

The Pepin Academies, Inc.

**A Charter School and Component Unit
of the School Board of Hillsborough County**

Financial Statements

June 30, 2015

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
The Pepin Academies, Inc.
Tampa, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of The Pepin Academies, Inc. (Charter School), a component unit of the School Board of Hillsborough County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter 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 *Government 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 entity'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 entity'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 opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of The Pepin Academies, Inc. as of June 30, 2015, 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.

Other Matters

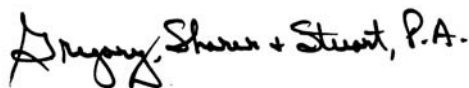
Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 6 through 10 and the Budgetary Comparison Schedules on pages 26 through 28 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 which considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 30, 2015 on our consideration of The Pepin Academies, Inc.'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 Pepin Academies, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Gregory, Sharer & Stuart, P.A.

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St. Petersburg, Florida
September 30, 2015

**Management's Discussion and Analysis
(Unaudited)**

The following pages represent Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of The Pepin Academies, Inc. (Pepin). It depicts and reviews the financial picture and activities of Pepin as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015.

The intent of this MD&A is to present a picture and assessment of Pepin's financial performance in an effort to more clearly demonstrate to readers the results of this year's financial operations. Readers should review this MD&A along with the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements.

Using the Financial Statements

This financial report consists of three parts – management's discussion and analysis (this section), basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of Pepin:

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide information about Pepin's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of Pepin, reporting Pepin's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

The notes to the financial statements explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detail. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

This document also includes the independent auditors' report on compliance and internal control required by *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as the management letter required by the Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about Pepin as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by the private sector. The statement of net position includes all of Pepin's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide financial statements report Pepin's net assets and how they have changed. Net position, the difference between Pepin's assets and liabilities, is one way to measure Pepin's financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in Pepin's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating. To assess the overall financial position of Pepin, one needs to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in Pepin's student base funding level.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about Pepin's most significant funds, not Pepin as a whole. A fund is a self-balancing set of accounts which Pepin uses to keep track of sources of funding and spending.

Pepin's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending.

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Financial Highlights

- The year ended June 30, 2015 was Pepin's second year of operating under a single charter serving grade 3 through grade 12 students. In prior years, Pepin operated as separate schools under separate charters: Pepin Elementary School, Pepin Middle School, and Pepin High School. In addition, the satellite campus in Riverview, Florida also completed its second year of operations and enrolled an additional 24 students, an increase in total enrollment for both campuses of approximately 4.75%.
- Net position decreased \$5,845 from \$2,956,426 at June 30, 2014 to \$2,950,581 at June 30, 2015. The net decrease is composed of the following:

	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Invested capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 138,577
Unrestricted net position	(139,422)
Restricted net position	(5,000)
	<u>\$ (5,845)</u>

The net increase in net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt resulted from the following:

	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Principal payment on debt	\$ 352,688
Capital assets purchased	25,316
Depreciation expense	(239,427)
	<u>\$ 138,577</u>

The net decrease in unrestricted net position resulted from operating activities the significant elements of which are described below.

- Total assets decreased \$519,182 from \$6,527,539 at June 30, 2014 to \$6,008,357 at June 30, 2015. The net decrease is attributable to the following:

	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Cash	\$ (642,321)
Accounts receivable	212,294
Accounts receivable, related party	80,878
Inventory	719
Other assets	67,068
Deferred charges	(23,709)
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	(214,111)
	<u>\$ (519,182)</u>

The net decrease in capital assets resulted from \$239,427 of depreciation expense less \$25,316 of capital assets purchased. Other changes resulted from ordinary operations as discussed below.

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- Total liabilities decreased \$513,337 from \$3,571,113 at June 30, 2014 to \$3,057,776 at June 30, 2015. The net decrease is attributable to the following:

	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Accounts payable, other	\$ (35,995)
Accounts payable, related party	(80,960)
Accrued payroll	(48,652)
Accrued expenses	4,958
Note payable	(70,336)
Revenue bonds payable	(282,352)
	<u>\$ (513,337)</u>

- Total revenues were \$8,134,216 for the year ended June 30, 2015 and consisted of the following:

Federal sources passed through local school district	\$ 299,725
State and local sources	7,598,075
Contributions and other revenue	236,416
	<u>\$ 8,134,216</u>

State and local sources revenues were based on the student population and the proportion of the student population entitled to ESE Guaranteed Allocation. The total weighted FTE was 629.0013 students for the 2014/2015 school year, an increase of 25.9444 from the 2013/2014 school year. The ESE Guaranteed Allocation FTE population was 586.3300 students for the 2014/2015 school year.

Contributions and other revenue for the year ended June 30, 2015 consisted of miscellaneous donations, lunch receipts, and other revenue.

Pepin anticipates increased state and local sources revenue during the 2015/2016 school year due to increased FEFP rates and enrollment. Contributions and other revenues will likely remain unchanged or modestly increase.

- General fund expenditures were \$7,497,755 for the year ended June 30, 2015, an increase of \$521,396. The increase was primarily driven by the increase in student population discussed in the preceding section. Total general fund expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2015 consisted of the following:

Instruction and pupil personnel services	\$ 5,075,461
School administration	1,416,354
Facilities acquisition and construction	4,760
Fiscal services	38,735
Food service	124,907
Transportation	19,383
Operation and maintenance of plant	817,414
Community services	741
	<u>\$ 7,497,755</u>

The above costs are proportionate to the level of costs incurred in serving the student population.

Costs are expected to increase modestly in the 2015/2016 school year in response to a modest increase in FTE's.

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- Capital outlay funding received from the state was \$248,404 in the 2014/2015 school year. This amount was used in total to fund debt service expenses of \$457,449. \$209,045 was transferred from the general fund to the debt service fund to cover the excess of debt service expense over capital outlay revenue received.
- During the 2014/2015 school year, Pepin repaid \$282,352 of revenue bonds payable and \$70,336 of other debt. All debt service payments have been made timely and it is anticipated that all future debt service payments will be made timely as well. Debt principal due during the 2015/2016 school year is \$369,608.

General Fund Budget Comparison

Pepin's budget was prepared prior to the start of the 2014/2015 school year and was revised several times during the school year to reflect unbudgeted revenues and savings in costs of providing services to students. The net variance from the final budget was \$376,981 negative and was a consequence of the following general factors:

	Positive (Negative) Variance
Revenue impact of FTE and student population mix variance from budget	\$ (348,392)
Actual contribution and other revenue lower than amount budgeted	(15,605)
Higher than anticipated costs of providing services to students	(396,323)
Lower than anticipated administration, fiscal services, and plant operation costs	325,371
Actual debt service principal over revenue earmarked for debt service	57,968
	<u>\$ (376,981)</u>

Capital Assets

Capital assets acquired during the 2014/2015 school year with cost greater than Pepin's minimum capitalization threshold (\$750) totaled \$25,316. Depreciation expense in the government-wide financial statements was calculated utilizing the straight-line method and useful lives of 30, 7, and 5 years for building and improvements, furniture and fixtures, and classroom equipment, respectively. Total depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2015 was \$239,427.

At June 30, 2015 capital assets consist of:

Land, building, and improvements	\$ 5,667,795
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	<u>1,032,896</u>
	6,700,691
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,372,126)</u>
Total capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>\$ 4,328,565</u>

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The 2014/2015 school year was Pepin's sixteenth year of operations. It was a very successful year educationally and satisfactory from a financial point of view. Pepin was able to successfully complete its second year of operations at its 12,600 square foot temporary satellite campus in Riverview, Florida and added an additional 24 students.

In the 2015/2016 school year Pepin plans to increase enrollment by approximately 43 students, has added ninth grade at the Riverview campus, and are continuing pursuit of a permanent Riverview facility. Pepin anticipates that the net increase in the general fund balance during the year ending June 30, 2016 will increase modestly from the 2014/2015 school year.

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Pepin is very confident that it has the staff and other resources in place to effectively manage the school and plans to capitalize on its proven ability to effectively serve its students at the highest level. Beginning July 1, 2015, The Pepin Academies, Inc. and Pepin Transitional School consolidate into one school, The Pepin Academies, Inc.

Pepin serves a population of students with a wide range of learning disabilities on a full-time basis. Because of this population, each student at Pepin has an IEP (Individual Education Plan). The level of funding for each student at Pepin is determined by the need or level of service each individual student requires. A representative from the School Board of Hillsborough County, Pepin staff, and each student's parent(s) or guardian(s) determine these levels jointly.

Basic Financial Statements

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Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2015

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 1,092,698
Accounts receivable	242,538
Accounts receivable, related entities	80,878
Inventory	904
Prepaid expenses and other assets	96,817
Bond issuance costs, net	165,957
Capital assets	
Land, buildings, and improvements	5,667,795
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	1,032,896
	<u>6,700,691</u>
Accumulated depreciation	(2,372,126)
Total capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>4,328,565</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,008,357</u>
 Liabilities and net position	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 26,313
Accrued payroll	359,292
Accrued expenses	4,958
Revenue bonds payable	
Due within one year	296,056
Due in more than one year	2,147,376
Note payable	
Due within one year	73,552
Due in more than one year	150,229
Total liabilities	<u>3,057,776</u>
Net position	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,661,352
Unrestricted	1,289,229
Total net position	<u>2,950,581</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 6,008,357</u>

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Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2015

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net Revenue (Expense) and Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental activities					
Instruction	\$ 4,196,133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,196,133)
Pupil personnel services	1,215,563	-	-	-	(1,215,563)
Instructional media services	12,979	-	-	-	(12,979)
Instructional staff training	6,059	-	-	-	(6,059)
School district administration fee	81,919	-	-	-	(81,919)
School administration	1,394,304	-	-	-	(1,394,304)
Fiscal services	38,735	-	-	-	(38,735)
Food service	323,132	94,781	-	-	(228,351)
Transportation	19,383	-	-	-	(19,383)
Operation of plant	774,743	-	-	-	(774,743)
Maintenance of plant	42,681	-	-	-	(42,681)
Community service	72,775	72,034	-	-	(741)
Amortization of bond issuance costs	23,709	-	-	-	(23,709)
Debt service interest	104,761	-	-	-	(104,761)
Total primary government	<u>\$ 8,306,876</u>	<u>\$ 166,815</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	(8,140,061)
General revenues					
Federal sources passed through local school district					299,725
State and local sources					7,598,075
Contributions and other revenue					236,416
Total general revenues					<u>8,134,216</u>
Change in net position					(5,845)
Net position at beginning of year					<u>2,956,426</u>
Net position at end of year					<u>\$ 2,950,581</u>

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
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	<u>Governmental Funds</u>
Assets	
Cash	\$ 1,092,698
Accounts receivable	242,538
Accounts receivable, related entities	80,878
Inventory	904
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>96,817</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 1,513,835</u></u>
Liabilities and fund balance	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 26,313
Accrued payroll	359,292
Accrued expenses	<u>4,958</u>
Total liabilities	390,563
Fund balance	
Nonspendable:	
Inventory	904
Prepaid expenses and other assets	96,817
Unassigned	<u>1,025,551</u>
Total fund balance	<u>1,123,272</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 1,513,835</u></u>

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Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 1,123,272
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Deferred charges incurred in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds	165,957
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds	4,328,565
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds	<u>(2,667,213)</u>
Total net position - statement of net position	<u><u>\$ 2,950,581</u></u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2015

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Federal sources passed				
through local school district	\$ -	\$ 299,725	\$ -	\$ 299,725
State and local sources	7,349,671	-	248,404	7,598,075
Contributions and other revenue	236,416	-	-	236,416
Total revenues	<u>7,586,087</u>	<u>299,725</u>	<u>248,404</u>	<u>8,134,216</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction	3,852,277	196,786	-	4,049,063
Pupil personnel services	1,215,563	-	-	1,215,563
Instructional media services	1,562	-	-	1,562
Instructional staff training	6,059	-	-	6,059
School district administration fee	81,919	-	-	81,919
School administration	1,334,435	-	-	1,334,435
Facilities acquisition and construction	4,760	-	-	4,760
Fiscal services	38,735	-	-	38,735
Food service	124,907	102,939	-	227,846
Transportation	19,383	-	-	19,383
Operation of plant	774,733	-	-	774,733
Maintenance of plant	42,681	-	-	42,681
Community services	741	-	-	741
Debt service principal	-	-	352,688	352,688
Debt service interest	-	-	104,761	104,761
Total expenditures	<u>7,497,755</u>	<u>299,725</u>	<u>457,449</u>	<u>8,254,929</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	-	-	209,045	209,045
Transfers out	(209,045)	-	-	(209,045)
Net other financing sources (uses)	<u>(209,045)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>209,045</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(120,713)	-	-	(120,713)
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>1,243,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,243,985</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 1,123,272</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,123,272</u>

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and Change in Fund Balances of the Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
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Net change in fund balances - governmental funds \$ (120,713)

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

Depreciation expense reported in the statement of activities is not reported as an expenditure in the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds (239,427)

Capital outlays reported as an expenditure in the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds not reported in the statement of activities 25,316

Amortization of bond issuance costs reported in the Statement of Activities is not reported in the statement of revenues, expenditures, and change in fund balances - governmental funds (23,709)

Principal expenditures on revenue bonds payable are expenditures in the governmental funds, but reduce noncurrent liabilities in the statement of net position 352,688

Change in net position - statement of activities \$ (5,845)

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Note A - Reporting Entity

The Pepin Academies, Inc. (Academies) is a not-for-profit corporation formed under the laws of the state of Florida on April 20, 1999. Academies operates two charter schools, one of which is Pepin Academies (Charter School). The governing body of Academies is a not-for-profit corporation board of directors composed of no less than three members.

The general operating authority for the Charter School is contained in Section 228.056, Florida Statutes. The Charter School operates under a charter of the sponsoring school district, the School Board of Hillsborough County (District). The Charter School's current charter is effective until June 30, 2023. The charter may be renewed at the end of the contract term provided that the program review demonstrates that the Charter School's purpose has been successfully accomplished. At the end of the term of the charter, the District may choose not to renew the charter under grounds specified in the charter, in which case the District is required to notify the Charter School in writing at least 90 days prior to such action. 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 Charter School with public funds and any unencumbered public funds revert back to the District. The Charter School is considered a component unit of the School Board of Hillsborough County and, for financial reporting purposes, 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 of the Charter School that should be reported with the Charter School's general purpose 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 Charter School is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Charter School are such that exclusion would cause the Charter School's general purpose financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on these criteria, no component units are included within the reporting entity of the Charter School.

Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Charter School's basic financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by GASB. Accordingly, both government-wide (reporting on the Charter School as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting on the governmental funds only) are presented. Both the government-wide and fund financial statements present only governmental activities. The Charter School has no business-type activities.

Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Financial Statements

In the government-wide statement of net position, the Charter School's governmental activities are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and other obligations. The Charter School's net position is reported in three parts (as applicable): invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position.

The government-wide statement of activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Charter School's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (funding from the sponsoring school board). The statement of activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues and operating grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary grants.

The net costs, by function, are normally covered by general revenue funding from the sponsoring school district.

The government-wide financial statement focus is more on the sustainability of the Charter School as an entity and the change in the Charter School's financial position resulting from the current year's activities.

Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The Charter School's financial transactions are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures/expenses.

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The individual generic fund type in the Charter School's financial statements is a governmental fund. The focus of the governmental fund's measurement (in the fund statements) is on determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than on net income.

The Charter School utilizes the following governmental funds:

- Special Revenue Fund - Accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources and grants that are restricted by law or administrative action to expenditures for specific purpose and to provide a single source of accountability for all the monies received.
- Debt Service Fund - Accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest.
- General Fund - Accounts for all financial activity not required to be accounted for in another fund.

For purposes of these financial statements, the above funds are considered to be major funds.

Current accounting guidance defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes and requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below:

- *Nonspendable* fund balance is associated with items such as inventories, prepaid expenses, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned).
- *Restricted* fund balance includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- *Committed* fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal vote of the District Board (the Charter School's highest level of decision-making authority).
- *Assigned* fund balance is intended to be used by the Charter School for specific purposes but that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- *Unassigned* fund balance is the residual classification for the Charter School's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

The Charter 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 by adjusting journal entries.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

- Accrual - Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.
- Modified Accrual - The fund financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year-end. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime factor for determining eligibility for federal, state, and other grant resources, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exceptions to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

Budgetary Basis 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).

Revenue Sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the School Board of Hillsborough County pursuant to the funding provisions included in the Charter School's charter.

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In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, the Charter School reports the number of fulltime equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the District. Under provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of FTE students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Funding for the Charter School is adjusted during the year to reflect the revised calculations by the FDOE under the FEFP and the actual weighted FTE students reported by the Charter School during the designated FTE student survey periods.

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 2014/2015 school year the Charter School reported 595.8300 unweighted FTE. Weighted funding represented approximately 54% of total state funding.

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

- Attendance and membership documentation (Rule 6A-1.044, FAC)
- Teacher certificates and other certification documentation (Rule 6A-1.0503, FAC)
- Procedural safeguards for weighted programs (Rule 6A-6.03411, FAC)
- Evaluation and planning documents for weighted programs (Sections 1011.62(1)(e), FS, and Rule 6A-03411, FAC)

The Charter School receives federal 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 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. These funds are accounted for in the special revenue fund.

The Charter School receives charter school capital outlay funding from the District. The amount received under this program is based on the Charter School's actual and projected student enrollment during the year. Funds received under this program may only be used for lawful capital outlay expenditures and are accounted for in the debt service fund.

Additional revenues consist of miscellaneous donations, lunch receipts, and other revenue.

Cash

Cash consists of demand deposits with commercial banks. From time to time, cash balances may exceed federally insured limits. Management believes the risk of loss is remote.

Accounts Receivable and Allowance

Accounts receivable are stated at cost less an allowance for doubtful accounts. Management's determination of the allowance is based on an evaluation of past collection history. Management provides for probable uncollectable amounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable.

An allowance for accounts receivable is considered unnecessary by management as of June 30, 2015.

Bond Issuance Costs

Bond issuance costs incurred in connection with obtaining revenue bond financing are capitalized and amortized, on a straight-line basis over 12 years, the term of the related bond.

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Capital Assets

Expenditures for general capital assets acquired for general school purposes are reported in the governmental funds that financed the acquisition. The capital assets acquired are reported at cost, net of accumulated depreciation, in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Charter School as assets that are used in operations and have useful lives that extend beyond a single accounting period. All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, 30 years for buildings and improvements and five to seven years for furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

Inventory

Inventory is recorded on a first-in, first-out basis at the lower of cost or fair market value. The expenditure is recorded at the time the inventory is used in operations.

Accounting for Lease Transactions

Rent expense on operating leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the life of the leases commencing with the date of possession.

Income Taxes

Academies is a not-for-profit organization exempt from income taxes under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; therefore, no provision for income taxes has been made in these basic financial statements. Academies has also been classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) and qualifies for deductible contributions as provided in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Use of Estimates

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

Concentration of Revenue Sources

Approximately 97% of the Charter School's revenue is derived from grants from the federal government passed through the State of Florida Department of Education; and state and local funds passed through the District, which is renewable every 10 years. The level of the Charter School's operations and program services may be impacted or segments discontinued if funding is not renewed.

Allocation of Indirect Costs

Depreciation expense in the government-wide financial statements is allocated to a function based on the function's usage of the related capital asset.

Note C - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2015 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Governmental activities				
Land, buildings, and improvements	\$ 5,667,795	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,667,795
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	1,007,580	25,316	-	1,032,896
	6,675,375	25,316	-	6,700,691
Less accumulated depreciation				
Land, buildings, and improvements	1,389,166	156,334	-	1,545,500
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	743,533	83,093	-	826,626
	2,132,699	239,427	-	2,372,126
	<u>\$ 4,542,676</u>	<u>\$ (214,111)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,328,565</u>

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Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities	
Instruction	\$ 149,805
Instructional media services	11,417
School administration	77,690
Food services	505
Operation of plant	10
	<u>\$ 239,427</u>

Note D - Schedule of Federal, State, and Local Revenue Sources

The following is a schedule of federal, state, and local revenue sources and amounts for the year ended June 30, 2015:

School Board of Hillsborough County	
Base student allocation	\$ 2,561,602
ESE guaranteed allocation	3,798,416
Supplemental academic instruction	114,995
Class size reduction funds	597,565
Other FEFP	9,743
Discretionary local effort	151,911
Discretionary tax compression allocation	84,025
Proration to funds available	(22,503)
Discretionary lottery	2,122
Instructional materials allocation	46,290
Digital Classroom allocation	5,505
Charter school capital outlay	248,404
Federal via Florida Department of Education	196,786
Food service	102,939
Donations and other local sources	236,416
	<u>\$ 8,134,216</u>

Note E - Revenue Bonds Payable and Note Payable

Revenue Bonds Payable

On June 28, 2010 the City of Tampa, Florida (the City) issued \$3.7 million of revenue bonds (City of Tampa, Florida Educational Facilities Refunding Revenue Bonds (Pepin Academy of Tampa, Inc. Project), Series 2010. Immediately thereafter, the City loaned the \$3.7 million proceeds to Academies on a note payable.

In connection with the transaction, the City assigned its rights in its note receivable from Academies to a commercial bank. This note payable matures July 15, 2022; requires monthly payments of \$34,032, including interest at 4.785%; and is collateralized by substantially all of Academies' assets, including property and equipment. Long-term debt changes related to revenue bonds payable during the year ended June 30, 2015 are as follows:

Revenue Bonds Payable	
Balance at July 1, 2014	\$ 2,725,784
Less: principal payments	<u>(282,352)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 2,443,432</u>

Note Payable

On May 30, 2014, Academies refinanced an existing note for \$300,000. The refinanced note bears interest at 4.50% with required monthly payments of \$6,846 maturing May 25, 2018. This note continues to be collateralized by a modular building containing six classrooms which was acquired during the 2012/2013 school year.

Long-term debt changes related to note payable during the year ended June 30, 2015 are as follows:

Note Payable	
Balance at July 1, 2014	\$ 294,117
Less: principal payments	<u>(70,336)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 223,781</u>

Capital outlay funding received from the state was \$248,404 in the 2014/2015 school year. This amount was used to fund debt service fund expenses of \$457,449. An additional \$209,045 was transferred from the general fund to the debt service fund to fund the excess of debt service expense over capital outlay revenue received.

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Following is a summary of the future annual debt service requirements at June 30, 2015:

Year ending June 30,	Revenue Bonds Payable			Note Payable		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ 296,056	\$ 112,328	\$ 408,384	\$ 73,552	\$ 8,605	\$ 82,157
2017	311,045	97,339	408,384	76,959	5,198	82,157
2018	326,476	81,909	408,385	73,270	1,658	74,928
2019	342,671	65,713	408,384	-	-	-
2020	359,546	48,839	408,385	-	-	-
2021 - 2023	807,638	43,162	850,800	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 2,443,432</u>	<u>\$ 449,290</u>	<u>\$ 2,892,722</u>	<u>\$ 223,781</u>	<u>\$ 15,461</u>	<u>\$ 239,242</u>

Interest expense and related fees paid during the year ended June 30, 2015 total \$137,853. The note payable contains certain financial covenants that require, among other things, maintenance of minimum debt service coverage ratio. The Charter School was in compliance with all covenants as of June 30, 2015.

Allocations to the Schools

Debt service interest and principal approximates the rental value of the building housing Academies' two charter schools. The interest expense and principal was paid by Academies and allocated to the schools as follows:

	Allocated Amount		
	Interest	Principal	Total
Pepin Academies, Inc.	\$ 104,761	\$ 352,688	\$ 457,449
Pepin Transitional School (PTS)	33,092	-	33,092
	<u>\$ 137,853</u>	<u>\$ 352,688</u>	<u>\$ 490,541</u>

Note F - Risk Management Program

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

Note G - Related Party Transactions

The Charter School's financial statements include all assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses not allocated to or used exclusively by Academies' other charter school and represent common assets utilized by both schools and liabilities for which the schools are liable.

The Charter School receives reimbursements from the other Academies' school of the common costs that it incurs as follows:

Costs	
Instruction	\$ 17,676
Pupil personnel	1,427
Instructional staff training	1,850
School administration	19,274
Fiscal services	5,237
Food services	7,413
Transportation	9,965
Plant operating costs	36,097
Maintenance of plant	3,003
Debt service interest	33,092
Costs incurred	<u>\$ 135,034</u>

The reimbursements received may include amounts incurred in the prior year.

Costs are allocated in accordance with the respective schools' FTEs or other drivers based on resource usage. Debt service interest allocated represents the estimated rental value of the portion of the total facility utilized by the respective school.

The expense amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements are reported net of the above charges to PTS and represent the Charter School's costs only.

At June 30, 2015, PTS owes the Charter School \$48,374 from non-interest bearing advances, which is included in accounts receivable, related parties in the accompanying statement of net position.

Pepin Academies Support Services, Inc. (PASS) was formed to promote and raise funds for Academies schools. During the year ended June 30, 2015, no support was received by the Charter School from PASS.

At June 30, 2015, PASS owes the Charter School \$36,216 from non-interest bearing advances, which is included in accounts receivable, related parties in the accompanying statement of net position.

At June 30, 2015, the Charter School owes a related party \$3,712 from non-interest bearing advances, which is included in accounts receivable, related parties in the accompanying statement of net position.

Note H - School Employees Benefit Plan

The Charter School maintains a cash or deferred profit-sharing plan (Plan) for eligible employees. Employees may contribute to the Plan up to the lesser of 75% of their compensation or the annual limit as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Charter School may, but is not required to, make a discretionary matching contribution to the Plan. During the year ended June 30, 2015, the Charter School made discretionary matching contributions to the Plan totaling \$57,862.

Note I – Operating Leases

During 2014, Academies entered into an operating lease for the Riverview facility. The lease term is through 2016. The Charter School recognized lease expense of approximately \$123,600 related to this lease. Future minimum annual lease payments at June 30, 2015 are as follows:

Year ending June 30.	
2016	127,308
	<u>\$ 127,308</u>

Note J - Subsequent Events

On July 1, 2015, the School Board of Hillsborough County approved the consolidation of The Pepin Academies, Inc. and Pepin Transitional School into one school, The Pepin Academies, Inc.

Management has evaluated all events subsequent to the statement of net position date of June 30, 2015 through September 30, 2015, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

**Required Supplementary Information
(Unaudited)**

The Pepin Academies, Inc.
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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund (Unaudited)
Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance From Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
State and local sources	\$ 7,698,063	\$ 7,698,063	\$ 7,349,671	\$ (348,392)
Contributions and other revenue	252,021	252,021	236,416	(15,605)
Total revenues	<u>7,950,084</u>	<u>7,950,084</u>	<u>7,586,087</u>	<u>(363,997)</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction	3,535,124	3,535,124	3,852,277	(317,153)
Pupil personnel services	1,131,014	1,131,014	1,215,563	(84,549)
Instructional media services	3,000	3,000	1,562	1,438
Instructional staff training	10,000	10,000	6,059	3,941
School district administration fee	71,754	71,754	81,919	(10,165)
School administration	1,418,688	1,418,688	1,334,435	84,253
Facilities acquisition and construction	195,000	195,000	4,760	190,240
Fiscal services	30,000	30,000	38,735	(8,735)
Food services	131,298	131,298	124,907	6,391
Transportation	17,000	17,000	19,383	(2,383)
Operation of plant	768,735	768,735	774,733	(5,998)
Maintenance of plant	50,000	50,000	42,681	7,319
Community services	65,190	65,190	741	64,449
Total expenditures	<u>7,426,803</u>	<u>7,426,803</u>	<u>7,497,755</u>	<u>(70,952)</u>
Other financing uses				
Transfers out	<u>(267,013)</u>	<u>(267,013)</u>	<u>(209,045)</u>	<u>57,968</u>
Net change in fund balance	256,268	256,268	(120,713)	(376,981)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>1,243,985</u>	<u>1,243,985</u>	<u>1,243,985</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,500,253</u>	<u>\$ 1,500,253</u>	<u>\$ 1,123,272</u>	<u>\$ (376,981)</u>

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Special Revenue Fund (Unaudited)
Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance From Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Federal sources passed through local school district	\$ 445,000	\$ 445,000	\$ 299,725	\$ (145,275)
Expenditures				
Instruction	345,000	345,000	196,786	148,214
Food service	100,000	100,000	102,939	(2,939)
Total expenditures	445,000	445,000	299,725	145,275
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	-	-	-
Fund balance at end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Debt Service Fund (Unaudited)
Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance From Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
State and local sources	\$ 232,500	\$ 232,500	\$ 248,404	\$ 15,904
Expenditures				
Debt service	499,513	499,513	457,449	42,064
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers in	<u>267,013</u>	<u>267,013</u>	<u>209,045</u>	<u>(57,968)</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>



**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***

Board of Directors
The Pepin Academies, Inc.
Tampa, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of The Pepin Academies, Inc. (Charter School), a component unit of the School Board of Hillsborough County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Charter School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered The Pepin Academies, Inc.'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 Charter School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of The Pepin Academies, Inc.'s internal control.

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

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

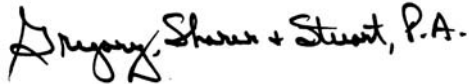
Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether The Pepin Academies, Inc.'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 Pepin Academies, Inc.'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 Pepin Academies, Inc.'s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Gregory, Sharer & Stuart, P.A.

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St. Petersburg, Florida
September 30, 2015



Independent Auditor's Management Letter

Board of Directors
The Pepin Academies, Inc.
Tampa, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of The Pepin Academies, Inc., a component unit of the School Board of Hillsborough County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2015.

Auditor's Responsibility

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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

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 Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in that report, which is dated September 30, 2015, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.854(1)(e)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Financial Condition

Section 10.854(1)(e)2. and 10.855(11), Rules of the Auditor General, require that we apply appropriate procedures to determine whether or not The Pepin Academies, Inc. has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that The Pepin Academies, Inc. did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Section 10.854(1)(e)6.a. and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, require that we apply financial condition assessment procedures for The Pepin Academies, Inc. It is management's responsibility to monitor The Pepin Academies, Inc.'s financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by the same.

Transparency

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7. and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require that we apply appropriate procedures to determine whether The Pepin Academies, Inc. maintains on its website the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that The Pepin Academies, Inc. maintained on its website the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

Other 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.

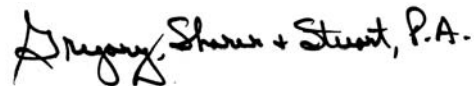
Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the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

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the school. The official title of the school is The Pepin Academies, Inc.

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, and applicable management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Gregory, Sharer & Stuart, P.A.

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St. Petersburg, Florida
September 30, 2015