# Annual Financial Report

# Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219

Minneapolis, Minnesota

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019



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### INTRODUCTORY SECTION

NORTHEAST COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 4219 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

> FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota Board of Education and Administration For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

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### FINANCIAL SECTION

### NORTHEAST COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 4219 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Education Northeast College Prep, Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northeast College Prep, Charter School No. 4219, (the Charter School), Minneapolis, Minnesota as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Charter School's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 Charter School's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

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

#### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Charter School as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis starting on page 15, the Schedules of Employer's Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedules of Employer's Contributions on page 56 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements. The introductory section and individual fund schedule and table are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The individual fund schedule and table are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements themselves, and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the individual fund schedule and table are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 1, 2019 on our consideration of the Charter 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 Charter 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 Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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ABDO, EICK & MEYERS, LLP Minneapolis, Minnesota October 1, 2019

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### Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 (the Charter School), Minneapolis, Minnesota, we offer readers of the Charter School's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Charter School for the period ended June 30, 2019.

#### **Financial Highlights**

- The deficit net position of Charter School was \$1,177,929 at the close of fiscal year 2019. Of this amount, \$1,548,568 represents deficit unrestricted net position.
- The Charter School's total net position increased by \$131,840 due primarily to recording the adjustment of
  pension liabilities and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Charter School's governmental funds reported an ending fund balance of \$427,573. Approximately 57.8 percent of this total amount, \$247,032 (*unassigned fund balance*), is available for spending at the Charter School's discretion, \$13,041 is nonspendable for prepaid items and \$7,500 is nonspendable for deposit receivables and \$160,000 is restricted.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General fund was \$247,032 or 4.2 percent of total General fund expenditures.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Charter School's basic financial statements. The Charter School's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplemental information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of individual fund schedules that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. The following chart shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another:



The following chart summarizes the major features of the Charter School's financial statements, including the portion of the Charter School's activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements:

		Fund Financial Statements
	Government-wide Statements	Governmental Funds
Scope	Entire Charter School (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the Charter School that are not fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance
Required financial statements	<ul><li>Statement of Net Position</li><li>Statement of Activities</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Balance Sheet</li> <li>Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances</li> </ul>
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included
Type of deferred outflows/inflows of resources information	All deferred outflows/inflows of resources, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Only deferred outflows of resources expected to be used up and deferred inflows of resources that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenditures during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable

**Government-wide Financial Statements.** The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Charter School's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Charter School's assets, deferred outflows of resources and liabilities, deferred inflows of resources with the difference between the four reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Charter School is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Charter School's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., earned but unused vacation leave).

The government-wide financial statements display functions of the Charter School that are principally supported by intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*). The governmental activities of the Charter School include administration, district support services, elementary and secondary regular instruction, special education instruction, instructional support services, pupil support services, sites and buildings, and fiscal and other fixed cost programs.

The government-wide financial statements can be found starting on page 24 of this report.

**Fund Financial Statements.** A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Charter School, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds**. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Charter School's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Charter School maintains two individual governmental funds. Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the General fund, which is the Charter School's only major fund, and the Food Service special revenue fund, which is considered to be a nonmajor fund.

The Charter School adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found starting on page 28 of this report.

**Notes to the Financial Statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found starting on page 33 of this report.

**Other Information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's progress in funding its obligation to provide other postemployment benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found on page 56 of this report.

The individual fund schedule and table can be found starting on page 62 of this report.

#### **Government-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Charter School, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$1,177,929 at the close of the 2019 fiscal year.

A portion of the Charter School's net position, \$210,639, reflects its net investment in capital assets (e.g., equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Charter School uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending.

### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219's Summary of Net Position

	Governmental Activities						
	2019	2018	Increase (Decrease)				
Assets							
Current and other assets	\$ 1,128,544	\$ 971,735	\$ 156,809				
Capital assets, net of depreciation	300,024	220,020	80,004				
Total Assets	1,428,568	1,191,755	236,813				
Deferred Outflows of Resources	3,862,102	3,854,586	7,516				
Liabilities							
Noncurrent liabilities outstanding	2,442,626	5,037,282	(2,594,656)				
Current and other liabilities	700,971	487,514	213,457				
Total Liabilities	3,143,597	5,524,796	(2,381,199)				
Deferred Inflows of Resources	3,325,002	831,314	2,493,688				
Net Position							
Net investment in capital assets	210,639	220,020	(9,381)				
Rectricted	160,000	-	160,000				
Unrestricted	(1,548,568)	(1,529,789)	(18,779)				
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (1,177,929)</u>	\$ (1,309,769)	\$ 131,840				

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Charter School is able to report a positive balance in two of three categories of net position.

### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219's Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities						
	2019	2018	Increase (Decrease)				
Revenues							
Program revenues							
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 2,339,542	\$ 1,992,867	\$ 346,675				
General revenues							
State aid-formula grants	3,258,076	2,765,776	492,300				
Other general revenues	439,641	386,741	52,900				
Unrestricted investment earnings	20	24	(4)				
Total Revenues	6,037,279	5,145,408	891,871				
Expenses							
Administration	222,527	388,617	(166,090)				
District support services	419,972	364,032	55,940				
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	1,633,813	2,369,361	(735,548)				
Special education instruction	1,572,801	1,437,855	134,946				
Instructional support services	261,269	233,371	27,898				
Pupil support services	986,627	791,682	194,945				
Sites and buildings	782,046	705,593	76,453				
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	26,384	22,362	4,022				
Total Expenses	5,905,439	6,312,873	(407,434)				
Change in Net Position	131,840	(1,167,465)	1,299,305				
Net Position, July 1	(1,309,769)	(142,304)	(1,167,465)				
Net Position, June 30	\$ (1,177,929)	\$ (1,309,769)	<u>\$ 131,840</u>				

<sup>•</sup> Elementary and secondary regular instruction decreased significantly change in pension expense. In 2018, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$827,809 which was significantly higher compared to 2019 in which negative pension expense of \$213,603 was recorded.

The following graph depicts various governmental activities and shows the expenses directly related to those activities.



#### Financial Analysis of the Charter School's Funds

As noted earlier, the Charter School uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds**. The focus of the Charter School's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Charter School's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Charter School's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$427,573. Approximately 57.8 percent of this total amount, \$247,032, constitutes unassigned fund balance. Additionally \$20,541 is not available for new spending because it is nonspendable for deposits receivable and prepaid items.

The General fund is the primary operating fund of the Charter School. At the end of the current year, the fund balance of the General fund was \$427,573. As a measure of the General fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare fund balance to total fund expenditures. Fund balance represents 7.3 percent of fund expenditures. The fund balance of the Charter School's General fund decreased \$56,648 during the current fiscal year.

#### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The Charter School did not amend their budget during the year. The General fund budget called for an increase of \$80,888 in fund balance.

Overall, total revenues were \$766,137 more than budgeted. The largest revenue variances were revenue from local and county sources and state sources, which were \$392,564 and \$349,634 more than anticipated, respectively.

On the expenditure side, expenditures were \$976,234 more than budgeted. The largest variances were elementary and secondary expenditures and special education instruction expenditures coming in \$306,801 and \$400,976 more than budgeted, respectively.

#### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets.** The Charter School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2019 amounts to \$300,024 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes equipment. The total depreciation for the year was \$61,427. The following is a schedule of capital assets as of June 30, 2019.

Additional information on the Charter School's capital assets can be found in Note 3B on page 40 of this report.

#### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219's Capital Assets

(Net of Depreciation)

_	G	overnn	nental Activitie	es	
_				In	crease
_	2019	2018		(De	ecrease)
=	\$ 300,024	\$	220,020	\$	80,004

Equipment

### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219's Outstanding Debt

#### **Noncurrent Liabilities**

The Charter School's noncurrent liabilities consisted of loans payable. Balances of the loans as of June 30, 2019 and 2018 are shown below.

	Governmental Activities					
		2019 2018			Increase (Decrease)	
Loan Payable	\$	89,385	\$	-	\$	89,385

#### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

- The Charter School anticipates enrollment of 374 students for the 2019-2020 school year with the addition of Grade 8 students.
- A reduction in contributions and donations is forecasted. The school received a Minnesota Schools Grant of \$150,000 recognized in fiscal year 2019 with the expenses to be made in fiscal year 2020. The grant will have subsequent contributions of a possible \$90,000 for fiscal year 2021, \$5,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$40,000 in fiscal year 2023. The school will continue to look for other grant and donation opportunities in fiscal year 2020.
- Increase in staff and staff salaries along with increases in health care costs will affect future year expenditures. There will also be additional expenses as a result of the Great Minnesota Schools Grant.

These factors were considered in preparing the Charter School's budget for the 2020 fiscal year.

#### **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Charter School's finances for all those with an interest in the Charter School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Carl Phillips, School Director, Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219, 2511 Taylor Street NE, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418.

### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NORTHEAST COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 4219 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

> FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

#### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota Statement of Net Position June 30, 2019

	Governmental Activities
Assets	<b>• • • • • • • • • •</b>
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 115,166
Receivables	104.015
Accounts	164,015
Due from the Minnesota Department of Education	789,265
Due from the Federal Government	21,684
Due from other governments	17,873
Prepaid items	13,041
Deposits receivable Capital assets	7,500
	300,024
Depreciable assets, net of accumulated depreciation Total Assets	
TOTALASSEIS	1,428,568
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred pension resources	3,862,102
	5,002,102
Liabilities	
Accounts and other payables	125,107
Accrued salaries payable	225,864
Short term debt	350,000
Noncurrent liabilities - due within one year	,
Loan payable	18,886
Noncurrent liabilities - due in more than one year	
Loan payable	70,499
Pension liability	2,353,241
Total Liabilities	3,143,597
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred pension resources	3,325,002
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	210,639
Restricted for School Success Improvement Program	160,000
Unrestricted	(1,548,568)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (1,177,929)</u>

#### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

					 ram Revenues	witel	Re C	(Expenses) venues and hanges in et Position
			Char	ges for	Operating Grants and	pital ts and	G	vernmental
Functions/Programs		Expenses		vices	ontributions	 butions		Activities
Governmental Activities					 	 		
Administration	\$	222,527	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	(222,527)
District support services		419,972		-	-	-		(419,972)
Elementary and secondary								
regular instruction		1,633,813		-	148,416	-		(1,485,397)
Special education instruction		1,572,801		-	1,389,172	-		(183,629)
Instructional support services		261,269		-	-	-		(261,269)
Pupil support services		986,627		-	315,636	-		(670,991)
Sites and buildings		782,046		-	486,318	-		(295,728)
Fiscal and other fixed cost program	S	26,384		-	 -	 -		(26,384)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	5,905,439	\$	-	\$ 2,339,542	\$ -		(3,565,897)
S O U	ate a ther g nrestr	Revenues id formula gran jeneral revenue icted investmer General Reven	es nt earning	S				3,258,076 439,641 20 3,697,737
Ch	ange	in Net Position						131,840
Ne	Posi	tion, July 1						(1,309,769)
Ne	: Posi	tion, June 30					\$	(1,177,929)

### FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NORTHEAST COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 4219 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

> FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

#### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2019

	General		F	n-Major <sup>-</sup> ood ervice	Funds	
Assets						
Cash and temporary investments	\$	115,292	\$	(126)	\$	115,166
Receivables						
Accounts		164,015		-		164,015
Due from the Minnesota Department of Education		789,099		166		789,265
Due from the Federal Government		14,365		7,319		21,684
Due from the other governments		17,873		-		17,873
Prepaid items		13,041		-		13,041
Deposits receivable		7,500		-		7,500
Total Assets	\$	1,121,185	\$	\$ 7,359	\$	1,128,544
Liabilities						
Accounts and other payables	\$	124,222	\$	885	\$	125,107
Accrued salaries payable		219,390		6,474		225,864
Short-term indebtedness		350,000		-		350,000
Total Liabilities		693,612		7,359		700,971
Fund Balances						
Nonspendable						
Deposits receivable		7,500		-		7,500
Prepaid items		13,041		-		13,041
Restricted						
School Success Improvement Program		160,000		-		160,000
Unassigned		247,032		-		247,032
Total Fund Balances		427,573		-		427,573
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	1,121,185	\$	7,359	\$	1,128,544

#### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position Governmental Funds June 30, 2019

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

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 427,573
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. Cost of capital assets Less accumulated depreciation	504,512 (204,488)
Noncurrent liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Noncurrent liabilities at year end consist of	
Loan payable	(89,385)
Pension liability	(2,353,241)
Governmental funds do not report long-term amounts related to pensions	
Deferred outflow of resources	3,862,102
Deferred inflow of resources	 (3,325,002)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ (1,177,929)

### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

		Non-Major	
	General	Food Service	Funds
Revenues	General		
Other local and county revenue	\$ 507,693	\$-	\$ 507,693
Interest earned on investments	20	-	20
Revenue from state sources	4,996,974	6,243	5,003,217
Revenue from federal sources	206,619	309,393	516,012
Total Revenues	5,711,306	315,636	6,026,942
Expenditures			
Current			
Administration	239,548	-	239,548
District support services	395,427	-	395,427
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	1,818,062	-	1,818,062
Special education instruction	1,551,938	-	1,551,938
Instructional support services	360,094	-	360,094
Pupil support services	606,023	343,075	949,098
Sites and buildings	687,965	-	687,965
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	36,999	-	36,999
Capital outlay			
District support services	4,443	-	4,443
Special education instruction	300	-	300
Instructional support services	27,503	-	27,503
Sites and buildings	112,213	-	112,213
Total Expenditures	5,840,515	343,075	6,183,590
Deficiency of Revenues			
Under Expenditures	(129,209)	(27,439)	(156,648)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers in	-	27,439	27,439
Debt issued	100,000	-	100,000
Transfers out	(27,439)	-	(27,439)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	72,561	27,439	100,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(56,648)	-	(56,648)
Fund Balance, July 1	484,221		484,221
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 427,573	<u>\$</u> -	\$ 427,573

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

#### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

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

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds       \$		(56,648)
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. Capital outlays Depreciation expense		144,178 (61,427)
Governmental funds report a gain (loss) on sale of capital assets to the extent of cash exchanged, whereas the disposition of the assets book value is included in the total gain (loss) in statement of activities. Disposals Accumulated depreciation on disposals		(3,507) 760
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. The amounts below are the effects of the differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	ese	
Loan principal Debt Issued		10,615 (100,000)
Long-term pension activity is not reported in governmental funds		
Pension expense Direct aid contributions		187,532 10,337
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities		131,840

#### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -Budget and Actual General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with	
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget	
Revenues					
Other local and county revenue	\$ 115,129	\$ 115,129	\$ 507,693	\$ 392,564	
Interest earned on investments	-	-	20	20	
Revenue from state sources	4,647,340	4,647,340	4,996,974	349,634	
Revenue from federal sources	182,700	182,700	206,619	23,919	
Total Revenues	4,945,169	4,945,169	5,711,306	766,137	
Expenditures					
Current					
Administration	259,346	259,346	239,548	19,798	
District support services	345,478	345,478	395,427	(49,949)	
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	1,511,261	1,511,261	1,818,062	(306,801)	
Special education instruction	1,150,962	1,150,962	1,551,938	(400,976)	
Instructional support services	310,740	310,740	360,094	(49,354)	
Pupil support services	525,436	525,436	606,023	(80,587)	
Sites and buildings	723,358	723,358	687,965	35,393	
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	20,700	20,700	36,999	(16,299)	
Capital outlay					
District support services	2,500	2,500	4,443	(1,943)	
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	500	500	-	500	
Special education instruction	4,500	4,500	300	4,200	
Instructional support services	6,000	6,000	27,503	(21,503)	
Sites and buildings	3,500	3,500	112,213	(108,713)	
Total Expenditures	4,864,281	4,864,281	5,840,515	(976,234)	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues					
Over (Under) Expenditures	80,888	80,888	(129,209)	(210,097)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Debt issued			100,000	100,000	
Transfers out	-	-	(27,439)	(27,439)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			72,561	72,561	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			72,501	72,501	
Net Change in Fund Balances	80,888	80,888	(56,648)	(137,536)	
Fund Balances, July 1	484,221	484,221	484,221		
Fund Balances, June 30	\$ 565,109	\$ 565,109	\$ 427,573	<u>\$ (137,536)</u>	

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Reporting Entity

Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219, (the Charter School), Minneapolis, Minnesota is a nonprofit that was incorporated on April 12, 2013 as a non-profit corporation under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, for the purpose of providing educational services to individuals within the area. The Charter School is authorized by Student Achievement of Minnesota. The permanent governing body consists of a five member Board of Directors.

The Charter School has considered all potential units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Charter School are such that exclusion would cause the Charter School's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the primary government to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. The Charter School has no component units that meet the GASB criteria.

Aside from its authorization, Student Achievement of Minnesota has no authority, control, power, or administrative responsibilities over the Charter School. Therefore, the Charter School is not considered a component unit of Student Achievement of Minnesota.

In accordance with Minnesota statutes, the School Board has elected to control or be financially accountable for extracurricular student activities. Accordingly, the accounts and transactions are included in the financial statements within the General fund.

#### B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Amounts reported as *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. State aid formula grants and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. State revenue is recognized in the year to which it applies according to Minnesota statutes and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Minnesota statutes include State aid funding formulas for specific fiscal years. Federal revenue is recorded in the year in which the related expenditure was made. Other revenue is considered available if collected within one year.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Charter School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlement and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Charter School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Charter School on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transaction must also be available before it can be recognized.

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumption that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Description of Funds**

The Charter School funds have been established by the State of Minnesota Department of Education. Each fund is accounted for as an independent entity. Descriptions of the funds included in the report are as follows:

#### Major Governmental Fund

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

#### Nonmajor Governmental Fund

The *Food Service special revenue fund* is used to account for food service revenues and expenditures. The Food Service fund receives revenue from state and federal sources.

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

# D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position/Fund Balance

#### **Deposits and Investments**

The Charter School's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

The Charter School may also invest idle funds as authorized by Minnesota statutes, as follows:

- 1. Direct obligations or obligations guaranteed by the United States or its agencies.
- 2. Shares of investment companies registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and received the highest credit rating, rated in one of the two highest rating categories by a statistical rating agency, and have a final maturity of thirteen months or less.
- 3. General obligations of a state or local government with taxing powers rated "A" or better; revenue obligations rated "AA" or better.
- 4. General obligations of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency rated "A" or better.
- 5. Obligation of a school district with an original maturity not exceeding 13 months and (i) rated in the highest category by a national bond rating service or (ii) enrolled in the credit enhancement program pursuant to statute section 126C.55.
- 6. Bankers' acceptances of United States banks eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve System.
- 7. Commercial paper issued by United States banks corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries, of highest quality category by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies, and maturing in 270 days or less.
- 8. Repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending agreements with financial institutions qualified as a "depository" by the government entity, with banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System with capitalization exceeding \$10,000,000, a primary reporting dealer in U.S. government securities to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or certain Minnesota securities broker-dealers.
- 9. Guaranteed Investment Contracts (GIC's) issued or guaranteed by a United States commercial bank, a domestic branch of a foreign bank, a United States insurance company, or its Canadian subsidiary, whose similar debt obligations were rated in one of the top two rating categories by a nationally recognized rating agency.

The Charter School does not have a formal investment policy.

#### Due from Federal Government

Due from Federal Government include amounts for expenditures that have been incurred before year end and will be reimbursed with Federal funding. No substantial losses are anticipated from present balances, therefore no allowance for uncollectible has been recorded.

#### Due from the Minnesota Department of Education

Due from Minnesota Department of Education include amounts for expenditures that have been incurred before year end and will be reimbursed with State funding. No substantial losses are anticipated from present balances, therefore no allowance for uncollectible has been recorded.

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets include equipment. Capital assets are defined by the Charter School as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$500 (amount not rounded). Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Equipment of the Charter School is depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Useful lives vary from 5 to 20 years for equipment.

#### **Deferred Outflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government has only one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, deferred pension resources, is reported only in the statement of net position. This item results from actuarial calculations and current year pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date.

#### Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. In the fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources.

#### Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and additions to/deductions from TRA and PERA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRA and PERA except that TRA and PERA's fiscal year end is June 30. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. Additional information can be found in Note 4.

The total pension expense for the TRA and PEAR pensions is as follows:

	PERA		PERA TRA		Total All Plans	
Pension Expense	\$	218,254	\$	(226,547)	\$	(8,293)
# Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

## **Deferred Inflows of Resources**

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and fund financial statements will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Charter School has one type of item, which arises only under a full accrual basis of accounting that qualifies as needing to be reported in this category. Accordingly, the item, deferred pension resources, is reported only in the statement of net position of the government-wide statements and results from actuarial calculations.

# Fund Balance

In the fund financial statements, fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Charter School is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in the governmental funds. These classifications are defined as follows:

*Nonspendable* - Amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, such as prepaid items and deposits receivable.

*Restricted* - Amounts related to externally imposed constraints established by creditors, grantors or contributors; or constraints imposed by state statutory provisions.

*Committed* - Amounts constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Board of Education, which is the Charter School's highest level of decision-making authority. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education modifies or rescinds the commitment by resolution.

Assigned - Amounts constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed. In governmental funds other than the General fund, assigned fund balance represents all remaining amounts that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed. In the General fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Board of Education itself or by an official to which the governing body delegates the authority. The Board of Education has adopted a fund balance policy which delegates the authority to assign amounts for specific purposes to the Program Coordinator.

Unassigned - The residual classification for the General fund and also negative residual amounts in other funds.

The Charter School considers restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available. Additionally, the Charter School would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

# Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

## Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets Consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.
- b. Restricted net position Consist of net position restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.
- c. Unrestricted net position All other net position balances that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Charter School's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

# Note 2: Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

## A. Budgetary Information

Budgets are prepared for Charter School funds on the same basis and using the same accounting practices that are used in accounting and preparing financial statements for the General fund.

The Charter School follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. Prior to July 1, the budget is prepared by the Director to be adopted by the Board of Education.
- 2. Budgets for the General fund are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
- 3. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended.
- 4. Budget appropriations lapse at year end.
- 5. The legal level of control is the fund level.
- 6. The Charter School does not use encumbrance accounting.

#### **B. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations**

For the year ended June 30, 2019, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following fund:

				excess of penditures Over
Fund	 Budget	 Actual	App	propriations
General	\$ 4,864,281	\$ 5,840,515	\$	976,234

The excess of expenditures over budget in the General fund was funded by an excess of revenues over budget, loan proceeds and fund balance reserves.

# Note 3: Detailed Notes on All Funds

## A. Deposits and Investments

Custodial credit risk for deposits and investments is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Charter School's deposits and investments may not be returned or the Charter School will not be able to recover collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. In accordance with Minnesota statutes and as authorized by the Board of Education, the Charter School maintains deposits at those depository banks, all of which are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Minnesota statutes require that all Charter School deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110 percent of the deposits not covered by insurance, bonds or irrevocable standby letters of credit from Federal Home Loan Banks.

Authorized collateral in lieu of a corporate surety bond includes:

- United States government Treasury bills, Treasury notes, Treasury bonds;
- Issues of United States government agencies and instrumentalities as quoted by a recognized industry quotation service available to the government entity;
- General obligation securities of any state or local government with taxing powers which is rated "A" or better by a
  national bond rating service, or revenue obligation securities of any state or local government with taxing powers
  which is rated "AA" or better by a national bond rating service;
- General obligation securities of a local government with taxing powers may be pledged as collateral against funds deposited by that same local government entity;
- Irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by Federal Home Loan Banks to a municipality accompanied by written evidence that the bank's public debt is rated "AA" or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or Standard & Poor's Corporation; and
- Time deposits that are fully insured by any federal agency.

Minnesota statutes require that all collateral shall be placed in safekeeping in a restricted account at a Federal Reserve Bank, or in an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution that is not owned or controlled by the financial institution furnishing the collateral. The selection should be approved by the Charter School.

At year end, the Charter School's carrying amount of deposits was \$114,666 and the bank balance was \$141,232. The entire bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance. The Charter School carries cash on hand of \$500.

# Note 3: Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

# **B.** Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2019 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Ir	ncreases	De	creases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities Capital Assets Being Depreciated Equipment	\$ 363,841	\$	144,178	\$	(3,507)	\$ 504,512
Less Accumulated Depreciation for Equipment	 (143,821)		(61,427)		760	 (204,488)
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 220,020	\$	82,751	\$	(2,747)	\$ 300,024

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the Charter School as follows:

# **Governmental Activities**

District Support Services	\$ 2,361
Elementary and Secondary Regular Instruction	29,354
Pupil Support Services	25,254
Food Service	469
Instructional Support	498
Sites and Buildings	 3,491
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	\$ 61,427

# C. Interfund Transfers

A transfer of \$27,439 was completed from the General fund to the Food Service special revenue fund to eliminate the fund balance deficit.

## D. Short-term Indebtedness

On May 7, 2019, the Charter School renewed a line of credit for a maximum amount of \$450,000 from Sunrise Bank. The line was secured by all assets of the Charter School, had an interest rate of 5.5 percent and has a maturity date of August 7, 2020.

Activity on the Line of Credit for the year was as follows:

	Beginning Balance		Increases		Decreases		Ending Balance	
Sunrise Bank Line of Credit	\$ 250,000	\$	150,000	\$	(50,000)	\$	350,000	

# Note 3: Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

# E. Operating Lease

On May 5, 2016, the Charter School entered into an agreement with CSDC Facilities Corporation, of District of Columbia to lease space at 300 Industrial Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413 for a period commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2041. For Lease Years One and Two (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018), the Base Annual Rent will be the greater of: (a) 1.22x the Debt Service for the Property, as may be adjusted from time to time as the loans may be refinanced; or (b) the amount equal to the product of the number of pupils projected for the forthcoming Lease Year on Tenant's MARSS Average Daily Membership report filed with the Minnesota Department of Education ("MDE") multiplied by the rental amount per pupil that results in Tenant's receipt of the maximum amount of Building Lease Aid, as defined under Minnesota Iaw (Statute 124D.11 subdivision 4), available to Tenant from MDE pursuant to applicable Minnesota Iaw ("Maximum Lease Aid") for that lease year. For Lease Year Three (commencing July 1, 2018) and for each Lease Year thereafter, the Lease Payments shall be the greater of: (a) the immediately prior year's Base Annual Rent multiplied by 1.01; or (b) the Maximum Lease Aid for that Lease Year. The Charter School paid rent of \$559,428 under the agreements during the year ended June 30, 2019.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2020	\$ 565,019
2021	570,669
2022	576,376
2023	582,140
2024	587,961
2025 - 2029	3,029,184
2030 - 2034	3,183,703
2035 - 2039	3,346,104
2040 - 2042	2,089,044
Total	\$ 14,530,199

# Note 3: Detailed Notes on All Funds (Continued)

# Long-term Liabilities

# Loans Payable

All of the loans outstanding are secured by the assets of the Charter School. The loans were issued for capital purchases. Long-term loans outstanding at June 30, 2019 are as follows:

Description	uthorized nd Issued	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	-	llance at ear End
Center for Energy and Environment	\$ 100,000	3.9 %	11/13/2018	11/13/2023	\$	89,385

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the loans are as follows:

Year Ending	Governmental Activities							
June 30,	P	Principal			Total			
2020	\$	18,886	\$	3,159	\$	3,159		
2021		19,644		2,401		2,401		
2022		20,424		1,621		1,621		
2023		21,235		811		811		
2024		9,196		91		91		
Total	\$	89,385	\$	8,083	\$	8,083		

## Changes in Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2019 was as follows:

		Beginning Balance	Ir	ncreases	[	Decreases	 Ending Balance	(	Current
Loans Payable Pension Liability	\$	-	\$	100,000	\$	(10,615)	\$ 89,385	\$	18,886
TRA		4,571,255		-		(2,844,892)	1,726,363		-
PERA		466,027		217,895		(57,044)	 626,878		-
Total	\$	5,037,282	\$	317,895	\$	(2,912,551)	\$ 2,442,626	\$	18,886

# Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide

Substantially all employees of the Charter School are required by state law to belong to pension plans administered by Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) or Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), all of which are administered on a statewide basis.

Disclosures relating to these plans follow:

## A. Teacher Retirement Association (TRA)

#### 1. Plan Description

The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) is an administrator of a multiple employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit retirement fund. TRA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with Minnesota statutes, chapters 354 and 356. TRA is a separate statutory entity and administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of four active members, one retired member and three statutory officials.

Educators employed in Minnesota's public elementary and secondary school, charter schools, and certain other TRA-covered educational institutions maintained by the state are required to be TRA members (except those employed by St. Paul schools or Minnesota State colleges and universities). Educators first hired by Minnesota State may elect either TRA coverage or coverage through Minnesota State's Individual Retirement Account Plan (IRAP) within one year of eligible employment.

### 2. Benefits Provided

TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by Minnesota statute and vest after three years of service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service, age and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for TRA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before **July 1, 1989** receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II as described: **Tier I**:

Tier I:	Step Rate Formula	Percentage
Basic	1st ten years of service	2.2 percent per year
	All years after	2.7 percent per year
Coordinated	1st ten years if service years are prior to July 1, 2006 1st ten years if service years are July 1, 2006 or after All other years of service if service	1.2 percent per year 1.4 percent per year
	years are prior to July 1, 2006 All other years of service if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.7 percent per year 1.9 percent per year

# Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

With these provisions:

- 1. Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 62 with 30 or more years of allowable service.
- 2. Three percent per year early retirement reduction factors for all years under normal retirement age.
- 3. Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule-of-90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more).

or

**Tier II:** For years of service prior to July 1, 2006, a level formula of 1.7 percent per year for coordinated members and 2.7 percent per year for basic members. For years of service July 1, 2006 and after, a level formula of 1.9 percent per year for Coordinated members and 2.7 percent per year for Basic members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota statute. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Members first employed after **June 30**, **1989** receive only the Tier II calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66.

Six different types of annuities are available to members upon retirement. The No Refund Life Plan is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree - no survivor annuity is payable. A retiring member may also choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans, that have survivorship features. Vested members may also leave their contributions in the TRA fund upon termination of service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

## 3. Contribution Rate

Minnesota statutes, chapter 354 sets the rates for the employee and employer contributions. Rates for each fiscal year were:

	Ending Jun	e 30, 2017	Ending Jur	ie 30, 2018	Ending June 30, 2019		
	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer	
Basic	11.00%	11.50%	11.00%	11.50%	11.00%	11.71%	
Coordinated	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.7%	

The Charter School's contributions to TRA for the years ending June 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017 were \$134,426, \$113,008 and \$96,484, respectively. The School's contributions were equal to the contractually required contributions for each year as set by Minnesota statute.

# Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions in TRA's CAFR "Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position" to the employer contributions used in Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Pension Allocations.

Employer Contributions Reported in TRA's CAFR Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	\$ 378,728,000
Add Employer Contributions not Related to Future Contribution Efforts	522,000
Deduct TRA's Contributions not Included in Allocation	(471,000)
Total Employer Contributions	378,779,000
Total Non-employer Contributions	35,588,000
Total Contributions Reported in Schedule of Employer and Non-employer Allocations	\$ 414,367,000

Amounts reported in the allocation schedules may not precisely agree with financial statement amounts or actuarial valuations due to the number of decimal places used in the allocations. TRA has rounded percentage amounts to the nearest ten thousandths.

# 4. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

#### Key Methods and Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total Pension Liability

Actuarial Information Valuation Date Experience Study Actuarial Cost Method Actuarial Assumptions	July 1, 2018 June 5, 2015 Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return Price Inflation Wage Inflation Projected Salary Increase Cost of Living adjustment	7.50% 2.50% 2.85% for ten years and 3.25% thereafter 2.85 to 8.85% for ten years and 3.25 to 9.25% thereafter 1.0% for January 2019 through January 2023, then increasing by 0.1% each year up to 1.5% annually.
Mortality Assumption	
Pre-retirement	RP 2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back six years and female rates set back five years. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.
Post-retirement	RP 2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational
Post disability	projection uses the MP-2015 scale. RP 2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustment.

# Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	TargetLong-termAllocationReal Rate			
Domestic Stocks	36.00 %	5.10 %		
International Stocks	17.00	5.30		
Alternative Assets (Private Markets)	25.00	5.90		
Bonds (Fixed Income)	20.00	0.75		
Unallocated Cash	2.00	-		
Total	<u>    100.00 </u> %			

The TRA actuary has determined the average of the expected remaining service lives of all members for fiscal year 2017 is 6.00 years. The "Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience", "Changes of Assumptions" and "Changes in Proportion" use the amortization period of 6.00 years in the schedule presented. The amortization period for "Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments" is 5.00 years as required by GASB 68.

Changes in actuarial assumptions since the 2018 valuation:

- The COLA was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1 % each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% in January 1, 2028.
- Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are at least age 62 with 30 years of service credit are exempt.
- The COLA trigger provision, which would have increased the COLA to 2.5% if the funded ratio was at least 90% for two consecutive years, was eliminated.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.
- Augmentation on deferred benefits will be reduced to zero percent beginning July 1, 2019. Interest payable on refunds to members was reduced from 4.0% to 3.0%, effective July 1, 2018. Interest due on payments and purchases from members, employers is reduced from 8.5% to 7.5%, effective July 1, 2018.
- The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next 6 years, (7.71 % in 2018, 7.92% in 2019, 8.13% in 2020, 8.34% in 2021, 8.55% in 2022, and 8.75% in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50% to 7.75% on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula.

# Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

# 5. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50 percent. This is an increase from the discount rate at the prior measurement date of 5.12 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the fiscal year 2018 contribution rate, contributions from school districts will be made at contractually required rates (actuarially determined), and contributions from the state will be made at current statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be depleted and, as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was not used in the determination of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR).

# 6. Net Pension Liability

On June 30, 2019, the Charter School reported a liability of \$1,726,363 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Charter School's contributions to TRA in relation to total system contributions including direct aid from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. The Charter School's proportionate share was 0.0275 percent at the end of the measurement period which was an increase of 0.0097 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

The pension liability amount reflected a reduction due to direct aid provided to TRA. The amount recognized by the Charter School as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the direct aid, and total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School were as follows:

Charter's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,726,363
State's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Charter School	162,369

On June 30, 2019, the Charter School had deferred resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	 rred Outflows Resources	 erred Inflows Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Plan Investments Changes in Assumptions	\$ 20,638 - 2,266,862	\$ 34,809 168,352 2,943,982
Changes in Proportion Contributions to TRA Subsequent to the Measurement Date Total	\$ 955,550 <u>134,426</u> 3,377,476	\$ 3,147,143

# Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

Deferred outflows of resources totaling \$134,426 related to pensions resulting from Charter School contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

2020	\$ 477,271
2021	343,168
2022	191,199
2023	(449,179)
2024	(466,552)

# 7. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the net pension liability of TRA calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

Charter's Proportionate Share of NPL					
1 Percent Decrease (6.50%) Current (7.50%)			1 Percent Increase (8.50%)		
\$	2,739,731	\$	1,726,363	\$	890,341

The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer contributions to TRA in relation to TRA's total employer contributions including direct aid contributions from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District.

## 8. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued TRA financial report. That report can be obtained at www.MinnesotaTRA.org, by writing to TRA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN, 55103-4000; or by calling (651) 296-2409 or (800) 657-3669.

## B. Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)

## 1. Plan Description

The Charter School participates in the following defined benefit pension plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). PERA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota statutes, chapters 353 and 356. PERA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## General Employees Retirement Plan (GERF)

All full-time and certain part-time employees of the Charter School, other than teachers, are covered by the General Employees Retirement Fund (GERF). GERF members belong to the Coordinated Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security.

# Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

# 2. Benefits Provided

PERA provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by Minnesota statute and can only be modified by the state legislature.

Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but are not receiving them yet are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

## **GERF Benefits**

Benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA's Coordinated-Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989 receive the higher of Method 1 or Method 2 formulas. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under Method 1, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.2 percent of average salary for each of the first 10 years of service and 1.7 percent of average salary for each additional year. Under Method 2, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.7 percent for average salary for all years of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989 a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989 normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66.

Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. Increases are related to the funding ratio of the plan. If the General Employees Plan is at least 90 percent funded for two consecutive years, benefit recipients are given a 2.5 percent increase. If the plan has not exceeded 90 percent funded, or have fallen below 80 percent, benefit recipients are given a one percent increase. A benefit recipient who has been receiving a benefit for at least 12 full months as of June 30 will receive a full increase. Members receiving benefits for at least one month but less than 12 full months as of June 30 will receive a pro rata increase.

# 3. Contributions

Minnesota statutes chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state legislature.

## **GERF** Contributions

Plan members were required to contribute 6.50 percent of their annual covered salary and the Charter School was required to contribute 7.50 percent of pay for Coordinated Plan members in fiscal year 2019. The Charter School's contributions to the GERF for the year ended June 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017 were \$67,180, \$56,998 and \$35,894, respectively. The Charter School's contributions were equal to the required contributions for each year as set by Minnesota statute.

# Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

### 4. Pension Costs

At June 30, 2019, the Charter School reported a liability of \$626,878 for its proportionate share of the GERF's net pension liability. The Charter School's net pension liability reflected a reduction due to the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million to the fund in 2017. The State of Minnesota is considered a non-employer contributing entity and the State's contribution meets the definition of a special funding situation. The State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Charter School totaled \$20,614. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. At June 30, 2018, the Charter School's proportion was 0.0113 percent which was an increase of 0.0040 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

At June 30, 2019, the Charter School reported its proportionate share of GERF's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, and its contributions subsequent to the measurement date, from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$	16.875	\$	24,799
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	Ψ	68,832	φ	24,799 70,437
Net Difference Between Projected and		00,002		, 0, 107
Actual Earnings on Plan Investments		-		82,623
Changes in Proportion		331,739		-
Contributions to GERF Subsequent				
to the Measurement Date		67,180		-
Total	\$	484,626	\$	177,859

Deferred outflows of resources totaling \$67,180 related to pensions resulting from Charter School contributions to GERF subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to GERF pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

2020	\$ 144,539
2021	86,523
2022	21,620
2023	(13,095)

# Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

#### 5. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation Active Member Payroll Growth Investment Rate of Return 2.50% per year 3.25% per year 7.50%

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors and disabilitants were based on RP-2014 tables for the GERF for males or females, as appropriate, with slight adjustments to fit PERA's experience. Cost of living benefit increases for retirees are assumed to be: 1.25 percent per year for the GERF.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies. The most recent four-year experience study in the GERF was completed in 2015. Economic assumptions were updated in 2017 based on a review of inflation and investment return assumptions.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions occurred in 2018:

#### <u>GERF</u>

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017.
- The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.0 percent per year through 2044 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter to 1.25 percent per year.

The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness of the long-term expected rate of return on a regular basis using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Stocks	36.00 %	5.10 %
International Stocks	17.00	5.30
Bonds (Fixed Income)	20.00	0.75
Alternative Assets (Private Markets)	25.00	5.90
Cash	2.00	-
Total	<u>    100.00 </u> %	

# Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

# 6. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2018 was 7.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at rates set in Minnesota statutes. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the GERF were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

# 7. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability for all plans it participates in, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

Charter's Proportionate Share of NPL					
1 Percent Decrease (6.50%) Current (7.50%)				1 Percent Ir	ocrease (8.50%)
\$	1,018,756	\$	626,878	\$	303,393

# 8. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about each pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.mnpera.org.

# Note 5: Other Information

#### A. Risk Management

The Charter School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters for which the Charter School carries commercial insurance. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in fiscal year 2019.

Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities, if any, include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNRs). The Charter School's management is not aware of any incurred but not reported claims.

#### **B.** Contingencies

Amounts received or receivable from federal and state agencies are subject to agency audit and adjustment. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable fund. The amount, if any, of funds which may be disallowed by the agencies cannot be determined at this time although the Charter School expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

#### C. Income Taxes

The Charter School is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Charter School also qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under applicable statutes of the State of Minnesota.

Management believes that it is not reasonably possible for any tax position benefits to increase or decrease significantly over the next 12 months. As of June 30, 2019, there were no income tax related accrued interest or penalties recognized in either the statement of financial position or the statement of activities.

The Charter School files informational returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and in the Minnesota state jurisdiction. U.S. federal returns and Minnesota returns for the prior three fiscal years are closed. No returns are currently under examination in any tax jurisdiction.

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# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NORTHEAST COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 4219 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

> FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

# Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

# Schedule of Employer's Share of Teachers Retirement Association Net Pension Liability

Fiscal Year End	Charter School's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (a)	State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District (b)	Total (a+b)	Charter School's Covered Payroll (c)	Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((a+b)/c)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
6/30/2018	0.0275 %	\$ 1,726,363	\$ 162,369	\$ 1,888,732	\$ 1,518,560	124.4 %	78.1 %
6/30/2017	0.0229	4,571,255	441,648	5,012,903	1,286,453	389.7	51.6
6/30/2016	0.0178	4,245,725	426,450	4,672,175	927,733	503.6	44.9
6/30/2015	0.0124	767,063	93,946	861,009	675,080	127.5	76.8
6/30/2014	0.0013	59,903	4,240	64,143	66,414	96.6	81.1

Note: Schedule is intended to show 10-year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

# Schedule of Employer's Teachers Retirement Association Contributions

Fiscal Year End	Statutorily Required Contribution (a)	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)	Charter School's Covered Payroll (c)	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/c)
6/30/2019 6/30/2018	\$ 134,426 113,008	\$    134,426 113,008	\$ - -	\$ 1,743,528 1,518,560	7.71 % 7.50
6/30/2017 6/30/2016	96,484 69,581	96,484 69,581	-	1,286,453 927,733	7.50 7.50 7.50
6/30/2015	47,133	47,133	-	675,080	6.98

Note: Schedule is intended to show 10-year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

# Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota Required Supplementary Information (Continued) For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information - Teachers Retirement Association

#### Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

2018 - The investment return assumption was changed from 8.50% to 7.50%. The price inflation assumption was lowered from 3.00% to 2.50%. The payroll growth assumption was lowered from 3.50% to 3.00%. The wage inflation assumption (above price inflation) was reduced from 0.75% to 0.35% for the next 10 years, and 0.75% thereafter. The total salary increase assumption was adjusted by the wage inflation change. The amortization date for the funding of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) was reset to June 30, 2048 (30 years). A mechanism in the law that provided the TRA Board with some authority to set contribution rates was eliminated.

2017 - The Cost of Living Adjustment was assumed to increase from 2.0% annually to 2.5% annually on July 1, 2045. Adjustments were made to the combined service annuity loads. The active load was reduced from 1.4% to 0.0%, the vested inactive load increased from 4.0% to 7.0% and the non-vested inactive load increased from 4.0% to 9.0%

2016 - The assumed investment return was changed from 8.0 percent to 4.66 percent using the Single Equivalent Interest Rate calculation. The single discount rate was changed from 8.0 percent to 4.66 percent. The assumed future salary increases, payroll growth and inflation were changed by a 0.25 percent decrease for price inflation, a 0.50 percent increase for wage inflation and a 2.50 percent decrease in maximum salary increases based on years of service. Mortality assumptions were updated using the RP-2014 tables.

2015 - The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 2.0 percent per year through 2034 and 2.5 percent per year thereafter to 2.0 percent per year for all future years. The assumed investment return was changed from 8.25 percent to 8.0 percent. The single discount rate was changed from 8.25 percent to 8.0 percent.

#### Changes in Plan Provisions

2018 - The 2018 Omnibus Pension Bill contained a number of changes:

- The COLA was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% in January 1, 2028.
- Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are at least age 62 with 30 years of service credit are exempt.
- The COLA trigger provision, which would have increased the COLA to 2.5% if the funded ratio was at least 90% for two consecutive years, was eliminated.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.
- Augmentation on deferred benefits will be reduced to zero percent beginning July 1, 2019. Interest payable on refunds to members was reduced from 4.0% to 3.0%, effective July 1, 2018. Interest due on payments and purchases from members, employers is reduced from 8.5% to 7.5%, effective July 1, 2018.
- The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next 6 years, (7.71% in 2018, 7.92% in 2019, 8.13% in 2020, 8.34% in 2021, 8.55% in 2022, 8.75% in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50% to 7.75% on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula.

2015 - On June 30, 2015, the Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association was merged into TRA. This also resulted in a state-provided contribution stream of \$14.377 million until the System becomes fully funded.

# Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota Required Supplementary Information (Continued) For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

# Schedule of Employer's Share of Public Employees Retirement Association Net Pension Liability

	Charter School's Proportion of the Net Pension	Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension	State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with	Charter School's Covered	Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total
Year	Liability	Liability (a)	the School (b)	Payroll (c)	Payroll ((a+b)/c)	Pension Liability
6/30/2018 6/30/2017 6/30/2016 6/30/2015 6/30/2014	0.0113 % 0.0073 0.0038 0.0015 0.0002	\$ 626,878 466,027 308,541 77,738 9,395	\$ 20,614 5,860 3,978	\$ 759,978 478,600 249,440 92,987 8,787	85.2 % 98.6 125.3 83.6 106.9	79.5 % 75.9 68.9 78.2 78.7

Note: Schedule is intended to show 10-year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

## Schedule of Employer's Public Employees Retirement Association Contributions

Fiscal Year End	Statutorily Required Contribution (a)		Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)		Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)		Charter School's Covered Payroll (c)		Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/c)	
6/30/2019 6/30/2018	\$	67,180 56,998	\$	67,180 56,998	\$	-	\$	895,733 759,978	7.5 % 7.5	
6/30/2017		35,894		35,894		-		478,600	7.5	
6/30/2016 6/30/2015		18,708 6,974		18,708 6,974		-		249,440 92,987	7.5 7.5	

Note: Schedule is intended to show 10-year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

# Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota Required Supplementary Information (Continued) For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information - Public Employees Retirement Association

#### Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

2018 - The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017. The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2044 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter to 1.25 percent per year.

2017 - Assumed salary increases were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2016 experience study. The net effect is proposed rates that average 0.34 percent lower than the previous rates. Assumed rates of retirement were changed. resulting in fewer retirements. The Combined Service Annuity (CSA) load was 30 percent for vested and non-vested deferred members. The CSA has been changed to 33 percent for vested members and 2 percent for non-vested members. The base mortality table for healthy annuitants was changed from the RP-2000 fully generational table to the RP-2014 fully generational table (with a base year of 2006), with male rates adjusted by a factor of 0.96. The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale AA to Scale MP-2016. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2000 disabled mortality table to the mortality tables assumed for healthy retirees. Assumed termination rates were decreased to 3.0 percent for the first three years of service. Rates beyond the select period of three years were adjusted, resulting in more expected terminations overall. Assumed percentage of married female members was decreased from 65 percent to 60 percent. Assumed age difference was changed from separate assumptions for male members (wives assumed to be three years younger) and female members (husbands assumed to be four years older) to the assumption that males are two years older than females. The assumed percentage of female members electing joint and survivor annuities was increased. The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent for all years to 1.00 percent per year through 2064 and 2.50 percent thereafter. The single discount rate was changed from 5.6 percent to 7.5 percent.

2016 - The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0 percent per year through 2035 and 2.5 percent per year thereafter to 1.0 percent per year for all future years. The assumed investment return was changed from 7.9 percent to 7.5 percent. The single discount rate was changed from 7.9 percent to 7.5 percent. Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study dated June 30, 2015. The assumed future salary increases, payroll growth and inflation were decreased by 0.25 percent to 3.25 percent for payroll growth and 2.50 percent for inflation.

2015 - The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0 percent per year through 2030 and 2.5 percent per year thereafter to 1.0 percent per year through 2035 and 2.5 percent per year thereafter.

#### Changes in Plan Provisions

2017 - The State's special funding contribution increased from \$6 million to \$16 million.

2015 - On January 1, 2015, the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund was merged into the General Employees Fund, which increased the total pension liability by \$1.1 billion and increased the fiduciary plan net position by \$892 million. Upon consolidation, state and employer contributions were revised.

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# INDIVIDUAL FUND SCHEDULE AND TABLE

NORTHEAST COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 4219 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

> FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

#### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -Budget and Actual (Continued on the Following Page) For the Year Ended June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2018)

		2018			
	Budgete	d Amounts	Actual	Actual	
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget	Amounts
Revenues				0	
Other local and county revenue	\$ 115,129	\$ 115,129	\$ 507,693	\$ 392,564	\$ 430,473
Interest earned on investments	-	-	20	20	24
Revenue from state sources	4,647,340	4,647,340	4,996,974	349,634	4,258,124
Revenue from federal sources	182,700	182,700	206,619	23,919	168,777
Total Revenues	4,945,169	4,945,169	5,711,306	766,137	4,857,398
Expenditures					
Current					
Administration					
Salaries	181,250	181,250	163,011	18,239	171,967
Fringe benefits	62,596	62,596	52,290	10,306	51,759
Purchased services	8,000	8,000	-	8,000	25,772
Other	7,500	7,500	24,247	(16,747)	-
Total administration	259,346	259,346	239,548	19,798	249,498
District support services					
Salaries	97,500	97,500	115,543	(18,043)	111,112
Fringe benefits	60,075	60,075	48,848	11,227	54,874
Purchased services	164,268	164,268	169,386	(5,118)	125,808
Supplies and materials	19,900	19,900	46,950	(27,050)	28,961
Other	3,735	3,735	14,700	(10,965)	13,482
Total district support services	345,478	345,478	395,427	(49,949)	334,237
Elementary and secondary					
regular instruction					
Salaries	1,148,086	1,148,086	1,322,733	(174,647)	1,134,970
Fringe benefits	278,475	278,475	353,011	(74,536)	282,243
Purchased services	37,000	37,000	29,122	7,878	50,140
Supplies and materials	47,635	47,635	112,684	(65,049)	44,081
Other	65	65	512	(447)	325
Total elementary and secondary					
regular instruction	1,511,261	1,511,261	1,818,062	(306,801)	1,511,759
Special education instruction					
Salaries	535,462	535,462	714,127	(178,665)	682,157
Fringe benefits	130,760	130,760	194,332	(63,572)	191,436
Purchased services	457,515	457,515	605,226	(147,711)	438,911
Supplies and materials	27,225	27,225	38,203	(10,978)	38,050
Other	-		50	(50)	
Total special education instruction	1,150,962	1,150,962	1,551,938	(400,976)	1,350,554

#### Northeast College Prep Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -Budget and Actual (Continued) For the Year Ended June 30, 2019 (With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2018)

	2019					2018				
		Budgeted Amounts		Actual		Variance With		Actual		
	С	riginal		Final		Amounts	Fina	al Budget	A	mounts
Expenditures (Continued)										
Current (continued)										
Instructional support services Salaries	\$	188,250	\$	188.250	\$	190,203	\$	(1,953)	\$	92,994
Fringe benefits	Ψ	48,000	Ψ	48,000	Ψ	48,769	Ψ	(769)	Ψ	23,484
Purchased services		63,900		63,900		98,087		(34,187)		83,095
Supplies and materials		10,590		10,590		22,996		(12,406)		15,489
Other		-		-		39		(39)		-
Total instructional										
support services		310,740		310,740		360,094		(49,354)		215,062
Pupil support services										
Salaries		59,750		59,750		32,703		27,047		29,485
Fringe benefits		11,575		11,575		5,239		6,336		4,460
Purchased services		453,636		453,636		567,535		(113,899)		449,141
Supplies and materials		475		475		546		(71)		79
Total pupil support services		525,436		525,436		606,023		(80,587)		483,165
Sites and buildings										
Salaries		32,500		32,500		32,109		391		29,920
Fringe benefits		20,800		20,800		20,902		(102)		18,319
Purchased services		662,358		662,358		620,066		42,292		611,636
Supplies and materials		7,700		7,700		13,898		(6,198)		15,955
Other		-		-		990		(990)		150
Total sites and buildings		723,358		723,358		687,965		35,393		675,980
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs										
Purchased services		19,200		19,200		13,712		5,488		15,388
Debt service		1,500		1,500		23,287		(21,787)		6,974
Total fiscal and other										
fixed cost programs		20,700		20,700		36,999		(16,299)		22,362
Total current		4,847,281		4,847,281		5,696,056		(848,775)		4,842,617
Capital outlay										
District support services		2,500		2,500		4,443		(1,943)		3,168
Elementary and secondary		,		,		, -		( ) /		-,
regular instruction		500		500		-		500		1,679
Special education instruction		4,500		4,500		300		4,200		2,667
Instructional support services		6,000		6,000		27,503		(21,503)		8,044
Sites and buildings		3,500		3,500		112,213		(108,713)		1,661
Total capital outlay		17,000		17,000		144,459		(127,459)		17,219
Total Expenditures		4,864,281		4,864,281		5,840,515		(976,234)		4,859,836
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues										
Over (Under) Expenditures		80,888		80,888		(129,209)		(210,097)		(2,438)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)										
Debt issued		-		-		100,000		100,000		-
Transfers out		-		-		(27,439)		(27,439)		(16,872)
Total Other Financing						<u> </u>				<u> </u>
Sources (Uses)		-		-		72,561		72,561		(16,872)
Net Change in Fund Balances		80,888		80,888		(56,648)		(137,536)		(19,310)
Fund Balances, July 1		484,221		484,221		484,221				503,531
Fund Balances, June 30	\$	565,109	\$	565,109	\$	427,573	\$	(137,536)	\$	484,221

# Fiscal Compliance Report - 6/30/2019 District: NORTHEAST COLLEGE PREP (4219-7)

	Audit	UFARS	Audit - UFARS		Audit	UFARS	Audit - UFARS
<b>01 GENERAL FUND</b>			UTARS	06 BUILDING CONSTRUC	TION		UTAKS
Total Revenue	\$5,711,306	<u>\$5,711,306</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures Non Spendable:	\$5,840,515	<u>\$5,840,519</u>	<u>(\$4)</u>	Total Expenditures Non Spendable:	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance Restricted / Reserved:	\$20,541	<u>\$20,541</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance Restricted / Reserved:	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.03 Staff Development	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.07 Capital Projects Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.06 Health and Safety	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.13 Project Funded by COP	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.07 Capital Projects Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.67 LTFM	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.08 Cooperative Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Restricted:	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0	¢0
4.13 Project Funded by COP	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.64 Restricted Fund Balance Unassigned:	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.14 Operating Debt	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.16 Levy Reduction	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				_
4.17 Taconite Building Maint	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	07 DEBT SERVICE			
4.24 Operating Capital	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.26 \$25 Taconite	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.27 Disabled Accessibility	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Non Spendable:			
4.28 Learning & Development	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance Restricted / Reserved:	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.34 Area Learning Center	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.25 Bond Refundings	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.35 Contracted Alt. Programs	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.23 Bond Kerundings 4.33 Maximum Effort Loan Aid	\$0 \$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.36 State Approved Alt. Program	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>		\$0 \$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.38 Gifted & Talented	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<ul><li>4.51 QZAB Payments</li><li>4.67 LTFM</li></ul>	\$0 \$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.40 Teacher Development and Evaluation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Restricted:	<b>9</b> 0	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>
4.41 Basic Skills Programs	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.64 Restricted Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.48 Achievement and Integration	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.49 Safe School Crime - Crime Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.05 Unassigned Fund Balance	<b>\$</b> 0	<u>40</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.50 Pre-Kindergarten	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	08 TRUST			
4.51 QZAB Payments	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	<u>\$0</u>
4.53 Unfunded Sev & Retiremt Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net	\$0	\$0	<u>\$0</u>
4.59 Basic Skills Extended Time	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Assets)			
4.67 LTFM	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>20 INTERNAL SERVICE</b>			
4.72 Medical Assistance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Restricted:	¢1.00.000	¢1.00.000	¢o	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$160,000	<u>\$160,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.75 Title VII Impact Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Assets)			
4.76 Payments in Lieu of Taxes <i>Committed</i> :	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	25 OPEB REVOCABLE TR	UST		
4.18 Committed for Separation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.61 Committed Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Assigned:	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.62 Assigned Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>				,	TDUG	-	
4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$247,032	<u>\$247,030</u>	<u>\$2</u>	45 OPEB IRREVOCABLE			£0
<b>02 FOOD SERVICES</b>				Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$215 626	\$215 626	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Revenue	\$315,636	<u>\$315,636</u>	<u>\$0</u>				

# Minnesota Department of Education

Total Expenditures	\$343,075	<u>\$343,075</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Non Spendable:			
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance Restricted / Reserved:	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust <i>Restricted:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance Unassigned:	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balancee	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
04 COMMUNITY SERVICE			
Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures Non Spendable:	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance Restricted / Reserved:	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.26 \$25 Taconite	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.31 Community Education	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.32 E.C.F.E	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.40 Teacher Development and Evaluation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.44 School Readiness	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.47 Adult Basic Education	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust <i>Restricted:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
47 OPEB DEBT SERVICE			
Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures Non Spendable:	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance <i>Restricted:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.25 Bond Refundings	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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# OTHER REQUIRED REPORTS

NORTHEAST COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL NO. 4219 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Members of the Board of Education Northeast College Prep, Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northeast College Prep, Charter School No. 4219 (the Charter School), Minneapolis, Minnesota as of June 30, 2019 and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 1, 2019.

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Charter Schools*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 6.65, contains two categories of compliance to be tested in audits of charter schools: uniform financial accounting and reporting standards, and charter schools.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Charter School failed to comply with the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Charter Schools*. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Charter School's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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ABDO, EICK & MEYERS, LLP Minneapolis, Minnesota October 1, 2019



#### 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

Members of the Board of Education Northeast College Prep, Charter School No. 4219 Minneapolis, Minnesota

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 governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northeast College Prep, Charter School No. 4219, (the Charter School), Minneapolis, Minnesota, as of June 30, 2019 and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 1, 2019.

# Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter 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, 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 may exist that have not been identified.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Charter 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 Charter 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 Charter School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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ABDO, EICK & MEYERS, LLP Minneapolis, Minnesota October 1, 2019

