



Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward
W/L #: 5392

(A charter school under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.)

(A Charter School and Component Unit
of the School Board of Broward County, Florida)

Plantation, Florida

Financial Statements and
Independent Auditors' Report
June 30, 2024

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6501 West Sunrise Blvd
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2023-2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward
Plantation, Florida

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward (the “School”), a charter school under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. and a component unit of the District School Board of Broward County, as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School’s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the School’s ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Emphasis of a Matter – Presentation

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present only the financial position and change in financial position of Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward that is attributable to the transactions of the School and is not intended to be a complete presentation of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. These financial statements do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward as of June 30, 2024, and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management’s discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5 through 9 and 31 to 32 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 30, 2024, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Coral Gables, Florida
September 30, 2024

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Management’s Discussion and Analysis
Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward
(A Charter School under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.)
June 30, 2024

The corporate officers of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. have prepared this narrative overview and analysis of the School’s financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Financial Highlights

1. The net position of the School as of June 30, 2024 was \$1,540,761.
2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$1,650,486.
3. The School had an increase in its net position of \$342,407 for the year ended June 30, 2024.
4. The unassigned fund balance at year end was \$1,320,860.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the School’s basic financial statements. The School’s financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024 are presented in accordance with GASB Codification Section 2200. The financial statements have three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of the School’s assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. The difference between the four is reported as *net position*. Over time increases or decreases in net position may serve as an indicator of whether the financial position of the School is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information on how the School’s net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported when the underlying event occurs without regard to the timing of related cash flows. Accordingly, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10 - 11 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

A “fund” is a collection of related accounts grouped to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities, projects, or objectives. The School like other state and local governments uses fund accounting to ensure and report compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

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

The Board of the School adopts an annual appropriated budget for its major governmental funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the major governmental funds to demonstrate compliance with the School's budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12 - 15 of this report.

Notes to Financial Statements

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

The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 16 - 30 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a charter school's financial position. In the case of the School, net position was \$1,540,761 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash	\$ 46,750	\$ 94,619
Investment	965,000	217,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	12,910	1,491
Deposits receivable	71,698	61,967
Due from other agencies	1,505,639	218,183
Due from other charter schools	-	145,796
Due from other divisions of The National Ben Gamla Charter School	-	562,500
Capital and right of use assets, net	<u>1,247,563</u>	<u>1,121,766</u>
Total Assets	<u>3,849,560</u>	<u>2,423,322</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	139,786	68,586
Salaries and wages payable	158,636	106,004
Due to The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.	830,000	-
Lease liability	<u>1,180,377</u>	<u>1,050,378</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,308,799</u>	<u>1,224,968</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	-	-
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	67,186	71,388
Unrestricted	<u>1,473,575</u>	<u>1,126,966</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,540,761</u>	<u>\$ 1,198,354</u>

At the end of both fiscal years, the School is able to report positive balances in total net position.

A summary and analysis of the School’s revenues and expenses for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
REVENUES		
Program Revenues		
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 950,277	\$ 547,285
Capital outlay funding	242,055	182,827
Charges for services and other revenue	12,753	17,510
General Revenues		
State and local sources	4,405,724	2,070,519
Charges for services and other revenues	41,188	34,148
Net position transferred upon consolidation	<u>(610,684)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 5,041,313	\$ 2,852,289
EXPENSES		
Component Unit Activities:		
Instruction	\$ 2,922,362	\$ 1,504,613
Student support services	82,800	53,927
Instructional staff training	20,364	11,023
Board	37,006	27,346
General administration	94,418	-
School administration	449,482	419,106
Fiscal services	56,914	38,775
Food services	192,086	131,205
Central services	93,775	65,855
Operation of plant	589,647	445,950
Maintenance of plant	78,006	81,725
Community services	18,751	21,081
Debt service	<u>63,295</u>	<u>51,773</u>
Total Expenses	<u>4,698,906</u>	<u>2,852,379</u>
Change in Net Position	342,407	(90)
Net Position at Beginning of Year	<u>1,198,354</u>	<u>1,198,444</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 1,540,761</u>	<u>\$ 1,198,354</u>

The School’s revenues and expenses increased by \$2,189,024 and \$1,846,527, respectively, in the current year. The School had an increase in its net position of \$342,407.

Capital Improvement Requirements

The School maintains a continuous capital improvements program to enhance facilities and update fixtures and equipment as required.

Facility and School Location

The School entered into a lease agreement for use of facility located at 6501 West Sunrise Blvd., Plantation, FL 33313.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUND

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

Governmental Funds

The focus of the 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 School's financing requirements. In particular, the *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.

Most of the School's operations are funded in the General Fund. The majority of the General Fund revenues are distributed to the School by the District through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), which uses formulas to distribute state funds and an amount of local property taxes (i.e., required local effort) established each year by the Florida Legislature.

At the end of the fiscal year, the School's governmental general fund reported a fund balance of \$1,333,770. The fund balance unassigned and available for spending at the School's discretion is \$1,320,860. These funds will be available for the School's future ongoing operations and working capital.

Capital Assets

The School's investment in capital assets (including right of use lease assets) as of June 30, 2024 amounts to \$1,247,563 (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization). This investment in capital assets includes building, improvements, furniture, fixtures and computer equipment. As of June 30, 2024, the School had \$1,180,377 in long-term liabilities associated to its capital assets.

The lease asset is amortized using the straight-line method over the term of the lease and the lease liability amortizes based on the effective interest method resulting in a higher liability and expense during the early years of the lease.

Governmental Fund Budget Analysis and Highlights

Prior to the start of the School’s fiscal year, the Board of the Charter School adopted an annual budget. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for total governmental funds (both general fund and special revenue funds) to demonstrate compliance with the School’s budget.

	Governmental Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
Program Revenues			
State capital outlay funding	\$ 194,625	\$ 200,250	\$ 201,424
Local sources	39,825	39,825	40,631
Federal sources	661,414	1,350,311	1,420,004
Charges for services and other revenues	11,120	12,500	12,753
General Revenues			
State and local sources	3,379,939	3,469,879	3,525,911
Charges for services and other revenues	31,120	39,825	41,188
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,318,043</u>	<u>\$ 5,112,590</u>	<u>\$ 5,241,911</u>
CURRENT EXPENDITURES			
Component Unit Activities			
Instruction	\$ 2,264,335	\$ 2,260,544	\$ 2,162,728
Student support services	98,514	93,130	82,800
Instructional staff training	8,500	8,500	8,431
Board	54,563	51,568	48,939
General administration	95,101	95,101	94,418
School administration	480,562	477,057	449,482
Fiscal services	59,375	56,914	56,914
Food services	195,506	216,982	192,086
Central services	95,375	104,438	93,775
Operation of plant	459,227	452,476	383,694
Maintenance of plant	80,000	80,000	75,592
Community Services	20,000	20,000	18,751
Total Current Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,911,058</u>	<u>\$ 3,916,710</u>	<u>\$ 3,667,610</u>

Most variances occurred as a result of the Budget adopted being more conservative than actual results for the year.

Requests for Information

This financial report is intended to provide a general overview of the finances of the Charter School. Requests for additional information may be addressed to Ms. Ana Martinez at Academica Broward, LLC, 6340 Sunset Drive, Miami, Florida, 33143.

Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward
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Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 46,750
Investment	965,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	12,910
Due from other agencies	625,826
Total Current Assets	<u>1,650,486</u>
Capital assets, depreciable	982,602
Less: accumulated depreciation	(820,460)
Right of use lease assets	1,627,981
Less: accumulated amortization	(542,560)
Total Capital Assets, net	<u>1,247,563</u>
Deposits and other receivables	71,698
Due from other agencies, long-term	<u>879,813</u>
Total Assets	<u>3,849,560</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	139,786
Salaries and wages payable	158,636
Lease liability, current	164,722
Total Current Liabilities	<u>463,144</u>
Long term liabilities:	
Lease liability	1,015,655
Due to The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.	830,000
Total Liabilities	<u>2,308,799</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Position:	
Net investment in capital assets	67,186
Unrestricted	1,473,575
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,540,761</u>

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Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2024

FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
Instruction	\$ 2,922,362	\$ -	\$ 662,238	\$ -	\$ (2,260,124)
Student support services	82,800	-	-	-	(82,800)
Instructional staff training	20,364	-	11,933	-	(8,431)
Board	37,006	-	-	-	(37,006)
General administration	94,418	-	-	-	(94,418)
School administration	449,482	-	61,425	-	(388,057)
Fiscal services	56,914	-	-	-	(56,914)
Food services	192,086	6,010	149,580	-	(36,496)
Central services	93,775	-	-	-	(93,775)
Operation of plant	589,647	-	65,101	242,055	(282,491)
Maintenance of plant	78,006	-	-	-	(78,006)
Community services	18,751	6,743	-	-	(12,008)
Debt service	63,295	-	-	-	(63,295)
Total governmental activities	4,698,906	12,753	950,277	242,055	(3,493,821)
General revenues:					
State and local sources					4,405,724
Interest and other revenues					41,188
Net position transferred upon consolidation					(610,684)
Change in net position					342,407
Net position, beginning					1,198,354
Net position, ending					\$ 1,540,761

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash	\$ 28,456	\$ 18,294	\$ -	\$ 46,750
Investment	965,000	-	-	965,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	12,910	-	-	12,910
Due from other agencies	448,435	158,486	18,905	625,826
Due from fund	177,391	-	-	177,391
Total Assets	<u>1,632,192</u>	<u>176,780</u>	<u>18,905</u>	<u>1,827,877</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
	-	-	-	-
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Salaries and wages payable	158,636	-	-	158,636
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	139,786	-	-	139,786
Due to fund	-	158,486	18,905	177,391
Total Liabilities	<u>298,422</u>	<u>158,486</u>	<u>18,905</u>	<u>475,813</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
	-	-	-	-
<u>Fund balance</u>				
Nonspendable, not in spendable form	12,910	-	-	12,910
Assigned	-	18,294	-	18,294
Unassigned	1,320,860	-	-	1,320,860
	<u>1,333,770</u>	<u>18,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,352,064</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,632,192</u>	<u>\$ 176,780</u>	<u>\$ 18,905</u>	<u>\$ 1,827,877</u>

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$1,352,064

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

Depreciable and non-depreciable capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and amortization used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund.

Capital assets, depreciable	982,602	
Less: accumulated depreciation	(820,460)	
Right-of-use lease asset	1,627,981	
Less: accumulated amortization	<u>(542,560)</u>	1,247,563

Long term deposits and receivables in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. 951,511

Long term liabilities were not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. (2,010,377)

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities \$1,540,761

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
State passed through local	\$2,686,999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,686,999
State capital outlay funding	-	-	201,424	201,424
Local sources	838,912	-	40,631	879,543
Federal sources	-	1,420,004	-	1,420,004
Charges for services and other revenue	41,188	12,753	-	53,941
Total Revenues	3,567,099	1,432,757	242,055	5,241,911
Expenditures:				
Current				
Instruction	1,684,508	478,220	-	2,162,728
Student support services	82,800	-	-	82,800
Instructional staff training	8,431	11,933	-	20,364
Board	37,006	-	-	37,006
General administration	94,418	-	-	94,418
School administration	388,057	61,425	-	449,482
Food services	-	192,086	-	192,086
Fiscal services	56,914	-	-	56,914
Central services	93,775	-	-	93,775
Operation of plant	296,538	65,101	22,055	383,694
Maintenance of plant	75,592	-	-	75,592
Community Services	-	18,751	-	18,751
Capital Outlay:				
Other capital outlay	19,190	25,142	-	44,332
Debt Service:				
Redemption of principal	-	-	156,705	156,705
Interest	-	-	63,295	63,295
Total Expenditures	2,837,229	852,658	242,055	3,931,942
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	729,870	580,099	-	1,309,969
Other financing sources (uses)				
Reduction in long term receivables	512,500	-	-	512,500
Recoverable grant repayment	(715,028)	-	-	(715,028)
Net fund balance of transferred - in charter operations	(149,028)	-	-	(149,028)
Transfers in (out)	592,640	(592,640)	-	-
Net change in fund balance	970,954	(12,541)	-	958,413
Fund Balance at beginning of year	362,816	30,835	-	393,651
Fund Balance at end of year	\$1,333,770	\$ 18,294	\$ -	\$ 1,352,064

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$ 958,413

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives. This is the amount by which capital outlays differed from depreciation and amortization expense.

Capital outlay	44,332	
Depreciation and amortization expense	(252,973)	
Net assets transferred from other charter school	<u>344,169</u>	
		135,528

Increase in long term receivables is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but a decrease or collections of such receivables reduces long-term assets in the statement of net position. (512,500)

Revenues are recognized using the full accrual basis of accounting in the government-wide statements. However, revenues are recognized when they are measurable and available in the governmental funds. These revenues did not meet the recognition criteria during the current year and, therefore, were not reported in the governmental funds. 770,965

Additions in long term liabilities provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but increases long term liabilities in the statement of net position. Reductions in long term liabilities is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long term liabilities in the statement of net position. In the current period, these amounts are:

Increase in long term liabilities transferred	(1,166,704)	
Decreases in long term liabilities	<u>156,705</u>	
		<u>(1,009,999)</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 342,407

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward (the "School"), is a component unit of the School Board of Broward County, Florida (the "District"). The Schools' charter is held by The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. The governing body of the School is the board of directors of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc., which is composed of four members and also governs other charter schools. The board has determined that no component units exist that would require inclusion in the School's financial statements.

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter granted by the sponsoring district, the School Board of Broward County, Florida. The current charter expires on June 30, 2039, and can be renewed in accordance with law. A charter can also be terminated before its date of expiration for reasons set forth in the charter and Section 1002.33 of the Florida Statutes. The District approved a charter consolidation, of the School with Ben Gamla Preparatory Academy (MSID 5182) which became effective at the beginning of the current fiscal year (See Note 13).

The School is located in Plantation, Florida for students from kindergarten through eighth grades. These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2024, where on average on 338 students were enrolled for the school year.

Basis of presentation

The School's accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Accordingly, the basic financial statements include both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report information for the School as a whole. Both statements report only governmental activities as the School does not engage in any business type activities. These statements also do not include fiduciary funds. Any internal interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Program revenues include: (1) charges for services, such as food service and student activity fees; (2) operating grants such as the National School Lunch Program, Federal grants, and other state allocations; and (3) capital grants specific to capital outlay. In addition, revenues not classified as program revenues are shown as general revenues, which include Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) revenues, and other state and local sources.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds. The operations of the funds are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflow of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, equity, revenues and expenditures. The School reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Special Revenue Fund – accounts for specific revenues, such as federal funding and federal lunch program that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes. Also, accounts for resources of the School's Internal Fund, which is used to administer monies collected in connection with school, student athletics, class, and club activities.

Capital Projects Fund - is used to account for the resources restricted for the acquisition or construction of specific capital assets and from state and local capital funding that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the School are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The School's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance*.

The government-wide statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the full 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.

The School recognizes assets of non-exchange transactions in the period when the underlying transaction occurs, when an enforceable legal claim has arisen, or when all eligibility requirements are met. Revenues are recognized, on the modified accrual basis, when they are measurable and available. Non-exchange transactions occur when the school provides (or receives) value to (from) another party without receiving (or giving) equal or nearly equal value in return. Most donations are examples of non-exchange transactions. Revenues from grants and donations are recognized on the accrual basis, in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) revenues are recognized when received. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues. Charges for services and fees are recognized when cash is collected as amounts are not measurable. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of funds is the prime factor for determining eligibility for federal, state, and other grant funds, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for long-term debt principal and interest which are reported as expenditures in the year due. Agency fund assets and liabilities are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting.

Due from Other Governments or Agencies

Amounts due to the School by other governments or agencies are for grants or programs under which the services have been provided by the School.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

In compliance with Florida Statutes, the Board of Directors adopts an annual budget using the modified accrual basis of accounting. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the object level (e.g. salaries and benefits, purchased services, materials and supplies and capital outlay) within each activity (e.g. instruction, pupil personnel services and school administration). Revisions to the annual budget are approved by the Board.

Inter-fund Transfers

Inter-fund receivables/payables (“due from/to”) are short-term balances that represent reimbursements between funds for payments made by one fund on behalf of another fund.

Cash and Investments

Cash and investments are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, non-marketable time deposits with maturities of three months or less when purchased, and money market/savings accounts.

The School has not adopted a formal deposit and investment policy that limits the School’s allowable deposits or investments and address specific types of risk; however the School invests excess deposit funds in a government money market mutual fund. The School follows the provisions of GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and External Investment Pools, GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, and other related standards which establish accounting and financial reporting standards for all investments (see Note 2). Money market investment that have maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition are reported at amortized cost rather than fair value. Amortized cost closely approximates fair value.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows 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 and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

Capital Assets

The School’s property, plant and equipment with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. The School generally capitalizes assets with a cost of \$1,000 or more. Building improvements, additions and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When capital assets are sold or disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in the government wide statements. Proceeds received from the sale or disposal of capital assets are recorded as Other Financing Sources in the governmental funds.

The right-of-use assets are initially measure at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The right to use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

Estimated useful lives, in years, for capital assets are as follows:

Improvements	10 Years
Furniture, Equipment, and Computers	5 Years
Software	3 Years
Right-of-use assets (building)	9 Years

Compensated Absences

The School grants a specific number of personal time off. Full time instructional employees are eligible to one day per month to up to ten days of active work during the ten-month period (a “benefit year”). In the event that available time is not used by the end of the benefit year, employees may “rollover” all unused personal time off for use in future benefit years. There is an opportunity to “cash out” unused personal time off, however, the employees may only cash out if they have used three days or less in that benefit year. Employees may not cash out more than ten days per school year and are required to always maintain a minimum of twenty-one unused days in order to cash out. The cash out value is eighty percent of their current daily rate. There is no termination payment for accumulated unused personal time off. Non-exempt and office salaried employees are not eligible to “cash out” unused personal time off days.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

GASB Codification Section C60, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, provides that compensated absences that are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee should be accounted for in the period those events take place. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include an accrual for compensated absences available to be used in future benefits years.

Revenue Sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the State through the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, the School will report the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the District. Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of the full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the FEFP. Funding for the School is adjusted during the year to reflect the revised calculations by the FDOE under the FEFP and the actual weighted full-time equivalent students reported by the School during the designated full-time equivalent student survey periods.

After review and verification of FTE reports and supporting documentation, the FDOE may adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations of FEFP funding for prior year errors disclosed by its review as well as to prevent statewide allocations from exceeding the amount authorized by the Legislature. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions of revenue in the year the adjustment is made. In addition, the School receives a portion of the local operating millage revenues levied by the District (“Secure the Next Generation Referendum”).

The School also receives Federal awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. Federal awards are generally received based on applications submitted to and approved by various granting agencies. For Federal awards in which a claim to these grant proceeds is based on incurring eligible expenditures, revenue is recognized to the extent that eligible expenditures have been incurred. Any excess amounts are recorded as deferred revenues until expended. Additionally, other revenues may be derived from various fundraising activities and certain other programs.

The School receives State funds through the District under charter school capital outlay funding pursuant to Section 1013.62, Florida Statutes. Funds are based on a capital outlay plan submitted to the District and are to be used for lease of school facilities. In addition, the School may receive a portion of the local capital improvement tax revenues levied by the District.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Net Position and Fund Balance Classifications

Government-wide financial statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a) Net investment in capital assets - consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition or improvement of those assets.
- b) Restricted net position - consists of balances with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments.
- c) Unrestricted net position - all other net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for a specific purpose, it is the School's policy to use restricted resources first, until exhausted, before using unrestricted resources.

Fund Financial Statements

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

- a) Nonspendable - includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Consists of fund balance associated with prepaid expenses.
- b) Restricted - fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. There are no restricted fund balances at year end.
- c) Committed - fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the School's Board of Directors. There are no committed fund balances at year end.
- d) Assigned - fund balance classification is intended to be used by the School's management for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Assigned fund balances at year end pertain to the School's Internal Account.
- e) Unassigned - fund balance is the residual classification for the School's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

Committed amounts would be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes

The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and is, therefore, exempt from income tax. Accordingly, no tax provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

New Accounting Standard Adopted

In fiscal year 2024, the School adopted a new statement of financial accounting standard issued by Governmental Accounting Standards Board: GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Charges and Error Corrections*. The adoption had no material effect on the School's financial statements as of June 30, 2024.

Pronouncements Issued But Not Yet Effective

GASB has issued GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensating Absences*. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for certain types of compensated absences including parental leave, military leave, and injury duty leave. The School is currently evaluating the effect that implementation of the new standard will have on its financial statements. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023.

Subsequent Events

In accordance with GASB Codification Section 2250.106, the School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 30, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2 – Cash and Investments

Deposits

The School maintains its cash in two financial institutions. Deposits at FDIC-insured institutions are insured up to \$250,000 per depositor, per financial institution. The School is a charter school under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc., which also operates various other charter schools. All bank accounts are opened under the account ownership of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc., therefore, bank balances at times may potentially be in excess of FDIC coverage. As of June 30, 2024, bank balances in potential excess of FDIC coverage was approximately \$33,600.

Investments

The School follows the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, credit risk, etc.); Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

At June 30, 2024, the School had \$1,360,000 invested in a governmental money market mutual fund that is exempt from GASB 72 fair value hierarchy disclosures. The governmental money market mutual fund values its portfolio securities at amortized cost which approximates fair value. The government money market mutual fund primarily invests in cash, high quality, short-term U.S. government securities and/or repurchase agreements that are collateralized fully by government securities that have been valued by the fund as Level 2. As of June 30, 2024, maturities of the fund's portfolio holdings are approximately 86% within 30 days.

Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of investments in a single issuer. The School manages its exposure to credit risk by limiting investments to highly rated government money market mutual funds. The fund is rated Aaa-mf by Moody's.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a depository financial institution or counterparty that is in possession of investment or collateral securities, the School will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the School will not be able to recover the value of investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At June 30, 2024, all of the School's investments in government money market mutual funds were held in a separate account and designated as assets of the School.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rate will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The School manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting all investments to government money market mutual funds that can be redeemed daily.

Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward
(A Charter School under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.)
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

Note 3 – Due from Other Agencies

The following is due from other agencies as of June 30, 2024:

Funding Source	Governmental Fund	
Due from the District, referendum	General Fund	\$ 448,435
ESSER III	Special Revenue Fund	93,978
Title I	Special Revenue Fund	61,287
Title II	Special Revenue Fund	3,221
Capital Outlay	Capital Projects Fund	18,905
Total Due from Other Agencies, current		<u>625,826</u>
Due from the District, referendum, long-term portion		879,813
Total Due from Other Agencies		<u>\$ 1,505,639</u>

Note 4 – Capital Assets

The following schedule provides a summary of changes in capital assets, acquired substantially with public funds, for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance				Balance
	07/01/23	Additions	Transfers from Consolidation	Retirements	06/30/24
Capital Assets, depreciable:					
Improvements	\$ 355,812	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 355,812
Computer equipment and software	227,834	7,495	239,779	(118,912)	356,196
Furniture, furniture and equipment	109,744	36,837	197,408	(73,395)	270,594
Total Capital Assets, depreciable	<u>693,390</u>	<u>44,332</u>	<u>437,187</u>	<u>(192,307)</u>	<u>982,602</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:					
Improvements	(306,247)	(27,502)	-	-	(333,749)
Computer equipment and software	(164,523)	(29,806)	(186,259)	118,912	(261,676)
Furniture, furniture and equipment	(97,540)	(14,778)	(186,112)	73,395	(225,035)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(568,310)</u>	<u>(72,086)</u>	<u>(372,371)</u>	<u>192,307</u>	<u>(820,460)</u>
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 125,080</u>	<u>\$ (27,754)</u>	<u>\$ 64,816</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 162,142</u>
Lease Assets					
Right of use assets (building)	\$ 1,269,825	\$ -	\$ 358,156	\$ -	\$ 1,627,981
Less: accumulated amortization	(273,139)	(180,887)	(88,534)	-	(542,560)
Lease Assets, net	<u>996,686</u>	<u>(180,887)</u>	<u>269,622</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,085,421</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 1,121,766</u>	<u>\$ (208,641)</u>	<u>\$ 334,438</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,247,563</u>

Note 4 – Capital Assets (continued)

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, depreciation and amortization expense is allocated in the Statement of Activities by function as follows:

	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Amortization</u>
Instruction	\$ 44,606	\$ -
Operation of plant	25,066	180,887
Maintenance of plant	2,414	-
Total Expense	<u>\$ 72,086</u>	<u>\$ 180,887</u>

Note 5 – Education Service and Support Provider

Academica Broward, LLC, an education service and support provider, provides administrative services to the School including, but not limited to, facility design, staffing recommendations, human resource coordination, regulatory compliance, legal and corporate upkeep, maintenance of the books and records, bookkeeping, budgeting, financial reporting and virtual education services.

The agreement between the School and Academica Broward, LLC calls for a fee on a per student basis. The agreement is with through June 30, 2028, and unless terminated by the board will have an option to renew for an additional five year period. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the School incurred \$160,550 in fees at year end.

Note 6 – Transactions with other divisions of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.

The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. charges its affiliated charter schools an assessment for shared corporate costs and accreditation expenses. The School paid The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. \$50,625 in connection with these charges during the year.

The School has provided non-interest-bearing advances to other divisions under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc for working capital purposes.

The following schedule provides a summary of changes in long-term receivables due from other charter schools under and from The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance 07/01/23	Transfers from Consolidation	Increases	Decreases	Balance 06/30/24
Due from Ben Gamla Charter School - Hollywood	\$ 92,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (92,500)	\$ -
Due from Ben Gamla Preparatory High School	50,000	(50,000)	-	-	-
Due from The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.	420,000	-	-	(420,000)	-
Total Long Term Receivables	<u>\$ 562,500</u>	<u>\$ (50,000)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (512,500)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Note 6 – Transactions with other divisions of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. (continued)

The following schedule provides a summary of changes in long-term payables due from other charter schools under and from The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance 07/01/23	Transfers from Consolidation	Increases	Decreases	Balance 06/30/24
Due to The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.	\$ -	\$ 830,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 830,000
Total Long Term Debt	\$ -	\$ 830,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 830,000

Recoverable Grant

In prior years, Ben Gamla Preparatory Academy received \$715,028 in recoverable grants from The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. The purpose of the grants was to fund operating expenses. Under the terms of the grant, the Ben Gamla Preparatory Academy would repay the corporate account in the event the Ben Gamla Preparatory Academy experiences a surplus of its operating budget for any period ending on June 30, following the execution of the agreement. During current year, management determined that the School has met the requirements for repayment under the grant terms and a total amount of \$715,028 was paid.

Note 7 – Contingencies and Concentrations

The School receives substantially all of its funding from the State through the District under the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), which is based in part on a computation of the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students attending different instructional programs. The accuracy of FTE student data submitted by individual schools and used in the FEFP computations is subject to audit by the state and, if found to be in error, could result in refunds to the state or in decreases to future funding allocations.

Additionally, the School receives various forms of federal, state and local funding which are subject to financial and compliance audits. It is the opinion of management that the amount of funding, if any, which may be remitted back to the state due to errors in the FTE student data or the amount of grant expenditures which may be disallowed by grantor agencies would not be material to the financial position of the School.

Pursuant to the Charter School contract with the School District, the District withholds an administrative fee of up to 5% of the qualifying revenues of the School. For the year ended June 30, 2024, administrative fees totaled \$94,418.

Note 8 – Long-Term Liabilities

The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc., on behalf of the School, entered into an amended lease agreement with Samuel M. and Helene Soref, Jewish Community Center, Inc. (“Soref JCC”) for use of a portion of its premises including some ancillary facilities, outdoor areas and other improvements. The amended lease agreement was renewed through July 31, 2025 with one five-year renewal period remaining. Under the amended agreement, as renewed, minimum annual lease payments are \$220,000. The agreement includes additional monthly charges for maintenance and security services of approximately \$16,500, increasing 5% annually.

At the time of the initial measurement, the lease right of use asset and liability were allocated between School and Ben Gamla Preparatory Academy based on enrollment and usage of facility. After the consolidation with Ben Gamla Preparatory Academy, effective July 1, 2023, the School is being allocated 100% of the lease right of use asset and liability.

The School used an average effective interest for several borrowings during fiscal year 2021 and 2022. The average borrowing rate was 5% which was used to discount the annual lease payments to recognize the intangible right to use this asset and the lease liability.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, interest expense totaled \$63,295, as it relates to its lease agreements. For 2024, there were no variable payments related to the lease agreement.

Annual requirements to amortize the lease liability and related interest are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 164,722	\$ 55,278	\$ 220,000
2026	183,382	46,618	230,000
2027	192,764	37,236	230,000
2028	202,626	27,374	230,000
2029	212,993	17,007	230,000
2030	223,890	6,110	230,000
	<u>\$ 1,180,377</u>	<u>\$ 189,623</u>	<u>\$ 1,370,000</u>

Changes in long term lease liabilities during the year are as follows:

	Balance 07/01/23	Increases - Transfers from Consolidation	Decreases	Balance 06/30/24
Lease liability	<u>\$ 1,050,378</u>	<u>\$ 286,704</u>	<u>\$ (156,705)</u>	<u>\$ 1,180,377</u>
Total Lease liability	<u>\$ 1,050,378</u>	<u>\$ 286,704</u>	<u>\$ (156,705)</u>	<u>\$ 1,180,377</u>

Note 9 – Risk Management

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the School carries commercial insurance. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. In addition, there were no reductions in insurance coverage from those in the prior year.

The School has entered into a strategic relationship with ADP TotalSource, Inc., a human resource management firm, typically known as “Professional Employer Organization” (PEO). Under a co-employment agreement, the PEO is the employer of record and is responsible for administering payroll, payroll taxes, provide employee benefits and assist with human resources and risk management. Accordingly, certain human resource related risks are transferred to the PEO. Nevertheless, the School may be subject to risks, including loss, penalties and fines related to employment practices, administrative error and omissions.

Note 10 - Interfund Transfers and Balances

Interfund transfers and balances as of June 30, 2024 consists of the following:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund
To fund lunch shortfall	\$ (36,496)	\$ 36,496	\$ -
To reimburse General fund for prior period's federal expenditures	629,136	(629,136)	-
Total Transfers, net	<u>\$ 592,640</u>	<u>\$ (592,640)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund
Due to General Fund from Special Revenue Fund for federal expenditures	\$ 158,486	\$ (158,486)	\$ -
Due to General Fund from Capital Projects Fund for capital outlay	18,905	-	(18,905)
Total Due from/(Due to)	<u>\$ 177,391</u>	<u>\$ (158,486)</u>	<u>\$ (18,905)</u>

Note 11 – Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

The School’s personnel, which are leased through ADP TotalSource Group, Inc., are eligible to participate in a defined contribution 401(k) plan sponsored by the leasing company, covering employees who meet certain age and tenure requirements. Under the ADP TotalSource Retirement Savings Plan (the “Plan”), the School provides a match of 50% of the employee’s contribution up to 4% of the employee’s compensation. The School contributed \$22,535 to the Plan for the year ended June 30, 2024. The School does not exercise any control or fiduciary responsibility over the Plans’ assets, which are administered by VOYA Financial.

Note 12 – Referendum

On November 6, 2018, and November 8, 2022, the voters of Broward County approved and renewed, respectively, the Secure the Next Generation Referendum to raise/maintain teacher compensation and improve school safety and security.

The Broward County School District shares a portion with charter schools. The District entered into a settlement agreement with the School for the 2018 Referendum funds not received for the 2019-2020; 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 school years. The District agreed to pay these funds totaling \$1,494,170 (including interest a rate of 12% compounding monthly) in the following installments:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 439,907	\$ -	\$ 439,907
2026	439,907	55,791	495,698
2027	439,907	118,658	558,565
Total	<u>\$ 1,319,721</u>	<u>\$ 174,449</u>	<u>\$ 1,494,170</u>

The following are referendum funds recognized by the School during the School year ended June 30, 2024:

Total Referendum Revenue Recognized:	<u>2023-2024</u>
2023-2024 Referendum Funds	\$ 399,004
2018 Referendum Settlement Agreement, excluding interest of \$174,449	<u>1,319,721</u>
Total per Government-Wide Statement of Activities	<u>1,718,725</u>
Less: Due from Broward County Public Schools, referendum, long-term portion	<u>(879,813)</u>
Total per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 838,912</u>

Note 13 – Consolidation With Another Charter School

On May 09, 2023, the School Board of Broward County approved the consolidation of the School and Ben Gamla Preparatory Academy (MSID 5182) agreements effective July 1, 2023. The surviving school will be Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward (MSID 5392).

As a result, the School received the following net assets as of July 1, 2023:

	Ben Gamla Preparatory Academy 5182
	<u>Transferred Balances</u>
Transferred Assets (Net):	
Cash	\$ 9,387
Investments	48,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	11,632
Other receivables	1,532
Deposits	9,731
Due from other agencies	367,543
Due from other charter schools	4,050
Capital assets and right of use assets, net	334,438
Total Assets	<u>\$ 786,313</u>
Transferred Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 50,344
Salaries and wages payable	34,153
Due to other charter school	145,796
Lease liability	286,704
Due to affiliates	880,000
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,396,997</u>
Net Position of transferred charter school operations	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 47,734
Unrestricted	(658,418)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (610,684)</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward
(A charter school under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For the year ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
State passed through local	\$ 2,603,030	\$ 2,674,766	\$ 2,686,999
Local sources	776,909	795,113	838,912
Charges for services and other revenue	31,120	39,825	41,188
Total Revenues	<u>3,411,059</u>	<u>3,509,704</u>	<u>3,567,099</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction	1,737,221	1,738,233	1,684,508
Student support services	98,514	93,130	82,800
Instructional staff training	8,500	8,500	8,431
Board	39,063	38,006	37,006
General administration	95,101	95,101	94,418
School administration	412,408	414,169	388,057
Fiscal services	59,375	56,914	56,914
Central services	95,375	104,438	93,775
Operation of plant	370,403	363,652	296,538
Maintenance of plant	80,000	80,000	75,592
Total Current Expenditures	<u>2,995,960</u>	<u>2,992,143</u>	<u>2,818,039</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Current Expenditures	<u>415,099</u>	<u>517,561</u>	<u>749,060</u>
Capital Outlay			
Other capital outlay	<u>19,500</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>19,190</u>
Total Capital Outlay and Debt Service Expenditures	<u>19,500</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>19,190</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>3,015,460</u>	<u>3,011,643</u>	<u>2,837,229</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	395,599	498,061	729,870
Other financing sources (uses):			
Reduction in long term receivables	-	512,500	512,500
Transfers in (out)	(253,614)	432,819	592,640
Net fund balance of transferred - in charter operations	-	(149,028)	(149,028)
Recoverable grant repayment	<u>-</u>	<u>(715,028)</u>	<u>(715,028)</u>
Net change in fund balance	141,985	579,324	970,954
Fund Balance at beginning of year	<u>362,816</u>	<u>362,816</u>	<u>362,816</u>
Fund Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 504,801</u>	<u>\$ 942,140</u>	<u>\$ 1,333,770</u>

Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule

An annual budget is adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting, consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Amendments to the budget can only be made with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward
(A charter school under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For the year ended June 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
Federal sources	\$ 661,414	\$ 1,350,311	\$ 1,420,004
Charges for services and other revenue	11,120	12,500	12,753
Total Revenues	<u>672,534</u>	<u>1,362,811</u>	<u>1,432,757</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction	527,114	522,311	478,220
Board	15,500	13,562	11,933
School administration	68,154	62,888	61,425
Food services	195,506	216,982	192,086
Operation of plant	66,324	66,324	65,101
Community Services	20,000	20,000	18,751
Total Current Expenditures	<u>892,598</u>	<u>902,067</u>	<u>827,516</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenues Over Current Expenditures	<u>(220,064)</u>	<u>460,744</u>	<u>605,241</u>
Capital Outlay			
Other Capital Outlay	25,500	25,500	25,142
Total Capital Outlay and Debt Service Expenditures	<u>25,500</u>	<u>25,500</u>	<u>25,142</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>918,098</u>	<u>927,567</u>	<u>852,658</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(245,564)	435,244	580,099
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)	<u>245,564</u>	<u>(435,244)</u>	<u>(592,640)</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	(12,541)
Fund Balance at beginning of year, as restated	<u>30,835</u>	<u>30,835</u>	<u>30,835</u>
Fund Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 30,835</u>	<u>\$ 30,835</u>	<u>\$ 18,294</u>

Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule

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

To the Board of Directors of
Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward
Plantation, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward (the "School") as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

We issued a management in a letter pursuant to Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General dated September 30, 2024.

Purpose of this Report

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



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida
September 30, 2024



MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Directors of
Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward
Plantation, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward, Florida as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2024.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in those reports and schedules, which are dated September 30, 2024, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.854(1)(e)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title

Section 10.854.(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the entity and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education of the entity is Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward, (W/L #5392).

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Financial Condition and Management

Sections 10.854(1)(e)2 and 10.855(11), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate whether or not Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(e)6.a. and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward. It is management's responsibility to monitor Ben Gamla Charter School South Broward financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendation to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we have no such recommendations.

Transparency

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

Additional Matters

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

Purpose of this Letter

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



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Coral Gables, Florida
September 30, 2024