applications received, 61 in progress
 and several accepted but the numbers are not what they were four years ago. Staff are reaching out to those
 in process and offered seats but not yet accepted.

Accountability Committee

- Principal Evaluation: Maureen Higgins as Chair of the Accountability Committee will run the evaluation which includes a review of the Principal's reflection on goals, speaking to staff members and meeting with the accountability committee. The Committee will present to the Board at the June meeting.
- 23-24 Board Committee Membership: Elizabeth Pernick will step down as Secretary and Board members are encouraged to express their interest in the role. The Board reviewed current committee membership with Trustees reminded that committee membership for 2023-24 is determined at the annual meeting in June.
- 23-24 Calendar Draft: The only suggested change to the proposed calendar was to change December 21 to December 14. It will be voted on in the June meeting.
- O April Dashboard: Enrollment is at 221 which is two less than last month. Both student's families moved out of NYC. There are continued challenges around scholar attendance with April numbers impacted by current state policy around immunizations. Scholars are no longer allowed any exemptions, including for religious reasons, and scholars who are not fully in compliance cannot attend school. School staff are working diligently with families and immunizations are slowly coming in. The suspension numbers reflect the challenges schools are experiencing nationwide as scholars re-learn how to be in school together. Current numbers look very similar to 2016-17 numbers when the school was first transitioning to restorative practices. Ms. Persenaire is confident that numbers will decrease again next year.

Principal Update

22-23 College Trips - Ms. Persenaire shared that scholars were able to visit Binghamton, where a 2022
 Harlem Scholarship recipient hosted the visit, as well as Lincoln, Princeton, and Delaware State.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

I, Katie Embree, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting interim Secretary of St HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on May 25, 2023 at which quorum was present throughout. (May 30, 2023)

Gabrielle Apollon (Vice President)
Ankur Dalal (President)
Maureen Higgins (Treasurer)
Kristopher John
Salone Kapur
Lindsey Moschet
Jennifer Ng
Bianca Peart
Elizabeth Phillips (Secretary)
Caitlin Robisch



St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

August 18, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Meeting Conducted at 222 West 134th Street New York, NY 10030

And Virtually

Welcome

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon Absent (Excused)

Ankur Dalal Present

Present (Virtual) Maureen Higgins Kristopher John Absent (Excused) Absent (Excused) Salone Kapur Lindsey Moschet Present (Virtual) Jennifer Ng Present (Virtual) Bianca Peart Present (Virtual) Elizabeth Phillips Present (Virtual) Caitlin Robisch Absent (Excused)

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal. The meeting took place in person, with some board members present via teleconference. The meeting was recorded.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the July 14, 2022 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee

- Prospective Board member Katie Embree will join for the September meeting.
- Ms. Persenaire discussed steps to form an Engagement committee or group. Forming a group, rather than a committee that would make recommendations to the board, would not require a change to the bylaws. The goal of the group would be to give board members an opportunity to attend SHLA events and interact with staff and the community. At the September meeting, the Board will designate three Board members to be a part of the Engagement Group.

Finance Committee

 Ms. Persenaire presented the June Finance Report. SHLA's final cash income was \$292,000. The Board asked questions regarding the reconciled report.

- Ms. Persenaire discussed the Scholarship Account, which has seen losses over the last year; this will
 impact the surplus. Mr. Dalal noted that the investments are approximately 80% bonds and 20% stocks, but
 that the bond market also took a hit this year.
- Ms. Persenaire provided an update on recruitment and enrollment. At present, there are 56 students fully enrolled and 1 pending for 6th grade; 79 fully enrolled and 3 pending for 7th grade; and 90 fully enrolled and 1 pending for 8th grade. The projected total enrollment is 230, which does not take into account students who might be leaving. The enrollment target was 275. At the end of the meeting, the Board will enter executive session to discuss impacts on the budget. SHLA is receiving more interest from prospective 8th graders; SHLA is contemplating opening a fourth section of 8th grade. Ms. Persenaire discussed how SHLA is establishing relationships with 8-10 feeder schools to support 6th grade enrollment for next year. Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to allow the leadership team to restructure the number of sections per grade in order to drive greater enrollment.

- The Board discussed the proposed 2022-23 dashboard, including the ability to split out 8th grade performance by new versus returning students. The Board reviewed and voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2022-23 with the proposed change to the presentation of 8th grade performance.
- The Board reviewed the 2022-23 District-Wide Safety Plan, and Ms. Persenaire discussed an addition to the plan to include a silent alarm. Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the plan, subject to public comment.
- Ms. Persenaire presented the proposed professional development calendar for the 2022-2023 year.
 Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the proposed calendar.

Principal Update

Ms. Persenaire reported on the 5-week Summer Boost program, which just concluded. In addition to the
academic learning, the program allowed an opportunity for students to continue social and emotional
growth through in-person learning. There were 70 students enrolled, with average attendance of 61.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm. The Board entered executive session to discuss the budget.

I, Elizabeth Phillips, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting interim Secretary of St. HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on August 18, 2022 at which quorum was present throughout. (August 18, 2022)

Gabrielle Apollon (Vice President)
Ankur Dalal (President)
Maureen Higgins (Treasurer)
Kristopher John
Salone Kapur
Lindsey Moschet
Jennifer Ng
Bianca Peart
Elizabeth Phillips (Secretary)



St HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

September 22, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Meeting Conducted at 222 West 134th Street New York, NY 10030

And Virtually

Welcome

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon Absent (Excused)
Ankur Dalal Present (Virtual)
Maureen Higgins Absent (Excused)

Kristopher John Present

Salone Kapur Present (Virtual)
Lindsey Moschet Absent (Excused)

Jennifer Ng Present

Bianca Peart Present (Virtual)
Elizabeth Phillips Absent (Excused)

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal. The meeting took place in person, with some board members present via teleconference. The meeting was recorded.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the August 18, 2022 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee

- The candidacy of Katie Embree was presented to the Board. Ms. Embree was unanimously elected to the Board, subject to approval by school's authorizer.
- Ms. Persenaire reviewed the prior Board discussion regarding creating an Engagement Group which would consist of three rotating Board members with each member attending at least one student-centered school event over the course of an academic year. The following Board members will be part of the 2022-23 Engagement Group: Jennifer Ng, Ankur Dalal, and Salone Kapur.

Finance Committee

- Ms. Persenaire shared that our Title applications were submitted and approved and noted that the required collaboration and consultation meeting occurred.
- Ms. Persenaire provided an update on recruitment and enrollment. She shared that the school is pursuing the possibility of bus stop and bus ads and is re-engaging with North Star Marketing. Ms. Persenaire also

noted that current enrollment requires significant cuts to the 2022-23 budget which will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Accountability Committee

- Ms. Persenaire reminded the Board that we are abiding by the original Open Meetings Law, not by the amendment, through which Board members can attend Board meetings virtually when extraordinary circumstances arise. Their participation will count towards quorum provided they provide the address from which they will be attending and that address is posted on the meeting notice.
- Ms. Persenaire provided summaries of the individual 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 HARLEM Scholarship recipients, including progress towards degree and current academic status. Particular note was made of the positive impact of the scholarship in significantly helping alumni pay for college. The Board inquired about the possibility of having a HARLEM Scholarship recipient attend a future meeting of the Board.
- Ms. Persenaire described the formation of a College Essay Committee, a committee of St HOPE staff volunteers who will review college essays for St HOPE alumni applying to college for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Principal Update

Ms. Persenaire discussed the annual Family Fair.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

I, Ankur Dalal, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting in place of the Secretary of St HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on September 22, 2022 at which quorum was present throughout. (September 22, 2022)

Gabrielle Apollon (Vice President)
Ankur Dalal (President)
Katie Embree
Maureen Higgins (Treasurer)
Kristopher John
Salone Kapur
Lindsey Moschet
Jennifer Ng
Elizabeth Pernick (Secretary)



St HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

April 27, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm Meeting Conducted Virtually and In-Person

Welcome

Call to Order

Ankur Dalal Present (Virtually) Katie Embree Present (In Person) Present (In Person) Gabrielle Apollon Maureen Higgins Present (Virtually) Kristopher John Absent (Excused) Salone Kapur Present (Virtually) Jennifer Na Present (In Person) Elizabeth Pernick Absent (Excused) Lindsey Moschet Present (In Person)

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal and for a portion of the meeting we were joined in-person by Vivian Lee, Business Manager. The meeting took place in person and via teleconference. The meeting was recorded.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the March 23, 2023 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee

The Board reviewed the professional resume of Mirlande Joachim. This potential Board member had a school tour and met 2 students. She has 12 years of experience in immigration law. She joined us at the Board meeting and shared that she was extremely impressed at her visit, has a number of teacher friends who are frustrated with the public school system, lives in the community and wants to join the Board to make a difference.

Finance Committee

March Finance Report: For FY22-23 there is an annual projected actual surplus of \$203,206 with approximately \$320,000 of unspent ARP funds being reallocated to the next fiscal year. We have been cautious due to uncertain enrollment. There was some discussion about reallocating more of the projected surplus but believe it too risky to go below \$200,000. Surpluses are due to savings in staffing, almost \$1

- million, which is in turn due to lower than expected enrollment. We plan to spend \$65,000 on field trips, which includes college trips, and trips to Six Flags, DC, Dave & Busters and Times Square. Expenditures for ESSER-2 will remain the same with the grant being closed out. We are paying CSBM more than normal because of their help with grants.
- 23-24 Budget Introduction The \$318,072 ARP reallocation discussed as part of the Finance Report will be discussed at greater length when the Board reviews the 23-24 budget draft at the May meeting. The budget has been built using conservative enrollment figures for next year.
- Retirement Account Ms. Lee gave the Board an update on the Retirement Account. The account has 70 participants with 25 active employees in the plan. Empower is very easy to work with and is responsive. TPA who is the 3rd party administrator who manages the forms and compliance are also easy to work with. The financial planner has not been as responsive and the school needs a provider that is accessible, knowledgeable and responsive. It is appropriate for Boards to do an assessment of their 401K every 3 years so the Board will ask the current provider and at least 2 others to answer questions about their competence, services, fees, etc. The Finance Committee will meet prior to the May meeting to begin the review process.
- Recruitment and Enrollment: With 205 applications we are slightly above last year. 117 seats were offered and 13 have accepted. We built the 23-24 budget on 250 so will push harder including doing another Vanguard mailing in June. There are several schools closing and we now offer busing. Staff are going to the Bronx, Washington Heights and Harlem to churches, mosques and summer camps.
- Summer Boost Grant SHLA applied for and was awarded a Summer Boost Grant from Bloomberg again this year, receiving \$63,250 to implement an in-person summer school for 50 of our academically neediest scholars. The program will run for 5 weeks in July/early August.

March Dashboard: The school is working hard to try to break the 90% threshold on attendance. The hope is that the field trips will bring our kids back to school. The loss of enrollment was due to 5 students moving out of the City or the State and 1 with a change of placement because of an IEP. Suspensions are down a bit and happy about the steady growth in the A3K figures. Using the curriculum Achieve 3000 gives students a daily exposure to reading which may be why their reading comprehension is improving.

Principal Update

Planting the Seed Scholarship Preview - Ms. Persenaire shared that \$25,000 of scholarship funds will be
used by current and former students this summer to engage in engineering, writing, fashion, and coding
programs. A few of the programs are even out-of-state.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

I, Katie Embree, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting interim Secretary of St HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on April 27 2023 at which quorum was present throughout. (May 8, 2023)

Gabrielle Apollon (Vice President)
Ankur Dalal (President)
Katie Embree
Maureen Higgins (Treasurer)
Kristopher John
Salone Kapur
Lindsey Moschet
Jennifer Ng
Elizabeth Pernick (Secretary)



St HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

March 23, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm Meeting Conducted Virtually

Welcome

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon Present (In Person) Ankur Dalal Present (In Person) Katie Embree Present (In Person) Gabrielle Apollon Present (In Person) Present (Virtually) Maureen Higgins Present (Virtually) Kristopher John Salone Kapur Present (Virtually) Jennifer Ng Present (Virtually) Elizabeth Pernick Absent (Excused) **Lindsey Moschet** Present (Virtually)

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal; and Yamel Gonzalez, Director of Operations. For a portion of the meeting we were joined virtually by Marissa Goulbourne. The meeting took place in person and via teleconference. The meeting was recorded.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the February 16, 2023 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee

Ms. Persenaire shared that the potential Board member that Ms. Apollon had engaged in discussions with visited the school and loved it. She lives near and would be honored to have a role serving the children in our neighborhood and specifically to the children who live in her building and attend St HOPE. She will attend the April meeting and a decision will be made on her candidacy in May or June.

Finance Committee

2023 Scholarships: Ms. Goulbourne shared the results of the 2023 Harlem Scholarships and the 2023 Journey Scholarships review committee interviews. On behalf of the committees she asked that four \$10,000 and one \$5,000 awards be given for the HARLEM Scholarships and that three Journey Scholarships be

given. The Harlem Scholarship normally awards four \$10,000 and two \$1000 awards. One finalist did not interview so there were five finalists. The Journey Scholarship normally awards two \$5,000 awards. There were three finalists. There are surplus funds due to prior year's awardees not needing the entire award because they receive the award in a year other than their Freshman year. The total requested is \$60,000, \$45,000 for the HARLEM Scholarship and \$15,000 for the Journey Scholarship. The request for \$45,000 for the HARLEM Scholarship was unanimously approved by the Board. The request for \$15,000 for the Journey Scholarship was unanimously approved by the Board.

- Investment Account: The Board reviewed the portfolio returns from January 2021 to January 2022. A \$900,000 deposit was made in March to increase the balance to \$2.7 million. 2022 was not a good year for the stock market. The rate or return decreased by 14% but the S&P was down 18-19%. We faired better because we have a very conservative portfolio. 2022 was unique in that both stocks and bonds were down. We are meeting our financial goals in terms of the scholarships that we want to give but being so conservative does mean that we give up the potential upside in the years when the market is performing well. The Board made a decision to decrease in stocks when COVID began. Our portfolio is now 80% bonds and 20% stocks. Mr. Dalal will research portfolio options and share this at an upcoming Board meeting. Ms. Persenaire will review prior Board Meeting minutes to determine if/what the Charter authorization requires in terms of realized and unrealized losses and gains.
- O Recruitment and Enrollment: Ms. Gonzalez shared that the deadline for the virtual lottery is April 1st and that before the lottery officially ends there will be another Vanguard mailing sent. The last one resulted in 30 new applications. She has been attending open houses. At this time last year there were 125 applications and this year there are 161 102 for 6th, 32 for 7th and 27 for 8th.

Accountability Committee

2023 State Test Projections and the Winter 2023 Data Analysis MAP Midline Results: Ms. Persenaire is encouraged because all measures seem to be going in the right direction and in cases exceeding the targets in all grades and all subjects. There were significant shifts in the test in 2015-2016 lowering the cut scores for ELA and Math. We will see slight increases and decreases. One challenge is our fluidity of enrollment. We have lost kids and other kids have enrolled mid-year or into 7th and 8th grade which means they would not have come up from our 6th grade curriculum.

 February Dashboard: There were a number of suspensions for a range of high impact behaviors. The number is always higher in February because it is the next step after restorative measures have been exhausted. There has been more issues post-COVID but they are decreasing.

Principal Update

Ms. Persenaire shared that the ELA pre-college test prep has been split into leveled groups. This is a shift but they are still reading on grade level. They are adding direct vocabulary instruction and test taking strategies. For Math, in Quarter 4 there will be a special review for all state assessments using past questions. This will start after Spring Break.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

I, Katie Embree, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting interim Secretary of St HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on March 23, 2023 at which quorum was present throughout. (February 16, 2023)

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Maureen Higgins (Treasurer)
Kristopher John
Salone Kapur
Lindsey Moschet
Jennifer Ng
Bianca Peart
Elizabeth Phillips (Secretary)



St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

October 20, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 pm Meeting Conducted at 222 West 134th Street New York, NY 10030

Welcome

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon
Ankur Dalal
Maureen Higgins
Kristopher John
Salone Kapur

Absent (Excused)
Present (Virtual)
Absent (Excused)
Present (Virtual)

Lindsey Moschet Present

Jennifer Ng Absent (Excused)
Bianca Peart Absent (Excused)
Elizabeth Phillips Present (Virtual)

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal; Yamel Gonzalez, Director of Operations; Marc Taub, BDO; Christopher Daniels, CSBM; Jimmy Vora, BDO; and Laron Walker, CSBM. The meeting took place in person, with some board members present via teleconference. The meeting was recorded.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the September 22, 2022 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee

- The Board is waiting for charter oversight to officially approve Katie Embree as a board member.
- o Ms. Persenaire announced that Bianca Peart will be stepping down from the Board.

Finance Committee

Marc Taub and Jimmy Vora of BDO presented the audit for the year ended June 30, 2022. Mr. Taub discussed highlights of the audit as well as differences relative to the prior year. Relative to 2021, there was a decrease in revenue and in investment returns. Functional expenses for program services increased from 85% in 2021 to 87% in 2022. No material weaknesses or deficiencies were identified. The Board asked questions to the auditors, including regarding investment losses and revenue declines. The Board voted unanimously to accept the audit as presented.

- Ms. Persenaire presented the August finance report. At present, the projected surplus for the year is approximately \$49,000 based on a budget that accounts for 230 students. Relative to the original budget, based on 275 students, there is a deficit of just over \$900,000. Ms. Persenaire discussed how SHLA expects to offset the deficit, including through grants and departing staff members who were not replaced.
- Ms. Gonzalez shared an update on enrollment, which is 230 as of today. As SHLA continues to enroll students, the highest interest appears to be for 8th grade. In December, January, and February, SHLA will be advertising on 25 busses as well as several bus shelters in Harlem and the Bronx.

- Ms. Persenaire provided an overview of the 2022 state test results and baseline assessments; at the November board meeting, Ms. Persenaire will provide a deeper dive of the results, including how they compare to the state. She discussed SHLA's results in comparison to District 5 and NYC overall, providing detail on changes relative to last year. In reference to NWEA results, she reported on specific populations of students, such as ELLs, as well as on overall performance by subject and grade. SHLA will be administering the ELA interim tomorrow and the math interim next Friday. The board asked questions regarding the test scores.
- Ms. Persenaire presented on her goals for the 2022-2023 academic year. Goals include academic, financial, recruitment and enrollment, and other goals.
- The Board reviewed the September dashboard.

Principal Update

 Ms. Persenaire discussed the recent visit by an administrator from the Colegio Nueva Granada School in Colombia in connection with Character.org.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

I, Elizabeth Phillips, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting interim Secretary of St. HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on October 20, 2022 at which quorum was present throughout. (October 20, 2022)

Gabrielle Apollon (Vice President)
Ankur Dalal (President)
Katie Embree
Maureen Higgins (Treasurer)
Kristopher John
Salone Kapur
Lindsey Moschet
Jennifer Ng
Elizabeth Pernick (Secretary)



St HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

February 16, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm Meeting Conducted Virtually

Welcome

Call to Order

Present (In Person) Gabrielle Apollon Ankur Dalal Present (In Person) Katie Embree Present (In Person) Maureen Higgins Absent (Excused) Kristopher John Absent (Excused) Salone Kapur Absent (Excused) **Lindsey Moschet** Present (Virtually) Jennifer Na Present (Virtually) Elizabeth Pernick Absent (Excused)

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal; and Yamel Gonzalez, Director of Operations. The meeting took place in person and via teleconference. The meeting was recorded.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the January 19, 2023 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee

 Ms. Apollon shared that she engaged in discussions with a potential Board member who is an immigration attorney, lives in the school's neighborhood, and is interested. The next step is to share her resume with the Board and schedule a tour of the school.

Finance Committee

- Scholarship Dates: The dates for the scholarship interviews have been adjusted. The Journey Scholarship Finalist interviews, fully virtual, will be on March 4th from 11 to 12. There were 3 applicants. Jennifer Ng will attend. The HARLEM Scholarship Finalist interviews (in person) will be on March 11th from 10 to 2. There were 10 applicants. Katie Embree will attend. On February 27th, the applications review committee will meet and select 6 finalists. As a reminder, SHLA's graduation ceremony will be held on June 23, 2023 at 4 p.m.
- HARLEM Scholarship GPA Requirement: There is currently a minimum GPA requirement of 2.5 to be eligible
 for the HARLEM Scholarship. Students were fully or partially remote because of COVID and there may be
 extenuating circumstances that led to lower than expected GPA's. For this year, there is 1 applicant who
 does not meet the GPA requirement. The Board discussed the possibility, for the next 2 years, of requiring

- 1) a minimum GPA of 2.0 and 2) 1 additional academic reference for applicants with GPA's between 2.0 and 2.5. Data shows that there is no correlation between GPA and recipients of the program pausing or opting out of college. There was discussion concerning whether or not decreasing the GPA requirement, even just for 2 years, would dampen motivation to qualify. At a future Board meeting, we will review the pre-COVID data and make a decision.
- January Finance Report: There is a projected surplus of \$309,000. This number has hovered closer to \$225,000 in prior years. The report will be shared again with actuals based on current enrollment. The education community talking citywide about enrollment and sharing information. There is a working group launched to discuss enrollment and finances and their recommendations are, hearteningly, some of the initiatives we have already taken through our work with North Star. September of next near we will know what all of our efforts yielded and, with actual data, can determine what the school's enrollment projections should be. The State goal is to meet 85% of projected enrollment and this is the first time the school has been under that amount. The data shown for the grants will be "green" after funds are allocated to actual expense lines and some surpluses that exist because of lack of need will be redistributed to other areas. There are savings from staffing because the school hasn't replaced approximately 10 positions since the summer due to lower than projected enrollment. That number is higher than normal but in part is due to the national crisis in teaching due in large part to COVID. Being in school post-COVID is not the same as pre-COVID.
- o Recruitment and Enrollment: There are 12 Catholic schools closing, which may lead to more applicants. As of February 1st, the school has received over 40 new applications likely due to the Vanguard mailing. Phone calls are also continually coming in, mostly from parents in the Bronx. There are currently 110 applications which is significantly ahead of the number at this point in time last year. Work was done to correct addresses so very few mailers were returned and adding a phone number and not only a QR code has proved helpful.

Ms. Persenaire presented the January Dashboard. She noted that the interim results need to be reviewed within the context of MAP since some of the results may not be indicative of the final pass results. This is true in either direction – inflated or deflated. It is more prudent to look at the interims in the context of the midline results which will come later. Ms. Persenaire shared that the A3K results were puzzling and that she will be in touch with them to determine why. Attendance is moving in the right direction and it is assumed that this is due in part to kids being sick less often. It is also assumed that the suspension numbers will likely look like 2016-2017 due to restorative practices implemented with kids and families. Balancing the call of some families for more punitive measures with a strong belief in restorative justice can sometimes pose a challenge which will, it is believed, diminish as we come together more in our communities. Enhancement of orientation to develop a good working relationship will continue.

Principal Update

- Ms. Persenaire asked Gabrielle and Katie to share their experience attending the Honor Roll Dinner. Both agreed that it was a wonderful, emotional experience to watch the students and their families celebrating together with administrators and teachers.
- Mr. Dalal suggested that the 401K plan be reviewed on an annual basis.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

I, Katie Embree, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting interim Secretary of St HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on February 16, 2023 at which quorum was present throughout. (February 16, 2023)

Gabrielle Apollon (Vice President)
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Katie Embree
Maureen Higgins (Treasurer)
Kristopher John
Salone Kapur
Lindsey Moschet
Jennifer Ng
Elizabeth Pernick (Secretary)



St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

January 19, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm Meeting Conducted Virtually

Welcome

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon Present
Ankur Dalal Present
Katie Embree Present
Maureen Higgins Present
Kristopher John Present
Salone Kapur Present
Lindsey Moschet Present

Jennifer Ng Absent (Excused)

Elizabeth Pernick Present

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal; and Yamel Gonzalez, Director of Operations. The meeting took place via teleconference. The meeting was recorded.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the December 15, 2022 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee

- Ms. Persenaire reviewed the Engagement Committee calendar. The Quarter 2 Honor Roll Dinner will be held on February 16, 2023 from 4:30pm-6pm; the Journey Scholarship Finalist interviews (fully virtual) will be March 11, 2023; and the HARLEM Scholarship Finalist interviews (in-person) will be on March 18, 2023. Finally, SHLA's graduation ceremony will be held on June 23, 2023 at 4pm.
- Ms. Apollon noted that she has had several exploratory conversations with potential Board candidates.

Finance Committee

- The investment fund is currently \$2.78m. The Board voted unanimously to approve a withdrawal of \$50K for the HARLEM and Journey scholarships.
- Ms. Persenaire and Ms. Gonzalez discussed a school bus proposal for the 2023-2024 school year. The
 most cost effective bus company is ARJ bus company, which could provide a bus route for 30 sixth grade
 students who live in the Bronx. For 184 school days, the total cost will be \$129K for the bus and \$37K for a

bus matron; which is a total of \$166K per year. The Board asked questions regarding how this would be implemented and the extent to which school leadership anticipates that this would increase enrollment. Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the school bus proposal.

- o Mr. Dalal will perform an annual investment account analysis to share with the Board at the March meeting.
- Ms. Persenaire and the Board discussed the draft Form 990, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Form 990.
- Ms. Persenaire discussed recruitment and enrollment. As of today, SHLA has received 65 applications, of which 46 are sixth grade, 7 are seventh grade, and 12 are eighth grade applications.

Accountability Committee

- Ms. Persenaire presented on the 2022 NYC School Survey results, and discussed key themes with the Board. The Board asked about questions to better understand certain findings.
- Ms. Persenaire presented the December dashboard. She noted that the NY Ready Interim II results will be available at the February meeting, and the MAP Midline results will be available at the March meeting. She also discussed 6th grade A3K results; approximately half of the class is far below grade level, but it is expected that they will benefit from the three years at SHLA even if many are not at CCR (college and career readiness) level at the end of the year.

Principal Update

Ms. Persenaire discussed statistics for the 2018 HARLEM scholarship recipients. Of the four recipients, two
have graduated, one of which has entered graduate school; and a third will be graduating this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

I, Elizabeth Pernick, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting interim Secretary of St HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on January 19, 2023 at which quorum was present throughout. (January 19, 2023)

Gabrielle Apollon (Vice President) Ankur Dalal (President) Maureen Higgins (Treasurer) Kristopher John Salone Kapur Lindsey Moschet Jennifer Ng Elizabeth Phillips (Secretary)



St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

November 17, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 pm Meeting Conducted at 222 West 134th Street New York, NY 10030

Welcome

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon Present (Virtual)

Ankur Dalal Present
Maureen Higgins Present
Kristopher John Present

Salone Kapur Present (Virtual)

Lindsey Moschet Present

Jennifer Ng Present (Virtual) Elizabeth Phillips Present (Virtual)

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal; Yamel Gonzalez, Director of Operations. The meeting took place in person, with some board members present via teleconference. The meeting was recorded.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the October 20, 2022 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee

- Bianca Peart resigned from the Board.
- The Board is waiting for charter oversight to officially approve Katie Embree as a board member.

Finance Committee

- Ms. Persenaire presented on SHLA's Planting the Seed scholarship opportunities, and discussed the various summer opportunities.
- Ms. Gonzalez presented to the board on potential costs to hire a bus service for SHLA students. She noted that this may support increased enrollment. The Board discussed the cost for a bus service for 30 students, and how that would compare to revenue from additional enrollment. The Board will consider this in connection with the next budget approval process.

Accountability Committee

- Ms. Persenaire provided the preliminary Interim I results. For ELA, the pass rates for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades were 30%, 31%, and 35%, respectively. For math, the pass rates for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades were 20%, 28%, and 27%, respectively. Ms. Persenaire discussed results relative to prior years, and the Board asked questions regarding these trends.
- Ms. Persenaire then presented the 2022 State Test Results, including how the results compare to District 5, with and without inclusion of Columbia Secondary. She discussed SHLA's results relative to different cuts of District 5, and noted trends in SHLA's scores. Ms. Persenaire also presented a subgroup analysis for the 2022 State Exam and discussed trends relative to prior years for subgroups, including ELLs and students with IEPs.
- Ms. Persenaire discussed performance for students who participated in the 5-week Summer Boost analysis. In reading, 4 of 17 students made growth while 13 did not; those who did not declined by slightly more than the typical summer slide. The Board asked questions and discussed also analyzing results of mid-year scores.
- The Board reviewed the October Dashboard. Attendance has increased from September to October. In addition, MAP Baseline scores are increased relative to last year (with the exception of 6th grade ELA).

Principal Update

Ms. Persenaire discussed SHLA's Q1 parent-teacher conferences, which were successful.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board Meeting

MINUTES

December 15, 2022 from 6:30-8:00 pm Meeting Conducted Virtually

Welcome

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon Present Ankur Dalal Present Katie Embree Present Maureen Higgins Present Kristopher John Present Salone Kapur Present Lindsey Moschet Present Jennifer Ng Present Elizabeth Phillips Present

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal. The meeting took place via teleconference. The meeting was recorded.

Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the November 17, 2022 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee

- Katie Embree has officially joined the SHLA board.
- The Board discussed plans to identify another potential board member.

Finance Committee

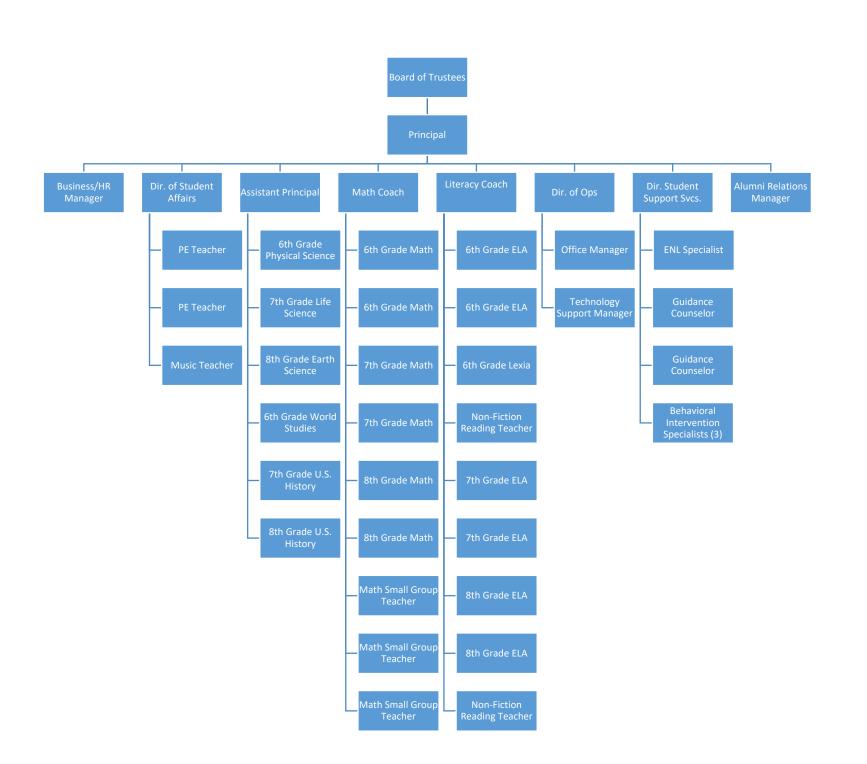
- Ms. Persenaire presented the November finance report. Projections are based on 230 students, but Ms. Persenaire anticipates that enrollment will be approximately 225. She discussed expenses for which SHLA may exceed overspend, as well as those where SHLA is currently under budget. The current projected surplus is \$276,000. The Board asked questions and discussed the teacher shortage with Ms. Persenaire.
- Ms. Persenaire discussed recruitment and enrollment, and shared enrollment figures for local public and charter schools including several that are similarly seeing drops in enrollment from 2019 to present.

Accountability Committee

- o Ms. Persenaire presented the Interim I subgroup analysis to the Board for each class.
- Ms. Persenaire presented the November dashboard. SHLA is seeing steady increases in A3K, with strong engagement in 7th grade. The Board asked questions about the Interim I results, including changes from last year to this year. She also discussed current attendance, noting the impact of the tripledemic.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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2023 – 2024 Academic Calendar

Meghann Persenaire, Principal

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August

- 21: New Teachers Report
- 23: Returning Teachers Report
- 30: 1st Day for New Students

September

- 4: Labor Day
- 5: 1st Day for Returning Students

October

- 9: Indigenous People's Day
- 27: End of Quarter 1
- 30: Staff In-Service

November

- 7: Parent-Teacher Conferences (10-5)
- 8: Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-7)
- 22-24: Thanksgiving Recess

December

- 22-30: Term Break
- 22-30: Office Closed

January

- 1: New Year's Day
- 2: Staff In-Service
- 15: Rev. Dr. Marin Luther King Jr. Day
- 19: End of Quarter 2
- 31: Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-7)

February

- 1: Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-7)
- 19-23: Mid-Winter Recess
- 26: Staff In-Service

March

- 28: End of Quarter 3
- 29: Good Friday

April

- 10: Eid al-Fitr
- 16-17: ELA State Exam
- 22-26: Spring Break

May

- 7-8: Math State Exam
- 15-26: NYSESLAT Exams
- 27: Memorial Day

June

- 17: Eid al-Adha
- 19: Juneteenth
- 20: End of Quarter 4
- 20: Last Day of School
- 21: Graduation at 4:00

July

4: Office Closed

Quarter 1

- First Day: August 30
- Last Day: October 27
- 41 Days

Quarter 2

- First Day: October 30
- Last Day: January 19
- 48 Days

Quarter 3

- First Day: January 22
- Last Day: March 28
- 44 Days

Quarter 4

- First Day: April 1
- Last Day: June 20
- 50 Days