

# Duval Charter Scholars Academy

A Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc.  
(A Component Unit of the Duval County  
School Board, Florida)

Basic Financial Statements  
and Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

# Duval Charter Scholars Academy

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Duval Charter Scholars Academy  
Jacksonville, Florida

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Duval Charter Scholars Academy (the "School"), a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of Duval County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the School, as of June 30, 2025, 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 School 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.

#### Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the School are intended to present the financial position and changes in financial position of only that portion of the governmental activities and each major fund of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. that is attributable to the transactions of the School. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. as of June 30, 2025 or its changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## 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.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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



### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 8 and the budgetary comparison information on pages 26 and 27 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 GAAS, 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 25, 2025, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
September 25, 2025

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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of Duval Charter Scholars Academy (the "School"), a component unit of the Duval County School Board, Florida (the "School Board"), we offer readers of the School's basic financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the School for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024.

Management's discussion and analysis is included at the beginning of the School's basic financial statements to provide, in layman's terms, the current position of the School's financial condition. This summary should not be taken as a replacement for the audit which consists of the basic financial statements.

### **Financial Highlights**

Our basic financial statements provide these insights into the results of this year's operations.

- As of June 30, 2025, the School's governmental fund balances totaled \$ 427,896, as compared to \$ 218,591 at June 30, 2024.
- As of June 30, 2025, the School had net position (deficit) of \$ (1,059,379), as compared to \$ (613,244) as of June 30, 2024.

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

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements. The School's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements.

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

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

The government-wide financial statements include all governmental activities that are principally supported by grants and entitlements from the state for full-time equivalent funding. The School does not have any business-type activities. The governmental activities of the School primarily include instruction and instructional support services.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9 and 10 of this report.

## Overview of the Financial Statements (continued)

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

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

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

The School maintains several individual governmental funds. Information is presented in the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. The General Fund, Grants Fund, Capital Project Fund and Club and Activities Fund are considered to be the School's major funds.

The School adopts an annual budget for its governmental funds, except for the Capital Project Fund and the Club and Activities Fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund and Grants Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

The governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 11 through 14 of this report.

**Notes to Basic Financial Statements:** The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to basic financial statements can be found on pages 15 through 25 of this report.

## Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position over time may serve as a useful indicator of financial position. In the case of the School, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources \$ 1,059,379 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

**Government-Wide Financial Analysis (continued)**

Our analysis in the table below focuses on the net position of the School’s governmental activities:

Duval Charter Scholars Academy Net Position (Deficit)			
	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024	Variance
<b>Assets:</b>			
Current and other assets	\$ 1,590,338	\$ 1,619,891	\$ (29,553)
Capital assets, net	<u>10,672,202</u>	<u>11,238,112</u>	<u>(565,910)</u>
Total assets	<u>12,262,540</u>	<u>12,858,003</u>	<u>(595,463)</u>
Deferred Outflow of Resources	<u>813,297</u>	<u>845,507</u>	<u>(32,210)</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Current liabilities	1,536,958	1,641,199	(104,241)
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>12,598,258</u>	<u>12,675,555</u>	<u>(77,297)</u>
Total liabilities	<u>14,135,216</u>	<u>14,316,754</u>	<u>(181,538)</u>
<b>Net Position (Deficit):</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	(1,406,838)	(749,951)	(656,887)
Unrestricted	<u>347,459</u>	<u>136,707</u>	<u>210,752</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (1,059,379)</u>	<u>\$ (613,244)</u>	<u>\$ (446,135)</u>

Current and other assets decreased mainly due to a decline amounts due from the management company. Capital assets, net of depreciation decreased due to the current depreciation expense of \$ 728,357 offset by purchase of new assets of \$ 162,447. Current liabilities decreased mainly due to a decline in the monies owed to the Trustee. Noncurrent liabilities decreased due to the payment made on the School’s debt.

**Governmental Activities:** The School’s overall net position decreased \$ 446,135 from the prior fiscal year. The reasons for this overall decrease are discussed in the following section for governmental activities.

Duval Charter Scholars Academy Change in Net Position (Deficit)			
	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024	Variance
<b>Revenues:</b>			
<b>Program revenues:</b>			
Charges for services	\$ 33,594	\$ 23,092	\$ 10,502
Operating grants and contributions	1,344,367	2,406,521	(1,062,154)
Capital grants and contributions	999,124	819,852	179,272
<b>General revenues:</b>			
FTE and other nonspecific revenues	4,481,265	4,039,133	442,132
Interest income	150,061	11,536	138,525
Contributions	90,000	1,355,326	(1,265,326)
Miscellaneous income	<u>48</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
Total revenues	<u>7,098,459</u>	<u>8,655,484</u>	<u>(1,557,025)</u>

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Management's Discussion and Analysis  
June 30, 2025**

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**Government-Wide Financial Analysis (continued)**

Duval Charter Scholars Academy  
Change in Net Position (Deficit) (continued)

	June 30, <u>2025</u>	June 30, <u>2024</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Functions/Program Expenses:			
Instruction	\$ 3,202,650	\$ 3,245,940	\$ (43,290)
Student support services	337,122	448,508	(111,386)
Instruction and curriculum development services	5,979	10,034	(4,055)
Instructional staff training services	28,378	80,919	(52,541)
Instruction related technology	129,156	126,419	2,737
Board	66,021	33,624	32,397
School administration	718,316	826,478	(108,162)
Fiscal services	6,854	77,059	(70,205)
Food services	340,824	307,696	33,128
Central services	348,124	153,035	195,089
Transportation services	183,206	214,197	(30,991)
Operation of plant	1,189,658	1,416,783	(227,125)
Maintenance of plant	218,319	234,622	(16,303)
Community services	45,579	21,908	23,671
Extracurricular activities	48,266	25,396	22,870
Interest on long-term debt	<u>676,142</u>	<u>767,925</u>	<u>(91,783)</u>
Total	<u>7,544,594</u>	<u>7,990,543</u>	<u>(445,949)</u>
Change in net position (deficit)	(446,135)	664,941	(1,111,076)
Net position (deficit)-beginning	<u>(613,244)</u>	<u>(1,278,185)</u>	<u>664,941</u>
Net position (deficit)-ending	<u>\$ (1,059,379)</u>	<u>\$ (613,244)</u>	<u>\$ (446,135)</u>

Program revenues decreased due to a decrease in ESSER III funding in the current year. General revenues decreased due a corporate contribution received in the prior year. Total expenses decreased primarily due to decreases in student support services, school administration, operation of plant expenses and interest on long-term debt.

**Financial Analysis of Governmental Funds**

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the School. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$ 366,618, while total fund balance increased to \$ 427,896. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total General Fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 7.41% of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 8.65% of that same amount.

The fund balance of the School's General Fund increased by \$ 209,305 during the current fiscal year. The increase was mainly due to the increases in state and local revenues over expenditures.

### **Financial Analysis of Governmental Funds (continued)**

The Grants Fund does not have an increase or decrease in fund balance during the fiscal year as this fund reports federal and certain state expense reimbursement grants.

The Capital Project Fund does not have an increase or decrease in fund balance during the year as this fund reports state and local capital outlay funding that is used to cover debt service and a portion of operation of plant expenditures.

The Club and Activities Fund does not have an increase or decrease in fund balance during the current fiscal year due to extracurricular revenues matching expenditures.

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

**Capital assets:** At June 30, 2025, the School had capital assets of \$ 10,672,202, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, invested in lease assets, improvements other than buildings, computer equipment and furniture, fixtures and equipment. Major capital assets additions for the year included \$ 119,625 for a new basketball court and other improvements other than building. Additional information on the School's capital assets can be found in Note 6 of this report.

**Debt:** At June 30, 2025, the School had outstanding debt of \$ 12,892,337, as compared to \$ 12,833,570 at June 30, 2024. The increase is a result of new debt agreement for improvements other than building, net of scheduled debt payments in accordance with the lease agreements. Additional information on the School's debt can be found in Notes 7 through 9 of this report.

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

State source revenues were unfavorable to the budget due to the estimation of referendum funding. Expenditures were unfavorable to the budget primarily due to school administration, central services, and capital outlay expenditures.

### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

In fiscal year 2025, the State of Florida continued to include a teacher salary increase allocation ("TSIA") of \$ 1.25 billion. The capital outlay funding pool ended up at \$ 230 million.

For fiscal year 2026, the funding for teacher salaries and other instructional personnel will be \$ 1.36 billion. Additionally, the State of Florida approved an increase to the base funding allocation and capital outlay. A 3% merit increase for all staff was included in the budget. All other expenditures are budgeted in alignment with enrollment changes and the School's strategic objectives.

### **Requests for Information**

If you have questions about this report or need additional information, please contact Michael Valdes, Controller - School Accounting; Charter Schools USA, 800 Corporate Drive, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334.

BASIC  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Duval Charter Scholars Academy**  
**Statement of Net Position (Deficit)**  
**June 30, 2025**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 405,460
Other receivables	46,909
Due from management company	939,388
Due from other governments	132,156
Due from related parties	5,147
Prepaid items	27,647
Deposits	<u>33,631</u>
Total current assets	<u>1,590,338</u>
<b>Noncurrent Assets:</b>	
Capital assets (depreciable and amortizable), net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>10,672,202</u>
Total assets	<u>12,262,540</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>	
Deferred amount on renegotiation of lease	<u>813,297</u>
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	167,815
Salaries and wages payable	228,315
Due to related parties	11,342
Due to Trustee	754,970
Accrued interest payable	55,522
Compensated absences	18,686
Note payable	54,183
Lease payable	<u>246,125</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>1,536,958</u>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities:</b>	
Compensated absences	6,229
Note payable	169,002
Lease payable	<u>12,423,027</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>12,598,258</u>
Total liabilities	<u>14,135,216</u>
<b>Net Position (Deficit):</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	(1,406,838)
Unrestricted	<u>347,459</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (1,059,379)</u>

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Duval Charter Scholars Academy  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Governmental</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Activities Net Revenue (Expense) and Change in Net Position (Deficit)</u>
<b>Functions/Programs:</b>					
Instruction	\$ 3,202,650	\$ -	\$ 539,213	\$ -	\$ (2,663,437)
Student support services	337,122	-	185,465	-	(151,657)
Instruction and curriculum development services	5,979	-	-	-	(5,979)
Instructional staff training services	28,378	-	23,819	-	(4,559)
Instruction related technology	129,156	-	-	-	(129,156)
Board	66,021	-	25,450	-	(40,571)
School administration	718,316	-	59,239	-	(659,077)
Fiscal services	6,854	-	-	-	(6,854)
Food services	340,824	120	340,824	-	120
Central services	348,124	-	-	-	(348,124)
Transportation services	183,206	-	23,478	-	(159,728)
Operation of plant	1,189,658	-	98,839	185,110	(905,709)
Maintenance of plant	218,319	-	-	-	(218,319)
Community services	45,579	33,474	-	-	(12,105)
Extracurricular activities	48,266	-	48,040	-	(226)
Interest on long-term debt	676,142	-	-	814,014	137,872
	<u>\$ 7,544,594</u>	<u>\$ 33,594</u>	<u>\$ 1,344,367</u>	<u>\$ 999,124</u>	<u>(5,167,509)</u>
Total governmental activities					
General revenues:					
FTE and other nonspecific revenues					4,481,265
Interest income					150,061
Contributions					90,000
Miscellaneous income					48
Total general revenues					<u>4,721,374</u>
Change in net position (deficit)					(446,135)
Net position (deficit), July 1, 2024					<u>(613,244)</u>
Net position (deficit), June 30, 2025					<u>\$ (1,059,379)</u>

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Duval Charter Scholars Academy**  
**Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2025**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Grants Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>	<u>Club and Activities Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 399,036	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,424	\$ 405,460
Due from other governments	10,097	57,990	64,069	-	132,156
Due from other funds	128,483	-	-	-	128,483
Due from management company	939,388	-	-	-	939,388
Due from related parties	5,147	-	-	-	5,147
Other receivables	46,909	-	-	-	46,909
Prepaid items	27,647	-	-	-	27,647
Deposits	33,631	-	-	-	33,631
	<u>1,590,338</u>	<u>57,990</u>	<u>64,069</u>	<u>6,424</u>	<u>1,718,821</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>1,590,338</u>	\$ <u>57,990</u>	\$ <u>64,069</u>	\$ <u>6,424</u>	\$ <u>1,718,821</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 167,815	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167,815
Salaries and wages payable	228,315	-	-	-	228,315
Due to related party	11,342	-	-	-	11,342
Due to Trustee	754,970	-	-	-	754,970
Due to other funds	-	57,990	64,069	6,424	128,483
	<u>1,162,442</u>	<u>57,990</u>	<u>64,069</u>	<u>6,424</u>	<u>1,290,925</u>
Total liabilities	1,162,442	57,990	64,069	6,424	1,290,925
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
Nonspendable:					
Prepaid items	27,647	-	-	-	27,647
Deposits	33,631	-	-	-	33,631
Restricted for extracurricular activities	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	366,618	-	-	-	366,618
	<u>427,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>427,896</u>
Total fund balances	427,896	-	-	-	427,896
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ <u>1,590,338</u>	\$ <u>57,990</u>	\$ <u>64,069</u>	\$ <u>6,424</u>	\$ <u>1,718,821</u>

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Duval Charter Scholars Academy**  
**Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds**  
**to the Statement of Net Position (Deficit)**  
**June 30, 2025**

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**Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds** \$ 427,896

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

The cost of capital assets acquired is reported as an expenditure in the governmental fund statements. The statement of net position (deficit) includes those capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, among the assets of the School as a whole.

Cost of capital assets	\$	17,607,800	
Accumulated depreciation and amortization		<u>(6,935,598)</u>	10,672,202

Liabilities not payable with current available resources are not reported as fund liabilities in the governmental fund statements. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the government-wide statements.

Compensated absences	\$	(24,915)	
Accrued interest payable		(55,522)	
Note payable		(223,185)	
Lease payable		<u>(12,669,152)</u>	(12,972,774)

Governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and refundings and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities.

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**Net Position (Deficit) of Governmental Activities** \$ (1,059,379)

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Duval Charter Scholars Academy  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Grants Fund</u>	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>	<u>Club and Activities Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Federal sources	\$ -	\$ 1,245,555	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,245,555
State sources	4,113,067	1,999	311,101	-	4,426,167
Local sources	507,139	-	688,023	48,040	1,243,202
Aftercare	33,474	-	-	-	33,474
Interest income	149,835	-	-	226	150,061
Total revenues	<u>4,803,515</u>	<u>1,247,554</u>	<u>999,124</u>	<u>48,266</u>	<u>7,098,459</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current:					
Instruction	2,274,537	428,833	-	-	2,703,370
Student support services	151,556	185,465	-	-	337,021
Instruction and curriculum development services	5,979	-	-	-	5,979
Instructional staff training services	4,559	23,819	-	-	28,378
Instruction related technology	129,156	-	-	-	129,156
Board	40,571	25,450	-	-	66,021
School administration	667,518	59,239	-	-	726,757
Fiscal services	6,854	-	-	-	6,854
Food services	-	340,824	-	-	340,824
Central services	348,124	-	-	-	348,124
Transportation services	183,206	-	-	-	183,206
Operation of plant	710,062	73,544	137,128	-	920,734
Maintenance of plant	218,319	-	-	-	218,319
Community services	45,579	-	-	-	45,579
Extracurricular activities	-	-	-	48,266	48,266
Capital outlay	162,447	-	-	-	162,447
Debt service:					
Principal	-	-	185,110	-	185,110
Interest	-	-	676,886	-	676,886
Total expenditures	<u>4,948,467</u>	<u>1,137,174</u>	<u>999,124</u>	<u>48,266</u>	<u>7,133,031</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(144,952)</u>	<u>110,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(34,572)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Issuance of note payable	243,877	-	-	-	243,877
Transfer in	110,380	-	-	-	110,380
Transfer out	-	(110,380)	-	-	(110,380)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>354,257</u>	<u>(110,380)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>243,877</u>
Net change in fund balances	209,305	-	-	-	209,305
<b>Fund Balances, July 1, 2024</b>	<u>218,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>218,591</u>
<b>Fund Balances, June 30, 2025</b>	<u>\$ 427,896</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 427,896</u>

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Duval Charter Scholars Academy  
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,  
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
of the Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

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**Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds** \$ 209,305

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 costs of those assets are depreciated and amortized over their estimated useful lives as depreciation and amortization.

Capital outlays	\$ 162,447	
Depreciation and amortization	<u>(728,357)</u>	(565,910)

Certain items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. 185,110

Change in compensated absences	\$ 703	
Change in accrued interest payable	744	
Provision for amortization of deferred amount on renegotiation of lease	<u>(32,210)</u>	(30,763)

Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position (deficit). (243,877)

**Change in Net Position (Deficit) of Governmental Activities** \$ (446,135)

The accompanying notes to basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**Note 1 - Organization and Operations**

Duval Charter Scholars Academy (the "School"), was established in July 2010 as a public charter school to serve students from kindergarten to eighth grade in Duval County. The School is a Department of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. ("RCS") and a component unit of the Duval County School Board, Florida. RCS was organized in August 1998 as a Florida nonprofit corporation. There were 500 students enrolled for the 20234/20245 school year.

The financial statements of the School present only the balances, activity and disclosures related to the School. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of RCS as of June 30, 2025, and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Reporting entity:** The School operates under a charter granted by the sponsoring school district, the Duval County School Board (the "District"). The current charter is effective until June 2028, and may be renewed in increments of five years by mutual written agreement between the School and the District. At the end of the term of the charter, the District may choose not to renew the charter under grounds specified in the charter, in which case the District is required to notify the School in writing at least 270 days prior to the charter's expiration. During the term of the charter, the District may also terminate the charter if good cause is shown. Duval Charter Scholars Academy is considered a component unit of the Duval County School Board.

The School may also be financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on the School regardless of whether the organization has a separately elected governing board, a governing board appointed by another government, or a jointly approved board. In addition, component units can be other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the School are such that exclusion would cause the financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

As a result of evaluating the above criteria, management has determined that no component units exist for which the School is financially accountable which would require inclusion in the School's financial statements.

**Basis of presentation:** The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GAAP as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

**Government-wide financial statements:** Government-wide financial statements, including the statement of net position (deficit) and the statement of activities, present information about the School as a whole.

Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the School's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are thereby clearly identifiable to a particular function.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School.

**Fund financial statements:** Fund financial statements report detailed information about the School in the governmental funds. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is reported in a separate column. Because the focus of governmental fund financial statements differs from the focus of government-wide financial statements, a reconciliation is presented with each of the governmental fund financial statements.

The School's major governmental funds are as follows:

**General Fund** - This fund is used to account for all operating activities of the School except for those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**Grants Fund** - This special revenue fund is used to account for federal grants and certain state grants that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

**Capital Project Fund** - This fund is used to account for state and local capital outlay funding that is legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

**Club and Activities Fund** - This special revenue fund is used to administer funds raised and earned by the various clubs and activities that are part of the School but restricted for use in the extracurricular activities.

During the course of operations, the School has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year-end are reported as due from/to other funds. While these balances are reported in the governmental fund financial statements, they are eliminated in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements.

**Basis of accounting:** Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures, or expenses, are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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

Governmental fund financial statements are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within one hundred twenty days of the end of the current period. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the School. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized when due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under leases are reported as other financing sources.

Student funding is provided by the State of Florida through the District. Such funding is recorded as full-time equivalent (“FTE”) revenue in the government-wide financial statements and state source revenue in the fund financial statements. This funding is received on prorated basis over the twelve-month period and is adjusted for changes in FTE student population.

**Cash and cash equivalents:** The School considers all demand accounts and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents. The School maintains its cash accounts with one financial institution. The School’s accounts at this institution, at times, may exceed the federal insured limit; however, the School’s deposits are collateralized in accordance with Chapter 280 of the Florida Statutes (See Note 3).

**Prepaid items:** Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

**Income taxes:** The School is a Department of a nonprofit corporation. Revenue of the School is derived primarily from other governmental entities. The School is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in these financial statements.

**Capital assets:** Property and equipment purchased or acquired are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Capital assets are defined by the School as assets with an initial cost equal to or greater than \$ 750 and useful life of over one year. Donated property and equipment are reported at acquisition value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Depreciation on all capital assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Improvements other than buildings	10 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5 years
Computer equipment	3 years

The School has recorded right-to-use lease assets in accordance with GAAP. The right-to-use asset is initially measured 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 asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

## Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

**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 assets that applies to a future period and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. The School reports a deferred amount on renegotiation of lease in the government-wide statement of activities.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position (deficit) 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 assets that applies to future period(s) 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.

**Unearned revenue:** Unearned revenue arises when the School receives resources before it has a legal claim to them.

**Compensated absences:** The School's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused paid time off, which is eligible for payment upon separation from service. The liability for such leave is reported as incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for those amounts is recorded in the governmental funds only if the liability has matured as a result of employee resignations or retirements. The liability for compensated absences includes salary-related benefits, where applicable. Payments for compensated absences are generally paid out of the General Fund.

**Net position:** Net position is classified in three categories. The general meaning of each is as follows:

- Net investment in capital assets - represents the difference between the cost of capital assets, less accumulated depreciation and amortization reduced by the outstanding balances of borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted - consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted - the residual portion of net position that does not meet the definition of the other two categories.

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

**Fund balance:** The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on the provisions of GAAP which provides clearly defined fund balance classifications and also sets a hierarchy which details how the School may spend funds based on certain constraints. The following are the fund balance classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements:

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

- Nonspendable - this classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The School classifies inventories, prepaid items, long-term notes receivable and deposits as nonspendable since they are not expected to be converted to cash or are not expected to be converted to cash within the next year.
- Restricted - this classification includes amounts that are restricted for specific purposes by external parties such as grantors and creditors or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Committed - this classification includes amounts that can be used for specific purposes voted on through formal action of the Board of Directors (the highest level of decision making authority). The committed amount cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the commitment through formal action.
- Assigned - this classification includes amounts that the Board of Directors intends to use for a specific purpose, but they are neither restricted nor committed. The School classifies existing fund balance to be used in the subsequent year's budget for elimination of a deficit as assigned.
- Unassigned - this classification includes amounts that have not been restricted, committed or assigned for a specific purpose within the General Fund.

The details of the fund balances are included in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet on page 11.

When the School incurs expenditures for which restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the School would consider restricted funds to be spent first. When the School has expenditures for which committed, assigned or unassigned fund balance is available, the School would consider committed funds to be spent first, then assigned funds and lastly unassigned funds.

**Use of estimates:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Budget:** An operating budget is adopted and maintained by the governing board for all governmental funds, except the Capital Project Fund and the Club and Activities Fund, pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes. The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting that is used in the preparation of the basic financial statements.

**Adoption of new accounting standards:** During the year ended June 30, 2025, the School implemented GASB Statement No.101, *Compensated Absences*, which revisits the definition and recognition parameters of accrued employee paid time off. The School also implemented GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, which addresses obligations for governmental entities to disclose a variety of risks that could negatively affect the level of service they provide or their ability to meet obligations as they come due. There were no changes required to the financials of the School as a result of the adoption of these standards.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Date of management review:** The School has evaluated subsequent events through September 25, 2025, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents**

At June 30, 20245, the carrying amount of the deposits and cash on hand totaled \$ 405,460 with a bank balance of \$ 407,495.

State statutes require, and it is the School’s policy, that all deposits be made into, and be held by, financial institutions designated by the Treasurer of the State of Florida as “qualified public depositories” as defined by Chapter 280 of the Florida Statutes. This Statute requires that every qualified public depository institution maintain eligible collateral to secure the public entity’s funds. The minimum collateral to be pledged by an institution, the collateral eligible for pledge, and reporting requirements of the qualified public depositor to the Treasurer is defined by the statute. Collateral is pooled in a multiple qualified public depository institution pool with the ability to assess members of the pool should the need arise. The School’s deposits of \$ 157,495 in excess of the federal insured level of \$ 250,000 are held in a qualified public depository and are covered by the collateral pool held in the name of the financial institution’s trust department or agent, but not in the School’s name.

**Note 4 - Interfund Receivables and Payables and Interfund Transfers**

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2025, is as follows:

<u>Due To/From Other Funds</u>		
<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Grants Fund	\$ 57,990
General Fund	Capital Project Fund	64,069
General Fund	Club and Activities Fund	<u>6,424</u>
		<u>\$ 128,483</u>

The outstanding balances between funds results mainly from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

The composition of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2025, is as follows:

	<u>Transfers In</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
Transfers Out:	
Grants Fund	\$ <u>110,380</u>

During the year, transfers were used to move grant revenue received in the current year for prior year expenditures to the General Fund.

**Note 5 - Due From/To Related Parties**

The School is a Department of RCS. The due from/to balances represent amounts that are due from/to RCS and other schools that share common board membership and are departments of RCS and are expected to be repaid within one year.

**Note 6 - Capital Assets**

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 are as follows:

	Balance at July 1, 2024	Additions	Disposals	Balance at June 30, 2025
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Capital assets being depreciated/ amortized:				
Improvements other than building	\$ 2,290,148	\$ 119,625	\$ -	\$ 2,409,773
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	860,035	2,497	-	862,532
Computer equipment	1,769,722	40,325	-	1,810,047
Lease assets:				
Building	<u>12,525,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,525,448</u>
 Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	 <u>17,445,353</u>	 <u>162,447</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>17,607,800</u>
 Accumulated depreciation/ amortization:				
Improvements other than building	363,869	234,759		598,628
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	772,486	43,697	-	816,183
Computer equipment	1,491,805	168,923	-	1,660,728
Lease assets:				
Building	<u>3,579,081</u>	<u>280,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,860,059</u>
 Total accumulated depreciation/ amortization	 <u>6,207,241</u>	 <u>728,357</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>6,935,598</u>
 Net capital assets being depreciated/amortized	 <u>\$ 11,238,112</u>	 <u>\$ (565,910)</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 10,672,202</u>

Depreciation and amortization was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Instruction	\$ 212,620
Operation of plant	<u>515,737</u>
Total	<u>\$ 728,357</u>

**Note 7 - Lease Payables**

In July 2020, the Florida Development Finance Corporation (the “Corporation”) issued \$ 60,035,000 in Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2020C and \$ 6,145,000 in Taxable Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2020D pursuant to an Indenture of Trust between the Corporation and a trustee to make a loan to RCS, a division of which the School exists, and Red Apple Development, LLC and subsidiaries (“RAD”) to refund the Series 2010 Tax Exempt Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds which financed the acquisition of the facilities of five charter schools existing under RCS. In order to secure the payment of the principal and interest on the bonds, the Corporation assigned all of its rights and interest in the loan agreement to the trustee. The bonds are payable from and secured by a lien upon and pledge of payments to be received by the trustee.

Concurrent with the preceding loan transaction, RAD, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, amended its four lease agreements with RCS. The facilities which are owned by RAD are leased by RCS on behalf of the schools under a 45-year lease. The leases are deemed to be intangible right-to-use leases, and the lease payments are based on the debt service requirements of the bonds which extend through October 2050. These payments are made from the revenues received from the School Board of Duval County for the operation of the Schools. RCS is obligated under the Indenture to deposit all charter revenues received from the School Board and additional revenues, if any, directly with the trustee during the term of the lease. The payments are applied by the trustee to make sinking fund payments and pay for operating expenses. The lease is through June 2065 and requires monthly principal and interest payments through October 2050.

Future minimum payments at June 30, 2025 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2026	\$ 246,125	\$ 661,438	\$ 907,563
2027	281,121	650,690	931,811
2028	292,951	639,333	932,284
2029	304,782	627,491	932,273
2030	317,176	615,175	932,351
2031-2035	1,825,312	2,835,732	4,661,044
2036-2040	2,336,287	2,324,907	4,661,194
2041-2045	2,989,794	1,670,541	4,660,335
2046-2050	<u>4,075,604</u>	<u>850,277</u>	<u>4,925,881</u>
	<u>\$ 12,669,152</u>	<u>\$ 10,875,584</u>	<u>\$ 23,544,736</u>

The Bond Indenture related to the lease requires that the School maintain a school payment coverage ratio of 1.00. As of June 30, 2025, the School is in compliance with this covenant.

In addition to the lease payments noted above, the School is required to pay incremental rent payments to RAD. The incremental rent payments range from approximately \$ 369,897 to \$ 1,741,850 per year over the term of the agreement which is through June 2065. These incremental rent payments are contingent upon the School having available revenues. For the year ended June 30, 2025, no incremental rent was paid.

**Note 8 - Note Payable**

During the year, the School entered into a note payable agreement for the purchase of an air conditioner unit. The note bears interest at a rate of 9.30% and requires monthly payments of \$ 6,055 through February 2029.

Future minimum payments at June 30, 2025 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 54,183	\$ 18,477	\$ 72,660
2027	59,440	13,220	72,660
2028	65,207	7,453	72,660
2029	<u>44,355</u>	<u>1,490</u>	<u>45,845</u>
	<u>\$ 223,185</u>	<u>\$ 40,640</u>	<u>\$ 263,825</u>

**Note 9 - Long-Term Liabilities**

Changes in the School’s long-term liabilities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, are as follows:

	Balance at July 1, 2024	Additions	Retirements	Balance at June 30, 2025	Amount Due Within One Year
Lease - building	\$ 12,833,570	\$ -	\$ 164,418	\$ 12,669,152	\$ 246,125
Note payable	-	243,877	20,692	223,185	54,183
Compensated absences	<u>25,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>703</u> *	<u>24,915</u>	<u>18,686</u>
	<u>\$ 12,859,188</u>	<u>\$ 243,877</u>	<u>\$ 185,813</u>	<u>\$ 12,917,252</u>	<u>\$ 318,994</u>

\* Change in compensated absences above is a net change for the year.

**Note 10 - Employee Benefit Plan**

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the School offered all of its full-time employees who had attained 21 years of age, a retirement plan (the “Plan”) under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k). The employee is allowed to contribute up to a maximum of 100% of his/her annual gross compensation, subject to certain limitations. The Plan provides for a discretionary employer matching contribution of the participant’s annual elective deferral to the Plan. As determined annually by the School’s management, the School may also make a discretionary profit sharing contribution, which is allocated among the participants based on a pro rata formula. Participants are immediately vested in their own contributions and earnings on those contributions.

**Note 10 - Employee Benefit Plan (continued)**

Participants become vested in School contributions and earnings on School contributions according to the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vesting Percentage</u>
1	25%
2	50%
3	75%
4	100%

Nonvested contributions are forfeited upon termination of employment, and such forfeitures are used to reduce any employer contribution. For the Plan year ended December 31, 2023, the School had forfeitures of \$ 1,106. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the School contributed a matching amount of \$ 11,732.

**Note 11 - Commitments**

**Management agreement:** The School has a formal agreement with Charter Schools USA at Duval, LLC (“CSUSA”) to manage, staff and operate the School. The agreement states that CSUSA shall be entitled to cost reimbursements and management fees (the “fee”) for its services, subject to availability of funds. The fee is subordinated to all lease payment requirements. The fee ranges from \$ 1,342,299 for fiscal year 2026 to \$ 2,159,003 for fiscal year 2050 as defined in the agreement or the budgeted amount approved by the Board of Directors based on enrollment and School performance. For the year ended June 30, 2025, CSUSA did not receive a fee and contributed \$ 90,000 to the school.

The School has an amount of \$ 939,388 due from CSUSA for the year ended June 30, 2025.

**Post-employment benefits:** The School does not provide post-employment benefits to retired employees.

**Note 12 - Due to Trustee**

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the School borrowed \$ 1,255,000 from RCS’s renewal and replacement account associated with the Series 2020 Bonds held by the Trustee (Note 7). These funds were utilized to purchase HVAC systems. The School expects to reimburse the renewal and replacement account based on schedule consisting of monthly payments of \$ 25,000 through January 2028.

**Note 13 - Capital Appropriations Funding**

The Florida Department of Education has approved a Charter School Capital Outlay (“CSCO”) Award for the School. In each year that funds are appropriated by the state for charter school capital outlay purposes, those funds are allocated among eligible charter schools. The funds for the School’s allocation are transferred to the School once a CSCO Plan has been provided to and approved by the sponsoring District. The School’s CSCO award totaled \$ 311,101 for the 2024/2025 school year, which has been recognized as revenue in the accompanying financial statements. If the CSCO funds are used to acquire tangible property assets, the School Board has a reversionary interest in those assets. In the event of nonrenewal, termination, or breach of the charter school agreement, ownership of the assets would automatically revert to the School Board. The School has elected to use these funds to pay the interest expense and principal on the leases and a portion of operation of plant expenditures.

**Note 13 - Capital Appropriations Funding (continued)**

Local Capital Improvement Revenue ("LCIR") funds are also appropriated by the School Board for charter school capital outlay purposes, with funds being allocated among eligible charter schools in a similar manner to the CSCO award. The School's LCIR award totaled \$ 688,023 for the 2024/2025 school year, which has been recognized as revenue in the accompanying financial statements.

**Note 14 - Risk Management**

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets and natural disasters. The School has obtained property insurance from commercial companies including, but not limited to, general liability and errors and omissions insurance. There were no claims in excess of insurance coverage limits during the past three years.

As disclosed in Note 10, CSUSA employs all of the employees of the School. As a result, the School is not exposed to medical or workers' compensation claims for these individuals. In addition, CSUSA carries all required insurance including, but not limited to, general liability and errors and omissions insurance.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION

**Duval Charter Scholars Academy  
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance -  
Budget and Actual - General Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
State sources	\$ 4,434,715	\$ 4,434,715	\$ 4,113,067	\$ (321,648)
Local sources	311,046	311,046	507,139	196,093
Aftercare	26,942	26,942	33,474	6,532
Interest income	6,781	6,781	149,835	143,054
Total revenues	<u>4,779,484</u>	<u>4,779,484</u>	<u>4,803,515</u>	<u>24,031</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
Instruction	2,494,705	2,494,705	2,274,537	220,168
Student support services	101,268	101,268	151,556	(50,288)
Instruction and curriculum development services	-	-	5,979	(5,979)
Instructional staff training services	10,000	10,000	4,559	5,441
Instruction related technology	128,869	128,869	129,156	(287)
Board	22,814	22,814	40,571	(17,757)
School administration	490,923	490,923	667,518	(176,595)
Fiscal services	4,922	4,922	6,854	(1,932)
Central services	217,881	217,881	348,124	(130,243)
Transportation Services		186,311	183,206	3,105
Operation of plant	808,107	808,107	710,062	98,045
Maintenance of plant	219,745	219,745	218,319	1,426
Community services	48,592	48,592	45,579	3,013
Capital outlay	45,347	45,347	162,447	(117,100)
Total expenditures	<u>4,593,173</u>	<u>4,779,484</u>	<u>4,948,467</u>	<u>(168,983)</u>
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(144,952)</u>	<u>(144,952)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>				
Issuance of note payable	-	-	243,877	(243,877)
Transfer in	-	-	110,380	110,380
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>354,257</u>	<u>354,257</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 209,305</u>	<u>\$ (278,449)</u>

**Note to Schedule:** For the year ended June 30, 2025, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the General Fund by \$ 168,983. These over-expenditures were funded by available fund balance.

**Duval Charter Scholars Academy  
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance -  
Budget and Actual - Grants Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Federal sources:				
National School Lunch Program	\$ 422,599	\$ 422,599	\$ 412,371	\$ (10,228)
Title I	375,446	375,446	450,910	75,464
Title II	24,642	24,642	47,192	22,550
Title IV	28,803	28,803	16,599	(12,204)
ESSER III	-	-	318,483	318,483
IDEA	4,876	4,876	-	(4,876)
State sources:				
National School Lunch Program	-	-	1,999	1,999
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>856,366</u>	<u>856,366</u>	<u>1,247,554</u>	<u>391,188</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
Instruction	102,420	102,420	428,833	(326,413)
Student support services	198,693	198,693	185,465	13,228
Instruction related technology	3,771	3,771	25,450	(21,679)
Instructional staff training services	24,642	24,642	23,819	823
School administration	104,241	104,241	59,239	45,002
Food services	313,485	313,485	340,824	(27,339)
Operation of plant	109,114	109,114	73,544	35,570
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>856,366</u>	<u>856,366</u>	<u>1,137,174</u>	<u>(280,808)</u>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	-	-	110,380	110,380
<b>Other Financing Uses:</b>				
Transfer out	-	-	(110,380)	(110,380)
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**Note to Schedule:** For the year ended June 30, 2025, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the grants fund by \$ 280,808. These over-expenditures were funded by greater than anticipated revenues in that fund.

**OTHER INDEPENDENT  
AUDITOR'S REPORTS**



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

To the Board of Directors  
Duval Charter Scholars Academy  
Jacksonville, 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 Duval Charter Scholars Academy (the "School"), a Department of Renaissance Charter School, Inc. and a component unit of the School Board of Duval County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, 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 25, 2025.

**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 have not been identified.

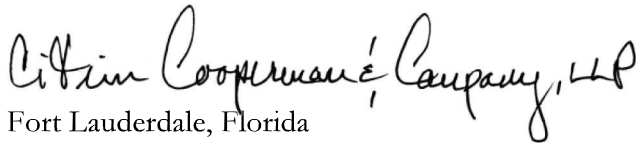
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## Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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*.

## 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.



Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
September 25, 2025



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## **MANAGEMENT LETTER REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 10.850 OF THE RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

To the Board of Directors  
Duval Charter Scholars Academy  
Jacksonville, Florida

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

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Duval Charter Scholars Academy, Florida, (the "School"), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, and have issued our report thereon dated September 25, 2025.

### **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 Auditor's 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 that report, which is dated September 25, 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 that 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 School are Duval Charter Scholars Academy and 161231.

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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 the School has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School 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 the School. It is management's responsibility to monitor the School'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 the same.

Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

## Transparency

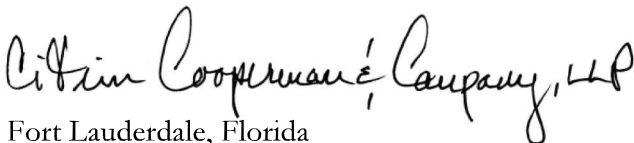
Sections 10.854(1)(e)7. and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether the School maintained on its website the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School maintained on its website 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 have 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 the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Directors, Duval County School Board, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
September 25, 2025