

HOPE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

**A Charter School and Component Unit of the
District School Board of Orange County, Florida**

**Financial Statements
with Independent Auditor's Reports Thereon**

June 30, 2025



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HOPE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management of Hope Charter School, Inc. (the "School") offers the following narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Readers are encouraged to use this information in conjunction with information furnished in the School's financial statements. This summary should not be taken as a replacement for the audit, which consists of the basic financial statements and other supplemental information.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the School's total revenues exceeded expenditures by approximately \$8,000 increasing total fund balances of \$242,000.
- ❖ The School reported a total net position of approximately \$854,000 at June 30, 2025.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to School's basic financial statements. The School's basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. The basic financial statements present two different views of the School through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the understanding of the financial condition of School. This document also includes the Report of Independent Auditors 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*, as well as the management letter required by the Rules of the Auditor General, Chapter 10.850, *Audits of Charter Schools and Similar Entities*.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide a broad overview of the School's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The government-wide statements provide short and long-term information about the School's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the School's net position and the current year changes. Net position is the difference between the School's total assets and total liabilities. Measuring net position is one way to evaluate the School's financial condition.

The government-wide statements are divided into three categories: 1) governmental activities, 2) business-type activities, and 3) component units. The governmental activities include the School's basic services. The business-type activities are those services that the School charges for that are not directly related to the School's mission. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the School had no business-type activities or component units.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide a more detailed look at the School's most significant activities. A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. All of the operations of the School are presented in governmental funds only.

Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The School's basic services are accounted for in governmental funds. These funds focus on how assets that can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end will be available for spending in the next year. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual accounting*. This method also has a current financial resources focus. As a result, the governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed short-term view of the financial resources available to finance the School's programs. The relationship between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that is a part of the fund financial statements.

The School adopts an annual budget for its general fund, as required by the Florida Statutes. The budget is legally adopted by management of the School and its Board. A budgetary comparison schedule has been included as part of the required supplementary information. The budgetary comparison schedule shows four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the Board, 2) the final budget as amended by the Board, 3) the actual resources, charges and ending balances in the general fund, and 4) the variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes to financial statements provide additional information essential to the full understanding of the information reported in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements start on page 16 of this report.

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The School's combined fund balance as of June 30, 2025 and 2024 is summarized as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
Assets:			
Current assets	\$ 445,820	\$ 429,286	\$ 16,534
Total assets	<u>445,820</u>	<u>429,286</u>	<u>16,534</u>
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities	<u>203,375</u>	<u>194,782</u>	<u>(8,593)</u>
Total liabilities	<u>203,375</u>	<u>194,782</u>	<u>(8,593)</u>
Fund Balance:			
Spendable:			
Unassigned	<u>242,445</u>	<u>234,504</u>	<u>7,941</u>
Total fund balance	<u>242,445</u>	<u>234,504</u>	<u>7,941</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 445,820</u>	<u>\$ 429,286</u>	<u>\$ 16,534</u>

Current assets remained consistent with prior year. Current liabilities decreased due to timing of payments. The change in total fund balance is due to the current year operating results.

Change in Fund Balances

The School's total revenues exceeded expenditures by approximately \$8,000 in fiscal 2025—see table below.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:			
State and local sources	\$ 4,167,236	\$ 3,941,113	\$ 226,123
Federal sources	19,003	141,696	(122,693)
Contributions and other revenues	505,738	317,864	187,874
Total revenues	<u>4,691,977</u>	<u>4,400,673</u>	<u>291,304</u>
Expenses:			
Instruction	2,771,817	2,834,244	(62,427)
Pupil personnel services	57,094	52,667	4,427
Instructional staff training	180	1,595	(1,415)
Board	37,200	47,837	(10,637)
General administration	44,647	43,739	908
School administration	647,789	727,439	(79,650)
Facilities acquisition and construction	1,500	-	1,500
Fiscal services	99,001	83,861	15,140
Operation of plant	578,422	632,357	(53,935)
Community services	49,247	42,239	7,008
Debt service			
Principal	70,795	4,403,385	(4,332,590)
Interest	295,040	218,694	76,346
Debt issuance costs	-	97,383	(97,383)
Capital outlay	31,304	260,063	(228,759)
Total expenditures	<u>4,684,036</u>	<u>9,445,503</u>	<u>(4,761,467)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	4,400,000	(4,400,000)
Change in fund balance (deficit)	<u>\$ 7,941</u>	<u>\$ (644,830)</u>	<u>652,771</u>

The change in state and local sources is due to an increase in FEFP revenue. The decrease in federal sources passed through local school district is due to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief fund reimbursement program no longer in existence. The change in contributions and other revenues is due to the School receiving a donation from Legacy Charter School.

The change in instruction expenditures is due to software and licenses purchased in prior year that was not recurring in this fiscal year. Operation of plant expenditures decreased due to additional maintenance costs incurred during the prior year. Decrease in principal payments is due to the refinancing of debt in prior year. All other operating expenditures remained relatively consistent with prior fiscal year.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$242,445.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

During the fiscal year, the School did not amend the general fund budget. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of the three categories: 1) amendments made to adjust the estimates used to prepare the original budget once exact information is available, 2) amendments made to recognize changes in funding amounts, and 3) changes in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services.

In the general fund, actual revenues were approximately \$34,000 more than budgeted amounts. Actual expenditures were approximately \$495,000 more than budgeted amounts, exclusive of other financing sources (uses).

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal 2025, the School invested approximately \$4.9 million in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$3.21 million.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
Capital assets			
Buildings and improvements	\$ 7,484,609	\$ 7,488,309	\$ (3,700)
Land	456,954	456,954	-
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	167,267	147,750	19,517
Total	8,108,830	8,093,013	15,817
Less – accumulated depreciation	(3,207,120)	(2,955,831)	(251,289)
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 4,901,710</u>	<u>\$ 5,137,182</u>	<u>\$ (235,472)</u>

This year's major capital asset additions included the following:

- Improvements - \$6,659
- Cameras - \$16,524

This year there were approximately \$15,000 in capital asset disposals.

More detailed information about the School's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities consist of approximately \$4.3 million in note payable relating to the land and building. Interest paid during fiscal year June 30, 2025 was approximately \$295,000. More detailed information about the School's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

Budget Highlights for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

Amounts available for appropriation in fiscal year 2026 are approximately \$4.5 million, a decrease of approximately \$216,000 over the actual 2025 amount.

Budgeted expenditures, before other financing uses, are expected to be approximately \$4.4 million which is approximately \$311,000 less than the fiscal 2025 actual amount, exclusive of other financing sources. The School added no new programs to the fiscal 2026 budget. If these estimates are realized, the School's general fund balance is expected to increase in fiscal year 2026.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide interested parties with a general overview of the School's finances and to demonstrate the School's accountability for the money it receives. Should additional information be required, please contact the School's administrative offices at 1550 E. Crown Point Road, Ocoee, Florida 34761.



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of Hope Charter School, Inc.,
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Orange County, Florida

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hope Charter School, Inc. (the "School"), a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Orange County, Florida (the "Sponsor") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hope Charter School, Inc., a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Orange County, Florida as of and for the year ended 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. 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Schools' 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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives were 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 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, 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.

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 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 20, 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 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 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.

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HOPE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

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Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2025

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 168,142
Due from other agencies	21,047
Due from Legacy High School, Inc.	235,584
Lease receivable	605,145
Other assets	16,160
Capital assets:	
Land	456,954
Buildings and improvements	7,484,609
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	167,267
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,207,120)</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>4,901,710</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 5,947,788</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 182,328
Long-term liabilities:	
Portion due or payable within one year:	
Note payable	75,748
Portion due or payable after one year:	
Note payable	<u>4,230,980</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,489,056</u>
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Deferred revenue	<u>605,145</u>
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	594,982
Unrestricted	<u>258,605</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 853,587</u></u>

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

HOPE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

**A Charter School and Component Unit of the
District School Board of Orange County, Florida**

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Total
Governmental Activities:						
Instruction	\$ 2,772,557	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,772,557)	\$ (2,772,557)
Pupil personnel services	57,094	-	-	-	(57,094)	(57,094)
Instructional staff training	180	-	-	-	(180)	(180)
Board	37,200	-	-	-	(37,200)	(37,200)
General administration	44,647	-	-	-	(44,647)	(44,647)
School administration	652,664	-	19,003	-	(633,661)	(633,661)
Facilities acquisition and construction	258,558	-	-	-	(258,558)	(258,558)
Fiscal services	99,001	-	-	-	(99,001)	(99,001)
Operation of plant	587,340	-	-	4,815	(582,525)	(582,525)
Community services	44,432	11,737	-	-	(32,695)	(32,695)
Interest	295,040	-	-	-	(295,040)	(295,040)
Total primary government	\$ 4,848,713	\$ 11,737	\$ 19,003	\$ 4,815	\$ (4,813,158)	(4,813,158)
General revenues:						
State and local sources					4,162,421	4,162,421
Contributions and other revenues					494,001	494,001
Total general revenues					4,656,422	4,656,422
Changes in net position					(156,736)	(156,736)
Net position at beginning of year					1,010,323	1,010,323
Net position at end of year					\$ 853,587	\$ 853,587

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

HOPE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

**A Charter School and Component Unit of the
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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 168,142	\$ -	\$ 168,142
Due from other agencies	-	21,047	21,047
Due from Legacy High School, Inc.	235,584	-	235,584
Due from other governmental funds	21,047	-	21,047
Total assets	<u>\$ 424,773</u>	<u>\$ 21,047</u>	<u>\$ 445,820</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 182,328	\$ -	\$ 182,328
Due to general fund	-	21,047	21,047
Total liabilities	<u>182,328</u>	<u>21,047</u>	<u>203,375</u>
FUND BALANCE			
Spendable:			
Unassigned	<u>242,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>242,445</u>
Total fund balance	<u>242,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>242,445</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 424,773</u>	<u>\$ 21,047</u>	<u>\$ 445,820</u>

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

HOPE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

**A Charter School and Component Unit of the
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**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position**

June 30, 2025

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 242,445
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. The cost of the assets at yearend consist:	
Capital assets	8,108,830
Accumulated depreciation	(3,207,120)
Non-current assets are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. Non-current assets at year-end consists of:	
Deposits	16,160
Long-term liabilities, including notes payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:	
Notes payable	<u>(4,306,728)</u>
Total net position - governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 853,587</u></u>

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

HOPE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Other Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Federal sources passed through				
local school district	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,003	\$ 19,003
State and local sources	3,796,586	370,650	-	4,167,236
Contributions and other revenues	505,738	-	-	505,738
Total revenues	<u>4,302,324</u>	<u>370,650</u>	<u>19,003</u>	<u>4,691,977</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction	2,752,814	-	19,003	2,771,817
Pupil personnel services	57,094	-	-	57,094
Instructional staff training	180	-	-	180
Board	37,200	-	-	37,200
General administration	44,647	-	-	44,647
School administration	647,789	-	-	647,789
Facilities acquisition and construction	1,500	-	-	1,500
Fiscal services	99,001	-	-	99,001
Food service	-	-	-	-
Operation of plant	578,422	4,815	-	583,237
Community services	44,432	-	-	44,432
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	70,795	70,795
Interest	-	-	295,040	295,040
Debt issuance costs	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	31,304	-	-	31,304
Total expenditures	<u>4,294,383</u>	<u>4,815</u>	<u>384,838</u>	<u>4,684,036</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	<u>7,941</u>	<u>365,835</u>	<u>(365,835)</u>	<u>7,941</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating transfer in	-	(365,835)	-	(365,835)
Operating transfer out	-	-	365,835	365,835
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>(365,835)</u>	<u>365,835</u>	<u>-</u>
Net changes in fund deficit	7,941	-	-	7,941
Fund balance at beginning of year	234,504	-	-	234,504
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 242,445</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 242,445</u>

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**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Net changes in fund balance - total governmental funds \$ 7,941

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 and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount incurred in the current period:

Capital outlays	31,304
Depreciation expense	(266,603)

Loss on disposal of assets is reported in the statement of activities, whereas no expense is reported in the governmental funds	(173)
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Principal payments on long-term debt are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayments reduce long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	<u>70,795</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities \$ (156,736)

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

HOPE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

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Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

1 ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

Hope Charter School, Inc. (the "School") is a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes and the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act. The governing body of the School is the not-for-profit corporation Board of Governance, which is composed of seven members.

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter of the sponsoring school district, the District School Board of Orange County, Florida, (the "School Board"). The School is considered a component unit of the School Board and meets the definition of a governmental entity under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB").

Charter Contract

The current charter expires on June 30, 2031 and may be renewed for a maximum of an additional fifteen years by mutual written agreement between the School and the School Board. Upon the expiration of the charter, the School Board may elect not to renew the charter under grounds specified in the charter. However, the School Board may terminate the current charter at any time if good cause is shown. In the event of termination of the charter, any property purchased by the School with public funds and any unencumbered public funds revert back to the School Board.

Basis of Presentation

Based on the guidance provided in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Audit and Accounting Guide – *Audits for States and Local Governments* and provisions in the Florida Statutes, the School is considered as a governmental organization for financial statement reporting purposes. The School is required by its agreement with the School Board to use the governmental reporting model and follow the fund and accounting structure provided in the "Financial and Program Cost Accounting and Reporting for Florida Schools – The Red Book" issued by the FDOE.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the School in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statement of net position and statement of activities are designed to provide financial information about the School as a whole on an accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net position provides information about the School's financial position, its assets and its liabilities, using an economic resources measurement focus.

HOPE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenue for each function or program of the School's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those specifically associated with a program or function, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of goods and services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted for meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The governmental fund financial statements report detailed information about the School's most significant funds, not the School as a whole. A fund is a group of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The School uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related requirements. Certain funds are established by law while others are created by grant agreements. The following are individual governmental funds reported in the fund financial statements:

- General Fund – the School's primary operating fund that accounts for all financial resources of the school, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.
- Capital Projects Fund – to account for all resources for the acquisition of capital items by the School purchased with capital outlay funds.
- Special Revenue Fund – to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources restricted or committed to expenditures for a specific purpose.
- Debt Service Fund – to account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

For the purpose of these statements, the general and capital projects fund are considered major funds. The special revenue and debt service are considered non-major and reported in other governmental funds.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses/expenditures 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 reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses/expenditures are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing the related cash flows take place.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues, except for certain grant revenues, are recognized

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when they become measurable and available. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime factor for determining eligibility for Federal, State, and other grant resources, revenues is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. Expenditures are recorded 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. Proceeds from the acquisition of long-term debt are reported as other financing sources.

Budgetary Basis Accounting

Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the governing board must approve all budgets and amendments. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the object level. Budgets may be amended by resolution of the Board prior to the date of the annual report.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The School's cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of demand deposits with financial institutions.

As State of Florida Statutes and the School's policy require, all deposits be made into and 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 the institution, the collateral eligible for pledge, and reporting requirements of the qualified public depositor to the treasurer is defined by the ability to assess members of the pool should the need arise. The School's deposits are held in a qualified public depository. They are covered by the collateral pool as the School has identified itself as a public entity at June 30, 2025.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

Activities between the funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as due to/from other funds. The general fund has recorded total receivables of approximately \$21,000 which relates to amounts paid by the general fund on behalf of the capital outlay fund.

Interfund Transfers

The School reports its general fund and special revenue fund as major funds. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the capital projects fund transferred approximately \$366,000 to the debt service fund for debt service payments.

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Capital Assets and Depreciation

The School's capital assets with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and are reported in the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value on the date donated. The School capitalizes assets with a cost of \$1,000 or more. Expenditures of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the asset value or extend the useful life are not capitalized. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	5 – 40
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3 – 15

Information related to the change in capital assets is described in Note 4.

Lease Asset and Liability

The School implemented GASB Statement No. 87 - Leases, which requires the recognition of certain long term lease contracts in which the School has control of a non-financial asset. The lease liability is recorded at the present value of future lease payments, including fixed payments, variable payments and reasonably certain guarantees. The lease liability is reduced for lease payments made, less the interest portion of the lease payment.

The non-financial asset is recorded as an intangible right-to-use asset. The right-to-use asset is recorded for the same amount as the related lease liability plus any prepayments and initial direct costs to place the asset in service. The right-to-use asset is amortized over the shorter of the useful life of the asset or lease term. In the current fiscal year, the School recognized a right-to-use asset and a lease liability of \$3,960,612, which applies to their educational facility lease.

Information related to the change in the right-to-use asset and lease liability is presented in Note 5.

Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities financed by resources to be received in the future by the general fund are reported in the government-wide financial statements, not in the general fund. Changes in long-term liabilities for the current year are reported in Note 5.

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Net Position and Fund Balance Classifications

Government-wide financial statements

Net position is classified and reported in three components:

- Investment in capital assets, net of related debt – consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributed to the acquisition or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted – consists of amounts with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments.
- Unrestricted – all other amounts that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

Fund financial statements

GASB Codification Section 1800.142, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, 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 reported within one of the following fund balance categories:

- Nonspendable – fund balance associated with inventories, prepaid expenses, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed or assigned). All nonspendable fund balances at year end relate to assets that are in nonspendable form.
- Restricted – fund balance that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by the constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- Committed – fund balance that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the School’s Board of Governance.
- Assigned – fund balance that is intended to be used by the School’s management for specific purposes but does not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- Unassigned – fund balance that is the residual amount for the School’s general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

This statement also clarifies the definition of the special revenue fund to denote it may be used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than trusts for individual, private organizations or other governmental agencies or for major capital projects) legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

The School’s policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. First, nonspendable fund balances are determined. Then restricted fund

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balances for specific purposes are determined (not including nonspendable amounts). Any remaining fund balance amounts for the non-general funds are to be classified as restricted fund balance. It is possible for the non-general funds to be classified as restricted fund balance. It is possible for the non-general funds to have negative unassigned fund balance when non-spendable amounts plus the amount of restricted fund balances for specific purposes exceed the positive fund balance for the non-general fund.

Revenue Sources

Revenues for operations are received primarily from the District School Board of Orange County, Florida 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 reports the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the School District. The School Board receives a 2% administrative fee from the School, which is withheld from the respective FEFP payments. The administrative expense is reflected as a general administration expense/expenditure in the accompanying statement of activities and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances of governmental funds. The administrative fee is calculated on the FEFP revenue up to 250 students.

Under provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the School Board reports the number of students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (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 period. The FDOE may also adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations based on an audit of the School's compliance in determining and reporting FTE and related data. Generally, such adjustments are treated as reductions or additions of revenues in the year when the adjustments are made.

The basic amount of funding through the FEFP under Section 1011.62 is calculated based on (1) unweighted FTE, multiplied by (2) the cost factor for each program multiplied by (3) the base student allocation established by the Florida legislature. Additional funds for exceptional students who do not have a matrix of services are provided through the guaranteed allocation designated in Section 1011.62(1)(e)2., Florida Statutes. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the School reported 416.9 unweighted FTE.

The School received additional funding under other federal and state grants. This assistance is generally received based on applications submitted to various granting agencies. For federal and state grants in which funding is awarded based on incurring eligible expenditures, revenue is recognized as the amount of eligible expenditures have been incurred.

The School is also eligible for charter school capital outlay funding. The amounts received under this program are based on the School's actual and projected student enrollment during the fiscal year. Funds received under this program may only be used for lawful capital outlay expenditures.

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Use of Estimates

In preparing the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the balance sheet and revenues and expenses/expenditures for the period presented. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This pronouncement requires liabilities relates to compensated absences recognized for 1) leave that has not been used and 2) leave that has not been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through non- cash means and includes but is not limited to vacation, sick leave, and paid time off (PTO). This statement establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for compensated absences and other associated salary-related payments such as certain defined contribution pensions. Leave that accumulates is carried forward from the reporting period in which it is earned to a future reporting period during which it may be used for time off or otherwise paid or settled. In estimating the leave that is more likely than not to be used or otherwise paid or settled, a government should consider relevant factors such as employment policies. This statement also provides guidance for measuring this liability. A liability for leave that has been used but not yet paid or settled should be measured at the employee's pay rate as of the date of the financial statements or the amount of the cash or non-cash amount settled. This statement also allows governments to disclose only the net change in the liability and are no longer required to disclose which governmental funds typically have been used to liquidate the liability. This statement applies to all financial statements of all state and local governments. The required effective date for this statement is for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter. Early application is encouraged. The School has included a liability for compensated absences in accrued expenses which is consistent with Statement No.101 in previous years as well as in these financial statements. See Note 7 for more information on the school's policies and procedures regarding compensated absences.

2 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) define fair value for an investment generally as the price an organization would receive upon selling the investment in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. The information available to measure fair value varies depending on the nature of each investment and its market or markets. Accordingly, GAAP recognizes a hierarchy of "inputs" an organization may use in determining or estimating fair value. The inputs are categorized into "levels" that relate to the extent to which an input is objectively observable and the extent to which markets exist for identical or comparable investments. In determining or estimating fair value, an organization is required to maximize the use of observable market data (to the extent available) and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy assigns the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets_for identical items (Level 1 inputs) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 inputs).

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The fair value hierarchy distinguishes between independent observable inputs and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for an asset or liability. Level 3 inputs should be used to measure fair value to the extent that observable level 1 or 2 inputs are not available.

This statement requires disclosures to be made about fair value measurements, the level of fair value hierarchy, and valuation techniques. The School's significant financial instruments are cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, short term borrowings, and other short term assets and liabilities. For these financial instruments (level 1), carrying values approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

3 DUE FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Due from other agencies included in the accompanying financial statements includes approximately \$21,000 in capital outlay funds. Based on the sources of funds, management has evaluated the collectability and an allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary.

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4 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity during the year ended June 30, 2025 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets:				
Assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 456,954	\$ -	\$ -	456,954
Total assets not being depreciated	<u>456,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>456,954</u>
Building and improvements	7,488,309		(3,700)	7,484,609
Furniture, fixtures & equipment	<u>147,750</u>	<u>31,304</u>	<u>(11,787)</u>	<u>167,267</u>
Total capital assets	<u>7,636,059</u>	<u>31,304</u>	<u>(15,487)</u>	<u>7,651,876</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	(2,840,057)	(265,652)	3,700	(3,102,009)
Furniture, fixtures & equipment	<u>(115,774)</u>	<u>(951)</u>	<u>11,614</u>	<u>(105,111)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,955,831)</u>	<u>(266,603)</u>	<u>15,314</u>	<u>(3,207,120)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 5,137,182</u>	<u>\$ (235,299)</u>	<u>\$ (173)</u>	<u>\$ 4,901,710</u>
Depreciation expense:				
Instruction			\$ 740	
School administration			257,058	
Facilities acquisition and construction			4,702	
Operation of plant			<u>4,103</u>	
Total governmental activities depreciation expense			<u>\$ 266,603</u>	

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5 NOTE PAYABLE

During fiscal year 2024, the School entered into a refinancing agreement for its long-term liabilities and expansion project of its facilities in the amount of \$4,400,000. In connection with this transaction, the School obtained a loan from a financial institution.

The original agreement provided for a fixed at a rate of 6.78% per annum. As of June 30, 2025, the loan requires monthly principal and interest payments in the amount of approximately \$30,486 and matures March 2049.

Total long-term debt	\$ 4,306,728
Less: portion due or payable within one year	<u>(75,748)</u>
Portion due or payable after one year	<u>\$ 4,230,980</u>
Balance outstanding at the beginning of year	\$ 4,377,523
Additions	-
Reductions	<u>(70,795)</u>
Balance outstanding at the end of year	<u>\$ 4,306,728</u>

Interest paid during the year ended June 30, 2025 totaled approximately \$295,000.

Future minimum payments are as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2026	\$ 75,748	\$ 290,088	\$ 365,836
2027	81,047	286,147	367,194
2028	86,717	279,119	365,836
2029	92,783	273,052	365,835
2030	99,274	266,561	365,835
2031-2036	759,737	1,435,276	2,195,013
2037-2041	916,411	912,766	1,829,177
2042-2049	<u>2,195,011</u>	<u>634,702</u>	<u>2,829,713</u>
	<u>\$ 4,306,728</u>	<u>\$ 4,087,623</u>	<u>\$ 8,318,603</u>

The above payment schedule is based on interest rate of approximately 6.78%. Total interest paid during the year is approximately \$295,000.

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6 SCHEDULE OF STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES

District School Board of Orange County, Florida:

Florida Education Finance Program	\$ 2,344,681
Class size reduction	406,704
Special millage	417,432
Discretionary millage funds	284,458
Capital outlay	370,650
ESE guaranteed allocation	87,003
Education enrollment allocation	99,501
School recognition	56,437
Safe schools	44,173
Mental health	25,666
Compression adjustment	35,664
Miscellaneous state revenues	17,511
Education enrollment stabilization program	4,712
Proration to appropriation	<u>(27,356)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,167,236</u>

The administrative fee paid to the School Board during the year ended June 30, 2025 totaled approximately \$45,000, which is reflected as a general administration expense/expenditure in the accompanying statement of activities and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances of governmental funds.

7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Hope Charter School is related to Legacy High School, Inc. through a common executive director, shared facilities and costs. However, the Schools have separate board of governance and are separate legal entities.

Facility lease

The School has entered into an agreement to lease instructional facilities to Legacy High School, Inc. ("Legacy"), an Orange County charter school. The terms of the lease are monthly payments of \$18,000.

Rental income charged by the School to Legacy Charter School totaled \$216,000 for fiscal year 2025 and is reflected in contributions and other revenue in the accompanying statement of activities and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances of governmental funds.

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Due from Legacy High School

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the School has an amount due from Legacy High School, Inc. of approximately \$236,000 in connection with the donation from Legacy to Hope, rent charged to Legacy and the allocation of instructional costs.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Workers' compensation coverage, health and hospitalization, general liability, professional liability and property coverage are being provided through purchased commercial insurance with minimum deductibles for each line of coverage. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not historically exceeded commercial coverage.

9 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Grants

The School participates in state and federal grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the School has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable at year end may be impaired.

In the opinion of the School, there are no significant contingent liabilities related to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

Legal Matters

In the normal course of conducting its operations, the School occasionally becomes party to various legal actions and proceedings. In the opinion of management, the ultimate resolution of such legal matters will not have a significant adverse effect on the accompanying financial statements.

10 INCOME TAXES

The School qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and is therefore, exempt from income taxes. Accordingly, no tax provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements. Additionally, no uncertain tax positions have been made requiring disclosure in the related notes to the financial statements. The School's

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income tax returns for the past three tax years are subject to examination by tax authorities, and may change upon examination.

11 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 20, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
State and local sources	\$ 3,847,588	\$ 3,847,588	\$ 3,796,586	\$ (51,002)
Contributions and other revenue	421,000	421,000	505,738	84,738
Total revenues	4,268,588	4,268,588	4,302,324	33,736
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction	2,314,380	2,314,380	2,752,814	438,434
Pupil personnel services	51,900	51,900	57,094	5,194
Instructional staff training	1,500	1,500	180	(1,320)
Board	122,700	122,700	37,200	(85,500)
General administration	41,850	41,850	44,647	2,797
School administration	650,200	650,200	647,789	(2,411)
Facilities acquisition and construction	20,000	20,000	1,500	(18,500)
Fiscal services	84,000	84,000	99,001	15,001
Operation of plant	481,980	481,980	578,422	96,442
Community services	31,100	31,100	44,432	13,332
Capital outlay	-	-	31,304	31,304
Total expenditures	3,799,610	3,799,610	4,294,383	494,773
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	468,978	468,978	7,941	(461,037)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfer out	(66,000)	(66,000)	-	66,000
Total other financing sources	(66,000)	(66,000)	-	66,000
Net changes in fund balances	402,978	402,978	7,941	(395,037)
Fund balances at beginning of year	234,504	234,504	234,504	-
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 637,482</u>	<u>\$ 637,482</u>	<u>\$ 242,445</u>	<u>\$ (395,037)</u>

See independent auditor's report.

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Notes to Budgetary Schedules

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

1 BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Budgets are presented on 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). Budgets may be amended by resolution at any Board meeting prior to the date for the annual report.



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**Report of Independent Auditors 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 Hope Charter School, Inc.,
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Orange County, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hope Charter School, Inc. (the "School"), a charter school and component unit of the District School Board of Orange 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 20, 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) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 identify a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

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September 20, 2025

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**Additional Information Required by
Rules of the Auditor General,
Chapter 10.850, *Audits of Charter Schools
and Similar Entities***



**Management Letter as Required by Rules of the Florida Auditor General,
Chapter 10.850, Florida Statutes, *Charter School Audits***

To the Board of Directors of Hope Charter School, Inc.,
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Orange County, Florida.

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Hope Charter School, Inc. (the “School”) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, and have issued our report thereon dated September 20, 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 Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards. Disclosures in that report, if applicable, which is dated, September 20, 2025, 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. Finding 2024-01- Develop a Formal Policy of Procedures to Oversee and Manage the Grant Submission, Collection and Compliance Functions have from the preceding annual financial audit report has been corrected.

Official Title

Section 10.854(1)(e)5. Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the entity be disclosed in this management letter. The official title of the entity is Hope Charter School, Inc. The School code is 0061.

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 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 maintains on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School maintained on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

Additional Matters

Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, 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 which 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, applicable management, and Orange County School Board and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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