

SARASOTA SUNCOAST ACADEMY, INC.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

for the fiscal year ended JUNE 30, 2019

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Certified Public Accountants

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of Sarasota Suncoast Academy, Inc.,
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Sarasota County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Sarasota Suncoast Academy, Inc. ("School"), a charter school and component unit of the District School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the School's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

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 School, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, and Note to Required Supplementary Information, as shown in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historic 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 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 19, 2019 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature in black ink that reads "King & Walker, CPAs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

September 19, 2019
Tampa, Florida

SARASOTA SUNCOAST ACADEMY, INC.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the annual financial report of Sarasota Suncoast Academy, Inc. ("School") provides an overview of the School's activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

Because the information contained in the MD&A is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the School's financial statements and notes to financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the School's expenses exceeded revenues as shown on the School's statement of activities by \$405,178.
- Total assets were \$1,929,283 and total liabilities were \$515,392 resulting in a total net position balance of \$1,413,891 as of June 30, 2019.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements consist of three components:

- ✓ Government-wide financial statements
- ✓ Fund financial statements
- ✓ Notes to financial statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the School's overall financial condition in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business. The statements include a statement of net position and a statement of activities that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental activities of the School presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net position provides information about the government's financial position, its assets and liabilities, using an economic resources measurement focus. The difference between the assets and liabilities, the net position, is a measure of the financial health of the School. The statement of activities presents information about the change in the School's net position and the results of operations, during the fiscal year. An increase or decrease in net position is an indication of whether the School's financial health is improving or deteriorating. To assess the overall financial position of the School, one needs to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the School student base funding level.

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Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic 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. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's financial activities, focusing on its most significant funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity-wide perspective contained in the government-wide statements.

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the governmental funds utilize a spendable financial resources measurement focus rather than the economic resources measurement focus found in the government-wide financial statements. The financial resources measurement focus allows the governmental fund statements to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that may be used to evaluate the School's near-term financing requirements. This short-term view is useful when compared to the long-term view presented as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. To facilitate this comparison, both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation of governmental fund to governmental activities.

The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the School's most significant funds. The School operates three funds, a General Fund to account for its general operations and internal account activities and a Capital Projects Fund to account for capital outlay funds, and a Special Revenue fund to account for Federal grant programs. The General Fund and Capital Projects Fund are major funds of the School. Other funds are presented in the aggregate.

The School adopts an annual budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule, as required, has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

Notes to 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.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net Position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following is a summary of the School's current year and prior year net position:

	Net Position, End of Year		
	Governmental Activities		Increase (Decrease)
	6-30-18	6-30-19	
ASSETS			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,275,132	\$ 952,726	\$ (322,406)
Capital Assets, net	990,268	976,557	(13,711)
Total Assets	<u>2,265,400</u>	<u>1,929,283</u>	<u>(336,117)</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	391,381	484,908	93,527
Capital Lease, due within one year	24,466	27,028	2,562
Capital Lease, due after one year	30,484	3,456	(27,028)
Total Liabilities	<u>446,331</u>	<u>515,392</u>	<u>69,061</u>
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	935,318	946,073	10,755
Unrestricted	<u>883,751</u>	<u>467,818</u>	<u>(415,933)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,819,069</u>	<u>\$ 1,413,891</u>	<u>\$ (405,178)</u>

Current assets consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, prepaid expenses and deposits, and the School's investment in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation. Liabilities are comprised of accounts payable, capital leases payable, and salaries and benefits payable. The balance in the Unrestricted Net Position of \$467,818 may be used to meet the School's ongoing obligations.

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The key elements of the changes in the School's net position for the prior year and current year follows:

	Operating Results for the Year		
	Governmental Activities		Increase (Decrease)
	6-30-18	6-30-19	
Revenues:			
Federal Through State and Local	\$ 22,572	\$ 24,403	\$ 1,831
State Sources	5,486,250	6,388,989	902,739
Local and Other Revenue	934,455	337,398	(597,057)
Total Revenues	<u>6,443,277</u>	<u>6,750,790</u>	<u>307,513</u>
Expenses:			
Instruction	2,913,831	3,612,946	699,115
Instructional Media	6,530	6,974	444
Instruction & Curriculum Development	-	607	607
Instructional Staff Training	19,967	18,331	(1,636)
Instructional Related Technology	12,479	19,589	7,110
Board	148,295	114,082	(34,213)
School Administration	469,696	553,221	83,525
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	1,418,629	1,525,133	106,504
Fiscal Services	75,000	75,000	-
Food Services	26,631	57,318	30,687
Student Transportation	44,857	15,835	(29,022)
Operation of Plant	580,699	667,581	86,882
Maintenance of Plant	133,319	157,279	23,960
Community Service	68,464	62,031	(6,433)
Debt Service-Interest & Fiscal Charges	-	4,518	4,518
Unallocated Depreciation	201,900	265,523	63,623
Total Expenses	<u>6,120,297</u>	<u>7,155,968</u>	<u>1,035,671</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position	<u>\$ 322,980</u>	<u>\$ (405,178)</u>	<u>\$ (728,158)</u>

The largest revenue source for the School is the State of Florida (95%). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula. The FEFP formula utilizes student enrollment data to determine the funds available for the School.

The largest concentration of expenses is Instruction related functions (51%) and Facilities Acquisition and Construction (21%) of total expenditures.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

Governmental Funds

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$467,818.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was developed based on the School's anticipated revenues and expenditures and the expected student population for the school year. Over the course of the year, the school revised its general fund budget several times. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the actual expenditures were equal to the final budget. Refer to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule for additional information.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2019, amounts to \$976,557 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures and equipment, leasehold improvements, improvements other than buildings, and vehicles. Additional information regarding the School's capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the School's management at 8084 Hawkins Road, Sarasota, FL 34241.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2019

ASSETS	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Current Assets:	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 626,531
Due from Other Agencies	659
Accounts Receivable	1,022
Prepaid Expenses and Deposits	324,514
Capital Assets:	
Leasehold Improvements, Net	763,149
Improvements Other than Buildings, Net	6,950
Vehicles, Net	27,375
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment, Net	179,083
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>976,557</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,929,283</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	410,438
Salaries and Benefits Payable	74,470
Long Term Liabilities:	
Capital Leases, due within one year	27,028
Capital Leases, due after one year	3,456
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>515,392</u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	946,073
Unrestricted	467,818
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 1,413,891</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction	\$ 3,612,946	\$ -	\$ 24,403	\$ -	\$ (3,588,543)
Instructional Media	6,974				(6,974)
Instruction & Curriculum Development	607				(607)
Instructional Staff Training	18,331		-		(18,331)
Instructional-Related Technology	19,589		-		(19,589)
Board	114,082				(114,082)
School Administration	553,221		-		(553,221)
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	1,525,133			488,812	(1,036,321)
Fiscal Services	75,000				(75,000)
Food Services	57,318				(57,318)
Student Transportation	15,835				(15,835)
Operation of Plant	667,581				(667,581)
Maintenance of Plant	157,279				(157,279)
Community Service	62,031	66,487			4,456
Debt Service - Interest & Fees	4,518				(4,518)
Unallocated Depreciation	265,523				(265,523)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 7,155,968	\$ 66,487	\$ 24,403	\$ 488,812	(6,576,266)
		General Revenues:			
					6,065,983
					105,105
					6,171,088
					(405,178)
					1,819,069
					\$ 1,413,891

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BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2019

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Activities
ASSETS				
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 626,531	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 626,531
Due from Other Agencies		659		659
Accounts Receivable	1,022			1,022
Due from Other Funds	659			659
Prepaid Expenses and Deposits	324,514			324,514
Total Assets	\$ 952,726	\$ 659	\$ -	\$ 953,385
 LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 410,438	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 410,438
Salaries and Benefits Payable	74,470			74,470
Due to Other Funds		659		659
Total Liabilities	484,908	659	-	485,567
 FUND BALANCES				
Unassigned	143,304			143,304
Nonspendable	324,514			324,514
Total Fund Balances	467,818	-	-	467,818
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 952,726	\$ 659	\$ -	\$ 953,385

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2019

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	467,818
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Long-term liabilities 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 a notes payable.		(30,484)
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds.		<u>976,557</u>
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	<u><u>1,413,891</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Other Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Intergovernmental:				
Federal Through State and Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,403	\$ 24,403
State Sources	6,065,983	323,006		6,388,989
Local and Other	171,592	165,806		337,398
Total Revenues	<u>6,237,575</u>	<u>488,812</u>	<u>24,403</u>	<u>6,750,790</u>
Expenditures				
Current - Education:				
Instruction	3,588,543		24,403	3,612,946
Instructional Media	6,974			6,974
Instruction & Curriculum Development	607			607
Instructional Staff Training	18,331			18,331
Instructional-Related Technology	19,589			19,589
Board	114,082			114,082
School Administration	553,221			553,221
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	1,036,321	488,812		1,525,133
Fiscal Services	75,000			75,000
Food Services	57,318			57,318
Student Transportation	15,835			15,835
Operation of Plant	667,581			667,581
Maintenance of Plant	157,279			157,279
Community Service	62,031			62,031
Fixed Capital Outlay:				
Other Capital Outlay	251,812			251,812
Debt Service:				
Principal	24,466			24,466
Interest & Fees	4,518			4,518
Total Expenditures	<u>6,653,508</u>	<u>488,812</u>	<u>24,403</u>	<u>7,166,723</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(415,933)	-		(415,933)
Fund Balances, July 1, 2018	883,751	-		883,751
Fund Balances, June 30, 2019	<u>\$ 467,818</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 467,818</u>

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

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	(415,933)
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount of depreciation expense (\$265,523) in excess of capital outlay (\$251,812) in the current period.</p>		
		(13,711)
<p>Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the payment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.</p>		
		24,466
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	(405,178)

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

➤ Reporting Entity

Sarasota Suncoast Academy, Inc. ("School") is a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. The governing body of the School is the not-for-profit corporation Board of Directors, which is comprised of not less than three 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 Sarasota County, Florida, ("District"). The current charter is effective until June 30, 2024, and may be renewed 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 this case, the District is required to notify the school in writing at least 90 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. In the event of termination of the charter, any property purchased by the School with public funds and any unencumbered public funds, except capital outlay funds, revert back to the District. Any unencumbered capital outlay funds revert back to the Florida Department of Education to be redistributed among eligible charter schools. The School is considered a component unit of the District; therefore, for financial reporting purposes, the School is required to follow generally accepted accounting principles applicable to state and local governmental units.

Criteria for determining if other entities are potential component units which should be reported within the School's basic financial statements are identified and described in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, Sections 2100 and 2600. The application of these criteria provides for identification of any entities for which the School is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the School are such that exclusion would cause the School's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on these criteria, no component units are included within the reporting entity of the School.

➤ Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements - Government-wide financial statements, including the statement of net position 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

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associated with a service, program, or department and are thereby clearly identifiable to a particular function.

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 – to account for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund, and for certain revenues from the State that are legally restricted to be expended for specific current operating purposes.
- Capital Projects Fund – to account for all resources for the acquisition of capital and related items purchased by the School with capital outlay funds.

Other governmental funds are presented in an aggregate presentation.

➤ **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. Revenues from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, except for certain grant revenues, are recognized when they become measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are 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 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime

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factor for determining eligibility for Federal, State, and other grant resources, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. 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. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized in governmental funds.

➤ **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits with one financial institution. Deposits on hand at this financial institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company up to \$250,000.

➤ **Capital Assets**

Expenditures for capital assets acquired or constructed for general School purposes are reported in the governmental fund that financed the acquisition or construction. The capital assets so acquired are reported at cost in the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School as those costing more than \$750. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated assets are recorded at fair value at the date of donation.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Leasehold Improvements	7 - 10 years
Improvements Other than Buildings	3- 15 years
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	3- 15 years
Vehicles	5 years

➤ **Long-term Debt**

Long-term obligations that will be 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. Current-year information relative to changes in long-term debt is described in subsequent notes.

➤ **Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

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

➤ **Net Position and Fund Balance Classification**

Government-wide Financial Statements

Net Position are classified and reported in three components:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets – 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 Net Position – consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.
- Unrestricted Net Position – all other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

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.

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➤ 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 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 nonspendable amounts plus the amount of restricted fund balances for specific purposes exceed the positive fund balance for non-general fund.

➤ Revenue Sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33(17), Florida Statutes, the School reports the number of full-time equivalent students and related data to the District.

Under provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of full-time equivalent 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 (FTE) students reported by the School during designated full-time equivalent student survey periods. The Department may also adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations based upon an audit of the School's compliance in determining and reporting FTE and related data. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions or additions of revenue in the year when the adjustments are made.

The basic amount of funding through the FEFP under Section 1011.62 is the product of the (1) unweighted FTE, multiplied by (2) the cost factor for each program, multiplied by (3) the base student allocation established by the 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 fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the School reported 633.22 unweighted FTE and 702.29 weighted FTE.

FEFP funding may also be adjusted as a result of subsequent FTE audits conducted by the Florida Auditor General pursuant to Section 1010.305, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-1.0453, Florida Administrative Code (FAC). Schools are required to maintain the following documentation for three years or until the completion of an FTE audit:

- Attendance and membership documentation (Rule 6A-1.044, FAC).

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- Teacher certificates and other certification documentation (Rule 6A-1.0503, FAC).
- Documentation for instructors teaching out-of-field (Rule 6A-1.0503, FAC).
- Procedural safeguards for weighted programs (Rule 6A-6.03411, FAC).
- Evaluation and planning documents for weighted programs (Section 1010.305, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-6.03411, FAC).

The School may receive federal or state awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. This assistance is generally received based on applications submitted to and approved by various granting agencies. For federal or state awards in which a claim to these grant proceeds is based on incurring eligible expenditures, revenue is recognized to the extent that eligible expenditures have been incurred.

The School is also eligible for charter school capital outlay funding pursuant to Section 1013.62, Florida Statutes. 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 and, as such, are reflected as restricted net position and reserved fund balance in the accompanying statement of net position and balance sheet – governmental fund, respectively, to the extent that they remain unexpended.

The School follows the policy of applying restricted resources prior to applying unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted assets are available.

➤ **Recently Issued Accounting Principles**

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 88, Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements was effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2018. The School's notes to financial statements related to debt reflect all required disclosures.

➤ **Income Taxes**

The School is exempt from Federal tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been included in the accompanying financial statements. Additionally, no uncertain tax positions have been made requiring disclosure in the related notes to financial statements. The School's income tax returns for the past three years are subject to examination by tax authorities and may change upon examination.

➤ **Use of Estimates**

In preparing the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP) management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the statement of net position and affect revenues and expenditures for the period presented. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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➤ Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated all events subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the report date, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued. Management determined there are no subsequent events which require disclosure.

2. CASH DEPOSITS

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned to the School. The School does not have a custodial credit risk policy. Deposits on hand at financial institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company (FDIC) up to \$250,000. As of June 30, 2019, the School was exposed to custodial credit risk. On June 30, 2019, the School's bank account exceeded the FDIC insurance limit by \$376,531.

3. DUE FROM OTHER AGENCIES

The amount due from other agencies on the School's statement of net position and balance sheet – governmental funds consists of funds due from the District School Board of Sarasota County for Charter School Capital Outlay funds. This receivable is considered fully collectible and therefore, no allowance for uncollectible accounts has been established.

4. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

At June 30, 2019, the School's General Fund was due \$659 from the Capital Projects Fund for amounts due from the School District of Sarasota County for Charter School. The amounts of interfund receivables and payables are netted together and not reported in the statement of net position the statement of activities.

5. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Changes in capital assets are presented in the table below.

<u>Governmental Activities:</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 1,389,196	\$ 224,240	\$ -	\$ 1,613,436
Improvements Other than Buildings	23,105			23,105
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	735,898	27,572		763,470
Vehicles	58,500			58,500
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>2,206,699</u>	<u>251,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,458,511</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Leasehold Improvements	(676,383)	(173,904)		(850,287)
Improvements Other than Buildings	(14,265)	(1,890)		(16,155)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(504,158)	(80,229)		(584,387)
Vehicles	(21,625)	(9,500)		(31,125)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,216,431)</u>	<u>(265,523)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,481,954)</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 990,268</u>	<u>\$ (13,711)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 976,557</u>

All depreciation expense was shown as unallocated on the Statement of Activities.

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6. PREPAID EXPENSES AND DEPOSITS

Amounts recorded as prepaid expenses and deposits in the accompanying statement of net position and balance sheet consist primarily of a security deposit, prepaid custodial and lawn expense and prepaid rent paid as part of the School's facility lease agreement.

7. REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT

The School has a revolving line of credit available with SunTrust Bank for up to \$500,000. The proceeds are to be used for short-term working capital needs. During the year, the School did not make any draws on the line of credit. There is no outstanding balance on the line as of June 30, 2019.

8. CAPITAL LEASES

The School entered into two 36-month agreements for classroom equipment which are classified as a capital lease. The economic substance of the lease is to provide the School financing for the acquisition of the assets through the capital leases and, accordingly, the assets are recorded in the School's statement of net position at the net asset value of \$11,010 and \$37,436.

Terms of the leases and principal balances owed as of June 30, 2019 are as follows:

<u>Great America Financial Services - Capitalized Lease Agreement</u>	Balance at 6-30-19
For leased equipment. 36 month lease through 7/3/20. Monthly payments are \$1,858 with a \$1 purchase option at the end of the lease. Interest rate of 10%.	<u>\$ 22,807</u>
For leased equipment. 36 month lease through 8/25/20. Monthly payments are \$547 with a \$1 purchase option at the end of the lease. Interest rate of 10%.	<u>7,677</u>
Total Capital Leases Payable	<u><u>\$ 30,484</u></u>

Future payment amounts for the capital leases payable are as follows:

<u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2020	28,860	27,028	1,832
2021	3,498	3,456	42
Total	<u><u>\$ 32,358</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 30,484</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,874</u></u>

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9. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance	Due in One Year
<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:</u>					
Capital Leases Payable	\$ 54,950	\$ -	\$ 24,466	\$ 30,484	\$ 27,028
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 54,950</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 24,466</u>	<u>\$ 30,484</u>	<u>\$ 27,028</u>

10. SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE SOURCES

The following is a schedule of the School's State revenue:

Source	Amount
Florida Education Finance Program	\$ 3,259,766
Referendum Millage	886,989
Class Size Reduction	804,555
Discretionary Millage	663,468
Charter School Capital Outlay	323,006
Supplementary Academic Instruction	135,342
Best & Brightest Teacher Scholarships	76,385
School Recognition Funds	59,627
Instructional Materials	48,400
Safe School	37,105
Reading Instruction	29,418
Miscellaneous State	18,488
Mental Health	16,230
Digital Classrooms Allocation	16,060
Teacher Lead Program	11,900
Discretionary Lottery	2,250
Total State Revenue	<u>\$ 6,388,989</u>

As provided in the charter school contract and Florida Department of Education Rules, the District has charged the School an administrative fee on FEFP revenue for the first 250 FTE which totaled \$44,095.

11. FINANCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT

The School has contracted with a professional accounting services company to provide accounting and financial services, and other assistance to the School. The amount paid for these professional services during the fiscal year totaled \$75,000. The contract may be cancelled by either party with 30 days advance notice.

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12. FACILITY LEASE

Sarasota Suncoast Community Church, Inc. is currently leasing modular units for the School’s use as classrooms. The School is making the payments directly to the lessor. The monthly payments on these leases is \$25,206.

The School leases its facilities under a lease agreement amended to extend to June 30, 2019 with the Sarasota Suncoast Community Church, Inc. Monthly rent payments will were \$100,836 per month for the 2018-19 fiscal year. The agreement provides for the School to pay certain other annual costs (real estate taxes, insurance, and repairs and maintenance). Rental expense totaled \$1,240,036 for the year ended June 30, 2019.

The following is a schedule, by years, of the School’s future minimum rental payments required under operating leases that have remaining noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year:

<u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Total</u>
2020	\$ 1,240,035
2021	1,240,035
2022	1,240,035
2023	1,240,035
2024	1,240,035
2025-2029	6,200,175
Total	<u>\$ 12,400,350</u>

13. EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT

The School entered into a non-cancellable operating lease agreement in the 2017-18 fiscal year for copier equipment for a term of 60 months. Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as of June 30 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Ending June 30</u>	
2020	\$ 5,384
2021	5,834
2022	5,834
2023	1,346
Total	<u>\$ 18,398</u>

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Executive Director of the School also holds a key position at the Sarasota Suncoast Community Church, Inc. (Church), from which the School leases its educational facilities. Terms of the lease are disclosed in Note 12 to the financial statements. The Church will occasionally make various expense payments on behalf of the School and bill the School for subsequent reimbursement. The leases for the portables were signed by the Church and all payments are made by the School directly to the issuer of the lease. For the year ended June 30, 2019, the School made payments to the Church for

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expenses totaling \$1,798,275 of which \$1,240,036 was for the facility, \$332,221 for janitorial services; \$85,000 for lawn maintenance; \$4,000 for two generators, and the remaining \$137,018 for payments relating to the expense reimbursement of custodial services, technology support and services, maintenance repairs, and insurance.

15. PENSION PLAN

The School offers a tax-deferred savings plan (the Plan), which qualifies as a voluntary contribution savings plan under IRS Code Section 4031(b). Employees may provide tax-deferred contributions to fully vested individual retirement accounts up to the Internal Revenue Code limit. The Plan covers all employees meeting eligibility criteria. Under the Plan's discretionary matching contribution formula, the School has the discretion whether to make a matching contribution to the Plan. Each year the School makes a decision on how much, if any, matching contribution to make. Participants are vested in matching contributions ratably over a six-year graded vesting schedule. Plan costs for the years ended June 30, 2019 totaled \$275,864.

16. RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the School carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage and settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

17. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The School participates in state 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 receivables at June 30, 2019, may be impaired.

In the opinion of the School, there are no significant liabilities relating 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.

18. FUNDING AND CREDIT RISK CONCENTRATIONS

The School receives substantially all of its support and revenue from federal, state and local funding sources, passed through the District, in the form of performance and budget based contracts. Continuing operation of the School is greatly dependent upon the continued support of these governmental agencies.

19. LEGAL MATTERS

In the normal course of conducting its operations, the School occasionally becomes party to various legal actions and proceedings. The School has no legal actions or pending proceedings in progress.

SARASOTA SUNCOAST ACADEMY, INC.
A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND (UNAUDITED)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	General Fund			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental:				
Federal Through State and Local	\$ 28,728	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Sources	6,762,412	6,065,983	6,065,983	-
Local and Other	683,973	171,592	171,592	-
Total Revenues	<u>7,475,113</u>	<u>6,237,575</u>	<u>6,237,575</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures:				
Current - Education:				
Instruction	3,427,778	3,588,543	3,588,543	-
Instructional Media	8,394	6,974	6,974	-
Instruction & Curriculum Development		607	607	-
Instructional Staff Training	25,667	18,331	18,331	-
Instructional-Related Technology	16,041	19,589	19,589	-
Board	150,364	114,082	114,082	-
School Administration	455,893	553,221	553,221	-
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	1,821,249	1,036,321	1,036,321	-
Fiscal Services	75,000	75,000	75,000	-
Food Services	42,641	57,318	57,318	-
Student Transportation	63,954	15,835	15,835	-
Operation of Plant	722,888	667,581	667,581	-
Maintenance of Plant	134,652	157,279	157,279	-
Community Service	70,119	62,031	62,031	-
Fixed Capital Outlay:				
Other Capital Outlay		251,812	251,812	-
Debt Service:				
Principal	30,105	24,466	24,466	-
Interest		4,518	4,518	-
Total Expenditures	<u>7,044,745</u>	<u>6,653,508</u>	<u>6,653,508</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	430,368	(415,933)	(415,933)	-
Fund Balance, July 1, 2018	883,751	883,751	883,751	-
Fund Balance, June 30, 2019	<u>\$ 1,314,119</u>	<u>\$ 467,818</u>	<u>\$ 467,818</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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NOTE TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

June 30, 2019

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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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 of Sarasota Suncoast Academy, Inc.,
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Sarasota County, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Sarasota Suncoast Academy, Inc. ("School"), a charter school and component unit of the District School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, 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 19, 2019.

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 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 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of 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 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature in black ink that reads "King & Walker, CPAs". The signature is written in a cursive, professional style.

September 19, 2019
Tampa, Florida

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**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 Sarasota Suncoast Academy, Inc.,
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District
School Board of Sarasota County, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the Sarasota Suncoast Academy, Inc., (“School”), a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated September 19, 2019.

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 those reports and schedule, which are dated September 19, 2019, 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 prior audit findings or recommendations.

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 entity are Sarasota Suncoast Academy, 580100.

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 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)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

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 have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

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

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature in black ink that reads "King & Walker, CPAs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

September 19, 2019
Tampa, Florida