



Ben Gamla Charter School Hollywood
W/L #: 5410

(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)

Hollywood, Florida

Financial Statements and
Independent Auditors' Report
June 30, 2024

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2620 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, Florida 33020

2023-2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Ben Gamla Charter School Hollywood
Hollywood, Florida

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Ben Gamla Charter School Hollywood (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 Hollywood 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 Auditors’ 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 Ben Gamla Charter School Hollywood’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 Hollywood 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 Hollywood 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 30 to 31 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.



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida
September 30, 2024

Management’s Discussion and Analysis
Ben Gamla Charter School Hollywood
(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 at June 30, 2024 was \$2,016,309.
2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$1,621,148.
3. The School had an increase in its net position of \$1,635,446 for the year ended June 30, 2024.
4. The unassigned fund balance at year end was \$1,231,343.

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 - 29 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, the net position was \$2,016,309 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash	\$ 195,850	\$ 475,375
Investments	993,000	380,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	59,721	102,587
Deposits receivable	25,777	25,777
Due from other agencies	1,058,768	103,248
Capital and right of use assets, net	<u>1,751,385</u>	<u>2,241,979</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 4,084,501</u>	<u>\$ 3,328,966</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 14,157	\$ 43,544
Salaries and wages payable	149,622	138,108
Lease liability	1,604,413	2,073,951
Due to other charter schools and affiliates	<u>300,000</u>	<u>692,500</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 2,068,192</u>	<u>\$ 2,948,103</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	-	-
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 146,972	\$ 168,028
Unrestricted	<u>1,869,337</u>	<u>212,835</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,016,309</u>	<u>\$ 380,863</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 June 30, 2023 follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
REVENUES		
Program Revenues		
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 796,313	\$ 351,192
Capital grants and contributions	255,176	212,892
Charges for services and other revenues	351,545	242,284
General Revenues		
State and local sources	4,421,217	2,823,630
Charges for services and other revenues	44,977	135,266
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 5,869,228</u>	<u>\$ 3,765,264</u>
EXPENSES		
Component Unit Activities:		
Instruction	\$ 1,999,019	\$ 1,814,299
Student support services	26,341	4,650
Instructional staff training	16,944	-
Board	18,110	32,790
General administration	38,897	-
School administration	378,802	362,686
Facilities acquisition	4,631	4,631
Fiscal services	56,683	52,800
Food services	253,301	134,850
Central services	73,444	82,904
Operation of plant	833,707	740,841
Maintenance of plant	185,038	217,484
Administrative technology services	33,579	22,331
Community services	222,252	284,042
Debt service	93,034	116,035
Total Expenses	<u>4,233,782</u>	<u>3,870,343</u>
Change in Net Position	1,635,446	(105,079)
Net Position at Beginning of Year	<u>380,863</u>	<u>485,942</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 2,016,309</u>	<u>\$ 380,863</u>

The School's revenue increased by \$2,103,964 and expenses increased by \$363,439 in the current year. The School had an increase in its net position of \$1,635,446.

School Location and Lease of Facility

The School leases a facility located at 2620 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida, 33020.

Capital Improvement Requirements

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

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 ending fund balance of \$1,291,064. The fund balance unassigned and available for spending at the School's discretion is \$1,231,343. These funds will be available for the School's future ongoing operations.

Capital Assets

The School's investment in capital assets (including right of use lease assets) as of June 30, 2024 amounts to \$1,751,385 (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization). This investment in capital assets includes buildings, improvements, furniture, fixtures and computer equipment. As of June 30, 2024, the School had \$1,604,413 of long-term liabilities associated with 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 School adopted an annual budget. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the governmental funds to demonstrate compliance with the School’s budget.

	Governmental Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
Program Revenues			
Capital grants and contributions	\$ 240,718	\$ 250,718	\$ 255,176
Federal sources	776,291	822,935	850,211
Charges for services and other revenues	325,600	336,300	341,425
General Revenues			
State and local sources	3,452,796	3,629,973	3,735,026
Charges for services and other revenues	45,850	52,398	55,097
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,841,255</u>	<u>\$ 5,092,324</u>	<u>\$ 5,236,935</u>
CURRENT EXPENDITURES			
Component Unit Activities			
Instruction	\$ 2,187,755	\$ 2,062,602	\$ 1,967,917
Student support services	49,267	40,826	26,341
Instructional staff training	20,950	19,088	16,944
Board	29,700	29,925	18,110
General administration	38,902	38,902	38,897
School administration	338,948	338,368	336,136
Facilities acquisition	48,325	45,222	42,423
Fiscal services	57,733	56,683	56,683
Food services	275,952	271,958	253,301
Central services	75,733	73,813	73,444
Pupil transportation services			
Operation of plant	394,770	368,733	333,406
Maintenance of plant	262,000	168,000	160,816
Administrative technology services	68,031	37,235	33,579
Community services	230,000	230,000	222,252
Total Current Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,078,066</u>	<u>\$ 3,781,355</u>	<u>\$ 3,580,249</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 Hollywood
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Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 195,850
Investments	993,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	59,721
Due from other agencies	<u>372,577</u>
Total Current Assets	1,621,148
Capital assets, depreciable	1,272,265
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,013,845)
Right of use lease assets	2,945,579
Less: accumulated amortization	<u>(1,452,614)</u>
Total Capital Assets, net	1,751,385
Due from other agencies, long-term	686,191
Deposits and other receivables	<u>25,777</u>
Total Assets	<u>4,084,501</u>
 <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	 <u>-</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	14,157
Salaries and wages payable	149,622
Lease liability, current	<u>493,560</u>
Total Current Liabilities	657,339
Long term liabilities:	
Lease liability	1,110,853
Due to other charter schools	<u>300,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,068,192</u>
 <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	 <u>-</u>
 Net Position:	
Net investment in capital assets	146,972
Unrestricted	<u>1,869,337</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,016,309</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	\$ 1,999,019	\$ -	\$ 570,592	\$ -	\$ (1,428,427)
Student support services	26,341	-	7,790	-	(18,551)
Instructional staff training	16,944	-	12,602	-	(4,342)
Board	18,110	-	-	-	(18,110)
General administration	38,897	-	-	-	(38,897)
School administration	378,802	-	42,423	-	(336,379)
Facilities acquisition	4,631	-	-	-	(4,631)
Fiscal services	56,683	-	-	-	(56,683)
Food services	253,301	75,403	103,668	-	(74,230)
Central services	73,444	-	-	-	(73,444)
Operation of plant	833,707	10,120	27,761	255,176	(540,650)
Maintenance of plant	185,038	-	-	-	(185,038)
Administrative technology services	33,579	-	-	-	(33,579)
Community services	222,252	266,022	31,477	-	75,247
Debt service	93,034	-	-	-	(93,034)
Total governmental activities	4,233,782	351,545	796,313	255,176	(2,830,748)
General revenues:					
State and local sources					4,421,217
Interest and other revenue					44,977
Change in net position					1,635,446
Net position, beginning					380,863
Net position, ending					<u>\$ 2,016,309</u>

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash	\$ 29,545	\$ 166,305	\$ -	\$ 195,850
Investments	993,000	-	-	993,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	59,721	-	-	59,721
Due from other agencies	352,098	3,146	17,333	372,577
Due from fund	20,479	-	-	20,479
Total Assets	<u>1,454,843</u>	<u>169,451</u>	<u>17,333</u>	<u>1,641,627</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
	-	-	-	-
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Salaries and wages payable	149,622	-	-	149,622
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	14,157	-	-	14,157
Due to fund	-	3,146	17,333	20,479
Total Liabilities	<u>163,779</u>	<u>3,146</u>	<u>17,333</u>	<u>184,258</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
	-	-	-	-
<u>Fund balance</u>				
Nonspendable, not in spendable form	59,721	-	-	59,721
Assigned	-	166,305	-	166,305
Unassigned	1,231,343	-	-	1,231,343
	<u>1,291,064</u>	<u>166,305</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,457,369</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance	<u>\$1,454,843</u>	<u>\$ 169,451</u>	<u>\$ 17,333</u>	<u>\$ 1,641,627</u>

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

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$1,457,369

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	1,272,265	
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,013,845)	
Right-of-use lease asset	2,945,579	
Less: accumulated amortization	<u>(1,452,614)</u>	1,751,385

Long term deposits and other receivables in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. 25,777

Long term receivables in governmental activities are not collectible in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. 686,191

Long term liabilities were not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. (1,904,413)

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities \$2,016,309

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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	\$ 2,970,735	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,970,735
State capital outlay funding	-	-	212,627	212,627
Local sources	764,291	-	42,549	806,840
Federal sources	-	850,211	-	850,211
Charges for services	10,120	341,425	-	351,545
Other revenue	44,977	-	-	44,977
Total Revenues	3,790,123	1,191,636	255,176	5,236,935
Expenditures:				
Current				
Instruction	1,753,010	214,907	-	1,967,917
Student support services	18,551	7,790	-	26,341
Instructional staff training	4,342	12,602	-	16,944
Board	18,110	-	-	18,110
General administration	38,897	-	-	38,897
School administration	336,136	42,423	-	378,559
Fiscal services	56,683	-	-	56,683
Food services	-	253,301	-	253,301
Central services	73,444	-	-	73,444
Operation of plant	305,645	27,761	-	333,406
Maintenance of plant	160,816	-	-	160,816
Administrative technology services	2,102	31,477	-	33,579
Community services	-	222,252	-	222,252
Capital Outlay:				
Other capital outlay	54,861	15,044	-	69,905
Debt Service:				
Repayment of principal	-	-	469,538	469,538
Interest	-	-	93,034	93,034
Total Expenditures	2,822,597	827,557	562,572	4,212,726
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	967,526	364,079	(307,396)	1,024,209
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in (out)	12,913	(320,309)	307,396	-
Repayment of long-term advances from other divisions	(392,500)	-	-	(392,500)
Net change in fund balance	587,939	43,770	-	631,709
Fund Balance at beginning of year	703,125	122,535	-	825,660
Fund Balance at end of year	\$ 1,291,064	\$ 166,305	\$ -	\$ 1,457,369

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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 \$ 631,709

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	69,905	
Depreciation and amortization expense	<u>(560,499)</u>	(490,594)

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. 632,293

Increase in long term liabilities is revenue in the governmental funds, but a decrease or repayment of such payables reduces liabilities in the statement of net position.

Decrease on long-term liabilities	<u>862,038</u>	<u>862,038</u>
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 1,635,446

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

Ben Gamla Charter School Hollywood (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, 2027, and it 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 School is located in Hollywood, Florida for students from kindergarten through eighth grades. These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2024, when on average 358 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. Any internal interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. 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.

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. 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.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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 outflows 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets

Other assets consist mainly of prepaid expenses which are payments for goods or services that have not been consumed or used at year end. The expenditure will be recorded when the asset is used. Accordingly, prepaid expenses are equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance classification.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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 to 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:

Buildings and Improvements	20 Years
Furniture, Equipment, and Computers	5 Years
Software	3 Years
Right of use asset (building)	7 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 days 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 days. Non-exempt and office salaried employees are not eligible to “cash out” unused personal time off days.

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.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Long –Term Debt and Liabilities

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

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.

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.

Revenue Sources

Revenues for operations will be received primarily from the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33, 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 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)

Finally, 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.

Net Position and Fund Balance Classifications

Government-wide financial statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three (3) components:

- a) Net investment in capital assets - consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and 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.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

- 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.

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 were approximately \$174,000.

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 \$1,270,000 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.

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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 Title II	General Fund	\$	352,098
Capital Outlay	Special Revenue Fund		3,146
	Capital Projects Fund		17,333
Total Due from Other Agencies, current			372,577
Due from the District, referendum, long-term portion			686,191
Total Due from Other Agencies		\$	1,058,768

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 07/01/23	Additions	Retirements / Reclassification	Balance 06/30/24
Capital Assets, non-depreciable:				
Construction in progress	\$ 57,855	\$ -	\$ (57,855)	\$ -
Total Capital Assets, non-depreciable	57,855	-	(57,855)	-
Capital Assets, depreciable:				
Buildings and improvements	641,885	-	-	641,885
Computer equipment and software	252,725	4,549	-	257,274
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	249,895	65,356	57,855	373,106
Total Capital Assets	1,202,360	69,905	-	1,272,265
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	(537,551)	(20,652)	-	(558,203)
Computer equipment and software	(174,375)	(20,042)	-	(194,417)
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	(225,626)	(35,599)	-	(261,225)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(937,552)	(76,293)	-	(1,013,845)
Total Capital Assets, net	\$ 264,808	\$ (6,388)	\$ -	\$ 258,420
Lease Assets:				
Right of use assets (building)	\$ 2,945,579	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,945,579
Less: accumulated amortization	(968,409)	(484,205)	-	(1,452,614)
Lease assets, net	1,977,170	(484,205)	-	1,492,965
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	\$ 2,241,978	\$ (490,593)	\$ -	\$ 1,751,385

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	\$ 31,101	\$ -
Facilities acquisition	4,631	-
School administration	243	-
Operation of plant	16,096	484,205
Maintenance of Plant	24,222	-
Total Expense	<u>\$ 76,293</u>	<u>\$ 484,205</u>

Note 5 – Education Service and Support Provider

Academica Broward, LLC, an education service and support provider, offers 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 The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. 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 \$170,050 in fees.

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

The School’s facility is shared with Ben Gamla Charter School North Campus (a charter school under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.). Through the board, management allocates a proportionate share of leases, salaries, lunch receipts, food and supplies, and other expenses to each school individually based on student enrollment and usage of facilities and staff to this school. In addition, Ben Gamla Charter School North Campus’ student activities account is recorded in the School’s books.

The School’s lunch program is shared with various other charter schools under The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. Revenues and expenses related to such program have been allocated based on FTE equivalent for purposes of presentation in the financial statements.

The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. charges its affiliated charter schools an assessment for shared corporate costs and accreditation expenses. Ben Gamla Charter School Hollywood paid The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. \$53,700 in connection with these charges during the year.

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

The School has received long-term non-interest bearing advances from other charter schools and divisions of The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.) for working capital purposes.

The following schedule provides a summary of changes in long-term payables for the year ended June 30, 2024.

	Balance 07/01/23	Increases	Decreases	Balance 06/30/24
Ben Gamla South Broward	\$ 92,500	\$ -	\$ (92,500)	\$ -
Ben Gamla, Inc.	600,000	-	(300,000)	300,000
Total Long-Term Payables	<u>\$ 692,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (392,500)</u>	<u>\$ 300,000</u>

Note 7 – Contingencies and Concentrations

The School receives substantially all of its funding from 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 District, the District withholds an administrative fee of 5% (or 2% if the school is high performing) of the qualifying revenues of the School, up to and including 250 students. For the year ended June 30, 2024, administrative fees totaled \$38,896.

Note 8 – Long-Term Liabilities

The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc. (“Ben Gamla, Inc.”) entered into an amended lease and security agreement with North Miami Lakes Campus, LLC (“Landlord”) for the School’s 18,909 square foot facility including all ancillary facilities, outdoor areas and other improvements. Ben Gamla, Inc. also entered into an amended lease agreement with Van Buren Facility, LLC for the School’s rental of a modular building including all outdoor areas and other improvements. In addition, Ben Gamla, Inc. entered into a lease agreement with Hollywood Educational Annex, LLC (“the Annex”) for the School’s rental of an area of land to be used as a playing field.

Note 8 – Long-Term Liabilities (continued)

All three Landlords are affiliates of the School’s education service and support provider (See Note 5). Fixed annual payments under the amended agreements are approximately \$570,400, and \$272,031 for the first two agreements adjusted annually based on three percent over the previous year’s rental amount or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is lesser, plus additional property costs including repairs, maintenance and insurance. The third agreement requires rent payments of \$3,083 per month. All three agreements extend through July 31, 2027, for its lease term. During 2023, the School extended the lease with Van Buren Facility LLC for an additional term from August 1, 2027, through July 31, 2028, for which the School has the right to cancel without penalty or liability upon providing landlord advance written notice of such intent prior to the expiration of the agreement. There was no impact to the right of use asset and lease liability as a result of this.

At the time of the initial measurement, the lease right of use asset and liability were allocated between School and Ben Gamla Charter School North based on enrollment and usage of facility. The allocation used was approximately 41% for Ben Gamla Charter School North and 59% for the School. The School has 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 \$93,034, as it relates to its lease agreements.

For 2024, variable and other payments of approximately \$5,087 in connection with the lease agreement not previously included in the measurement of the lease liability were recorded in rent expense.

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

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 493,560	\$ 69,012	\$ 562,572
2026	518,812	43,760	562,572
2027	545,355	17,217	562,572
2028	46,686	195	46,881
	<u>\$ 1,604,413</u>	<u>\$ 130,184</u>	<u>\$ 1,734,597</u>

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

	Balance 07/01/23	Increases	Decreases	Balance 06/30/24
Lease liability	<u>\$ 2,073,951</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (469,538)</u>	<u>\$ 1,604,413</u>
Total Lease Liability	<u>\$ 2,073,951</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (469,538)</u>	<u>\$ 1,604,413</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 Group, Inc., a human resource management firm, typically known as “Professional Employer Organization” (PEO). Under a co-employment agreements, 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 – Inter-fund Transfers

Inter-fund transfers between governmental funds as of June 30, 2024 consist of the following:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund
To fund lunch shortfall	\$ (74,230)	\$ 74,230	\$ -
To reimburse General Fund for prior year's federal expenditures	394,539	(394,539)	-
To fund lease payments in Capital Projects Fund	(307,396)	-	307,396
Total Transfers, net	<u>\$ 12,913</u>	<u>\$ (320,309)</u>	<u>\$ 307,396</u>

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund
Due to General Fund from Special Revenue Fund for Federal funds	\$ 3,146	\$ (3,146)	\$ -
Due to General Fund from Capital Projects Funds for capital outlay	17,333	-	(17,333)
Total Due from/(Due to)	<u>\$ 20,479</u>	<u>\$ (3,146)</u>	<u>\$ (17,333)</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 to the Plan \$30,428 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 \$1,165,345 (including interest at a rate of 12% compounding monthly) in the following installments:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 343,096	\$ -	\$ 343,096
2026	343,096	43,513	386,609
2027	343,096	92,545	435,641
	<u>\$1,029,288</u>	<u>\$136,058</u>	<u>\$1,165,346</u>

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

	<u>2023-2024</u>
Total Referendum Revenue Recognized:	
2023-2024 Referendum Funds	\$ 421,194
2018 Referendum Settlement Agreement, excluding interest of \$136,058	<u>1,029,288</u>
Total per Government-Wide Statement of Activities	<u>1,450,482</u>
Less: Due from Broward County Public Schools, referendum, long-term portion	<u>(686,191)</u>
Total per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 764,291</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Ben Gamla Charter School Hollywood
(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	\$ 2,792,636	\$ 2,918,275	\$ 2,970,735
Local sources	660,160	711,698	764,291
Charges for services and other revenue	45,850	52,398	55,097
Total Revenues	<u>3,498,646</u>	<u>3,682,371</u>	<u>3,790,123</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction	1,860,764	1,794,267	1,753,010
Student support services	40,767	32,326	18,551
Instructional staff training	5,500	5,500	4,342
Board	29,700	29,925	18,110
General administration	38,902	38,902	38,897
School administration	338,948	338,368	336,136
Fiscal services	57,733	56,683	56,683
Central services	75,733	73,813	73,444
Operation of plant	361,781	338,178	305,645
Maintenance of plant	262,000	168,000	160,816
Administrative technology services	32,317	4,571	2,102
Total Current Expenditures	<u>3,104,145</u>	<u>2,880,533</u>	<u>2,767,736</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Current Expenditures	<u>394,501</u>	<u>801,838</u>	<u>1,022,387</u>
Capital Outlay			
Other Capital Outlay	<u>55,150</u>	<u>55,150</u>	<u>54,861</u>
Total Capital Outlay and Debt Service Expenditures	<u>55,150</u>	<u>55,150</u>	<u>54,861</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>3,159,295</u>	<u>2,935,683</u>	<u>2,822,597</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	339,351	746,688	967,526
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in (out)	(235,710)	(85,267)	12,913
Repayment of long-term advances	<u>-</u>	<u>(392,500)</u>	<u>(392,500)</u>
Net change in fund balance	103,641	268,921	587,939
Fund Balance at beginning of year	<u>703,125</u>	<u>703,125</u>	<u>703,125</u>
Fund Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 806,766</u>	<u>\$ 972,046</u>	<u>\$ 1,291,064</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 Hollywood
(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	\$ 776,291	\$ 822,935	\$ 850,211
Charges for services and other revenue	325,600	336,300	341,425
Total Revenues	<u>1,101,891</u>	<u>1,159,235</u>	<u>1,191,636</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction	326,991	268,335	214,907
Student support services	8,500	8,500	7,790
Instructional staff training	15,450	13,588	12,602
Facilities acquisition	48,325	45,222	42,423
Food services	275,952	271,958	253,301
Operation of plant	32,989	30,555	27,761
Administrative technology services	35,714	32,664	31,477
Community services	230,000	230,000	222,252
Total Current Expenditures	<u>973,921</u>	<u>900,822</u>	<u>812,513</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenues Over Current Expenditures	<u>127,970</u>	<u>258,413</u>	<u>379,123</u>
Capital Outlay			
Other Capital Outlay	15,500	15,500	15,044
Total Capital Outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,044</u>
Debt Service Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,044</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>989,421</u>	<u>916,322</u>	<u>827,557</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	112,470	242,913	364,079
Other financing sources (uses)			
Increases in lease liability	-	-	-
Transfers in (out)	(112,470)	(242,913)	(320,309)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	43,770
Fund Balance at beginning of year	<u>122,535</u>	<u>122,535</u>	<u>122,535</u>
Fund Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 122,535</u>	<u>\$ 122,535</u>	<u>\$ 166,305</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 Hollywood
Hollywood, 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 Hollywood (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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

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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 separate management 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida
September 30, 2024



MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Directors of
Ben Gamla Charter School Hollywood
Hollywood, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Ben Gamla Charter School Hollywood, Florida as of and for the 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.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in those reports and 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 and 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 Hollywood, (W/L#5410).

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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 Hollywood 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 Hollywood 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 Hollywood. It is management's responsibility to monitor Ben Gamla Charter School Hollywood's 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 address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Transparency

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7 and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether Ben Gamla Charter School Hollywood 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 Hollywood 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, require 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 warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note 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