

**PLATO ACADEMY CLEARWATER  
CHARTER SCHOOL**

(A CHARTER SCHOOL UNDER PLATO  
ACADEMY SCHOOLS CORPORATION)

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

*for the fiscal year ended JUNE 30, 2016*

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*Certified Public Accountants*

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Directors of the Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School  
(A charter school under Plato Academy Schools Corporation),  
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District  
School Board of Pinellas 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 Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School ("School"), a charter school under Plato Academy Schools Corporation and component unit of the District School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, 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 Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School, as of June 30, 2016, 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.

### ***Emphasis of Matter***

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present only the financial position of Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School at June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and is not intended to be a complete presentation of Plato Academy Schools Corporation. These financial statements do not purport to and do not present fairly the financial position of Plato Academy Schools Corporation as of June 30, 2016 and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity 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, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, and Notes 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 9, 2016 on our consideration of Plato Academy Clearwater Charter 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 Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



September 9, 2016  
Tampa, Florida

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**MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)**

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The Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the annual financial report of the Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School (“School”), a charter school under Plato Academy Schools Corporation, provides an overview of the School’s activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

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, 2016, the School’s expenses exceeded revenue, as shown on the School’s statement of activities, by \$63,710.
- Net Position was reported in the statement of Net Position at \$3,453.

**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.

## **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 financial 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 financial 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 financial 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 one fund, a General Fund and is considered a major fund for financial reporting purposes.

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.

## 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 Net Position as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016:

	Net Position, End of Year		
	Governmental Activities		
	6-30-15	6-30-16	Increase (Decrease)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 108,174	\$ 118,948	\$ 10,774
Capital Assets, net	372,520	286,139	(86,381)
Total Assets	480,694	405,087	(75,607)
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current Liabilities	213,531	187,296	\$ (26,235)
Long Term Liabilities	200,000	214,338	14,338
Total Liabilities	413,531	401,634	(11,897)
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	172,520	71,801	(100,719)
Unrestricted	(105,357)	(68,348)	37,009
Total Net Position	\$ 67,163	\$ 3,453	\$ (63,710)

Current Assets are primarily comprised of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. Liabilities are primarily comprised of accounts payable and a long-term loan payable. Net Position is comprised of the School's investment in capital assets, net of related debt and depreciation, and the results of current and prior year's operations.

The key elements of the changes in the School's Net Position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016, are as follows:

	<b>Operating Results for the Year</b>		
	Governmental Activities		
	6-30-15	6-30-16	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Revenues:</b>			
State Sources	\$ 2,434,930	\$ 2,870,030	\$ 435,100
Local and Other	128,624	105,320	(23,304)
Miscellaneous	30,000	50,000	20,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,593,554</b>	<b>3,025,350</b>	<b>431,796</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Instruction	1,615,830	1,740,614	124,784
Instructional Staff Training	12,045	36,135	24,090
Board of Education	40,502	6,412	(34,090)
School Administration	523,990	514,261	(9,729)
Facilities Acq. & Construction	23,482	7,562	(15,920)
Operation of Plant	567,139	657,196	90,057
Maintenance of Plant	6,649	14,720	8,071
Debt Service - Interest	5,000	5,839	839
Unallocated Depreciation	97,824	106,321	8,497
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	144,230		(144,230)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,036,691</b>	<b>3,089,060</b>	<b>52,369</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Position</b>	<b>\$ (443,137)</b>	<b>\$ (63,710)</b>	<b>\$ 379,427</b>

The largest revenue source for the School is the State of Florida (95 percent). 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 School also received donated instructional services valued at \$60,000 as more fully described in note 1 to the financial statements under the subheading Contributed Services.

The largest expense category is Instruction which accounted for 56 percent of total expenses.

## **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS**

### **Governmental Funds**

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported a fund balance deficit of \$68,348.

### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, 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, 2016, the actual expenditures were equal to the final budget. Refer to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule for additional information.

### **CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Capital Assets**

The School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2016, amounts to \$286,139 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures, and equipment, software, vehicles, and leasehold improvements. Additional information about the School's capital assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **Long-Term Debt**

At June 30, 2016, the School had \$214,338 in long-term debt outstanding, a net increase of \$14,338 from last year. Additional information about the School's long-term debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Director, Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School, 2045 Palmetto St., Clearwater, Florida 33765.

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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

*June 30, 2016*

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 112,720
Accounts Receivable	6,228
Capital Assets:	
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment, Net	203,398
Software, Net	5,107
Vehicles, Net	21,530
Leasehold Improvements, Net	41,705
Assets Under Capital Lease, Net	14,399
Total Capital Assets, Net	286,139
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>405,087</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	187,296
Long Term Liabilities:	
Due within one year:	
Notes Payable	
Capital Lease Payable	5,793
Due after one year:	
Notes Payable	200,000
Capital Lease Payable	8,545
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>401,634</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assests	71,801
Unrestricted	(68,348)
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 3,453</b>

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, 2016*

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes Net Position	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Total
Governmental Activities:						
Instruction	\$ 1,740,614	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,740,614)	\$ (1,740,614)
Instructional Staff Training	36,135				(36,135)	(36,135)
Board of Education	6,412				(6,412)	(6,412)
School Administration	514,261				(514,261)	(514,261)
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	7,562				(7,562)	(7,562)
Operation of Plant	657,196			61,139	(596,057)	(596,057)
Maintenance of Plant	14,720				(14,720)	(14,720)
Debt Service - Interest	5,839				(5,839)	(5,839)
Unallocated Depreciation	106,321				(106,321)	(106,321)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 3,089,060	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,139	(3,027,921)	(3,027,921)
General Revenues:						
State Sources					2,808,891	2,808,891
Local and Other					105,320	105,320
Miscellaneous					50,000	50,000
Total General Revenues					2,964,211	2,964,211
Change in Net Position					(63,710)	(63,710)
Net Position - July 1, 2015					67,163	67,163
Net Position - June 30, 2016					\$ 3,453	\$ 3,453

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**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

*June 30, 2016*

	General Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 112,720
Accounts Receivable	6,228
Total Assets	\$ 118,948
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 187,296
Total Liabilities	187,296
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
Unassigned	(68,348)
Total Fund Balance	(68,348)
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 118,948

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**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

*June 30, 2016*

<b>Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds</b>	\$ (68,348)
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds.	286,139
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.	<u>(214,338)</u>
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<b>Total Net Position - Governmental Activities</b>	<u><u>\$ 3,453</u></u>
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016*

	General Fund
<b>Revenues</b>	
Intergovernmental:	
State Sources	\$ 2,870,030
Local and Other	105,320
Total Revenues	2,975,350
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Current - Education:	
Instruction	1,740,614
Instructional Staff Training	36,135
Board of Education	6,412
School Administration	514,261
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	7,562
Operation of Plant	657,196
Maintenance of Plant	14,720
Fixed Capital Outlay:	
Other Capital Outlay	19,940
Debt Service:	
Principal	2,941
Interest	5,839
Total Expenditures	3,005,620
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(30,270)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):	
Capital Lease Inception	17,279
Transfer In from Related Charter School	50,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	67,279
Net Change in Fund Balance	37,009
Fund Balance, July 1, 2015	(105,357)
Fund Balance, June 30, 2016	\$ (68,348)

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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, 2016*

<b>Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds</b>	\$	37,009
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

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 (\$106,321) in excess of capital outlays (\$19,940) in the current period. (86,381)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt:

	(17,279)	
Capital Lease Inception		
Debt Principal Repayments	<u>2,941</u>	<u>(14,338)</u>
<b>Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities</b>		<b><u>\$ (63,710)</u></b>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**June 30, 2016**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

➤ **Reporting Entity**

The Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School (“School”), formerly Plato Academy Charter School, a charter school under Plato Academy Schools Corporation, is a component unit of Pinellas County School Board, Florida. The School’s charter is held by Plato Academy Schools Corporation, 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 basic financial statements of the School present only the balances, activity and disclosures related to the School. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Plato Academy Schools Corporation as of June 30, 2016, and its changes in financial position or budgetary comparisons, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 Pinellas County, Florida, (“District”). The current charter is effective through June 30, 2027, and is subject to annual review and may be renewed by mutual 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, the District shall assume operation of the School. 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.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**June 30, 2016**

➤ **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 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 fund is 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.

➤ **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.

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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 30 days of the end of the current fiscal year. 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. 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.

The School follows the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued after November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements

➤ **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as demand deposits, money market accounts, and short term investments with original maturities of eight months or less from date of acquisition. The School considers all demand accounts and money market funds which are not subjected to withdrawal restrictions to be cash and cash equivalents. Deposits on hand at financial institutions 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>
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment, & Software	3 - 7 years
Leasehold Improvements	10 - 15 years
Vehicles	5 years

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➤ **Long Term Debt**

Long term debt 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.

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**

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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:

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- 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.

➤ **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

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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, 2016, the School reported 416.42 unweighted and 440.2548 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).
- 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 receives 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 receives state funds through the District under charter school capital outlay funding pursuant to Section 1013.62, Florida Statutes. Funds are based upon a capital outlay plan submitted to the District and are to be used for lease, rent or construction of school facilities. The School also receives funding through donations and fundraising efforts, school lunch sales and local property tax collections.

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.

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➤ **Contributed Services**

In accordance with SFAS 116, the School recognizes the fair value of contributed services received if such services a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or b) require specialized skills that are provided by individuals possessing those skills and would typically need to be purchased if not contributed. The School receives donated teaching services and the value of their services is recognized as donated revenue and instructional expense. The School received value for the benefit of instructional services as determined to be \$60,000.

➤ **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 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.

➤ **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. All cash deposits are held in banks that qualify as public depositories under Florida law. All such deposits are insured by federal depository insurance and/or collateralized with securities held in Florida's multiple financial institution collateral pool as required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

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**3. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

Changes in capital assets are presented in the table below:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	\$ 581,102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 581,102
Software	20,430			20,430
Leasehold Improvements	45,973	2,661	-	48,634
Vehicles	71,768			71,768
Assets Under Capital Lease		17,279		17,279
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>719,273</u>	<u>19,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>739,213</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(295,291)	(82,413)		(377,704)
Software	(13,280)	(2,043)		(15,323)
Leasehold Improvements	(2,298)	(4,631)	-	(6,929)
Vehicles	(35,884)	(14,354)		(50,238)
Assets Under Capital Lease		(2,880)		(2,880)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(346,753)</u>	<u>(106,321)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(453,074)</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 372,520</u>	<u>\$ (86,381)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 286,139</u>

Unallocated depreciation expense for the fiscal year totaled \$106,321.

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**4. NOTES PAYABLE**

The notes payable consists of the following:

	Balance at 6-30-16
Notes Payable - Superior Schools Corporation	
\$240,000 Borrowed 6-30-11, to cover costs associated with the School's capital outlays for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. Demand loan bearing 5% per annum is payable five years from date of loan. No payments required until 6-30-21, prepayment penalties do not apply.	\$ 25,000
\$75,000 Borrowed 6-30-13, to cover costs associated with the School's capital outlays for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. Demand loan bearing 5% per annum is payable five years from date of loan. No payments required until 6-30-18, prepayment penalties do not apply.	75,000
\$100,000 Borrowed 6-30-15, to cover costs associated with the School's capital outlays for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Demand loan bearing 5% per annum is payable five years from date of loan. No payments required until 6-30-20, prepayment penalties do not apply.	<u>100,000</u>
Total Loan Payable	<u><u>\$ 200,000</u></u>

Future amounts payable for the promissory note payable is as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Total	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
2018	85,000	75,000	10,000
2019	6,250		6,250
2020	106,250	100,000	6,250
2021	26,250	25,000	1,250
Total	<u><u>\$ 233,750</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 200,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 33,750</u></u>

The accumulated interest expense on the loan through June 30, 2016 totaled \$5,000 and was forgiven by Superior Schools Corporation, and is shown as Local and Other Revenue on the Statement of Activities and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds.

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**5. CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS**

The School has entered into a three year agreement for computer equipment which is classified as a capital lease. The economic substance of the lease is that the School is financing the acquisition of the assets through the lease and, accordingly, it is recorded in the School's statement of Net Position. The lease terms require the School to make monthly payments of \$420 through September 2016 and \$596 from October 2016 through September 2018.

The Net Position value of the leased computer equipment is \$14,399 at June 30, 2016.

Future minimum capital lease payments and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2017	\$ 6,627	\$ 5,793	\$ 834
2018	7,157	6,773	384
2019	<u>1,790</u>	<u>1,772</u>	<u>18</u>
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 15,574</u>	<u>\$ 14,338</u>	<u>\$ 1,236</u>

Interest of \$839 was paid on this capital lease during the year ended June 30, 2016.

**6. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

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

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due in One Year</u>
<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:</b>					
Notes Payable	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	
Capital Lease Payable	<u>-</u>	<u>17,279</u>	<u>(2,941)</u>	<u>14,338</u>	<u>5,793</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,279</u>	<u>\$ (2,941)</u>	<u>\$ 214,338</u>	<u>\$ 5,793</u>

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**7. SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE SOURCES**

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

Source	Amount
Florida Education Finance Program	\$ 1,838,500
Class Size Reduction	491,032
Discretionary Local Effort	199,562
Supplementary Academic Instruction	85,247
ESE Guarantee	74,570
Capital Outlay	61,139
School Recognition	35,119
Best and Brightest Teachers Program	33,025
Instructional Materials	30,646
Safe Schools	12,803
Digital Classrooms Allocation	7,349
Declining Enrollment	1,038
Total State Revenue	\$ 2,870,030

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 \$32,847.

Accounting policies relating to certain State revenue sources are described in Note 1.

**8. FACILITY LEASE**

The School leases its facilities under a 35 year lease agreement with Palmetto Street, LLC, starting July 1, 2014. The lease calls for annual rent payments based on square footage and calls for annual rent increases based on the Consumer Price Index. The agreement provides for the School to pay certain other annual costs (real estate taxes, insurance, and repairs). Rental expense totaled \$450,709 for the year ended June 30, 2016.

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The total future minimum payments for the years ended June 30, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 646,305
2018	738,635
2019	760,794
2020	783,618
2021	807,127
2022-2026	4,413,703
2027-2031	5,116,691
2032-2036	5,931,646
2037-2041	6,876,403
2042-2046	7,971,636
2047-2049	5,380,154
Total	<u><u>\$ 39,426,712</u></u>

**9. MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

The School entered into a management contract on February 7, 2006, and amended the contract on January 12, 2011, with Superior Schools Corporation (“the management company”). The management company is responsible for marketing, curriculum design and implementation; student and staff recruiting; principal selection; bookkeeping, data entry, and general management of School operations.

The term of the contract is based upon the length of the School’s charter agreement. The School’s current charter agreement is effective through June 30, 2027. The management contract can be terminated by either party upon written notice given one year prior to the termination date of the contract.

The contract calls for an annual base management fee of 10% of the School’s revenue, less contributed services revenue, to be paid in monthly installments. Additional fees can range from 2 to 4 percent based on student enrollment and performance. Payment of management fees shall be deferred until the School generates a budget surplus and clearly demonstrates financial viability. Management fees charged to the School during the fiscal year totaled \$286,848.

**Transactions with Management Company:**

The management company provided IT services and support throughout the School year. Fees for these services charged to School operations totaled \$31,578.

The management company operates a Pre-K and an Aftercare program at the School’s facility and pays rent to the School for its use. Rent is calculated based on the School’s facility cost per student. Total rent charged for the 2015-16 fiscal year totaled \$40,320.

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**10. RETIREMENT PLAN**

The School participates in a defined contribution tax sheltered annuity 401(k) plan for its leased employees. Contributions made by the School totaled \$20,665 for the year ended June 30, 2016, which was computed by matching up to 4% of eligible employee's wages contributed. Employees are eligible to participate after one year of service. Contributions are directed to individual employee's accounts, and the individual employees allocate contributions and account balances among various available investment choices, therefore, the School has no liability for the administration or payments of benefits of the plan, and accordingly, the present value of the related benefits is not reflected in these financial statements. The rate of contribution is set annually by the School's Board of Directors.

**11. FUNDING AND CREDIT 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.

**12. 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.

**13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION**

The School received \$50,000 from Plato Academy Palm Harbor Charter School, a charter school under the same charter holder, to assist with the School's current operating expenditures.

**14. 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 collectibility of any related receivables at June 30, 2016, 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.

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**15. LEGAL MATTERS**

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

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND - (UNAUDITED)**  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016*

	General Fund			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental:				
State Sources	\$ 2,602,578	\$ 2,870,030	\$ 2,870,030	\$ -
Local and Other	17,820	105,320	105,320	-
Total Revenues	<u>2,620,398</u>	<u>2,975,350</u>	<u>2,975,350</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current - Education:				
Instruction	1,543,588	1,740,614	1,740,614	-
Instructional Staff Training	81,820	36,135	36,135	-
Board of Education	10,061	6,412	6,412	-
School Administration	605,566	514,261	514,261	-
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	68,422	7,562	7,562	-
Operation of Plant	632,484	657,196	657,196	-
Maintenance of Plant	18,000	14,720	14,720	-
Fixed Capital Outlay:			-	
Other Capital Outlay		19,940	19,940	-
Debt Service:			-	
Principal		2,941	2,941	-
Interest		5,839	5,839	-
Total Expenditures	<u>2,959,941</u>	<u>3,005,620</u>	<u>3,005,620</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(339,543)</u>	<u>(30,270)</u>	<u>(30,270)</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Capital Lease Inception		17,279	17,279	
Transfer In from Related Charter School	344,000	50,000	50,000	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>344,000</u>	<u>67,279</u>	<u>67,279</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	4,457	37,009	37,009	-
Fund Balance, July 1, 2015	<u>(105,357)</u>	<u>(105,357)</u>	<u>(105,357)</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2016	<u>\$ (100,900)</u>	<u>\$ (68,348)</u>	<u>\$ (68,348)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report.

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**NOTE TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**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 the Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School  
(A charter school under Plato Academy Schools Corporation),  
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District  
School Board of Pinellas 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 Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School ("School"), a charter school under Plato Academy Schools Corporation and component unit of the District School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, 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 9, 2016.

**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,

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

September 9, 2016  
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 the Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School  
(A charter school under Plato Academy Schools Corporation),  
a Charter School and Component Unit of the District  
School Board of Pinellas County, Florida

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of the Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School (“School”), a charter school under Plato Academy Schools Corporation and component unit of the District School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated September 9, 2016.

**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 Reports and Schedules**

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated September 9, 2016, 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 the name or official title of the entity. The official title of the entity is Plato Academy Clearwater Charter School.

**Financial Condition**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we report the results of our determination as to whether or not the School 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 School did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(e)6.a. and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the School. It is management's responsibility to monitor the School's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

**Transparency**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7. and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require that we report 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.

**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.

**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 District School Board of Pinellas County and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,



September 9, 2016  
Tampa, Florida