# EL PASO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, INC.

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

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#### EL PASO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, INC.

#### CERTIFICATE OF BOARD

#### AUGUST 31, 2023

Burnham Wood Charter School Vista del Futuro Charter School Name of Charter Schools Federal EIN: 74-2855052 El Paso El Paso County 071801 071809 Co.-Dist. Numbers

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached Financial and Compliance Report of the above-named charter holder

was reviewed and (check one) / approved · disapproved for the year ended August 31, 2023, at a

meeting of the governing body of the charter holder on the 25th day of January, 2024.

Signature of Board Secretary

Signature of Board President

If the governing body of the charter holder does not approve the independent auditors' report, the reason(s) for disapproving it is (are): (attach list as necessary)

FREEMON, SHAPARD & STORY

Certified Public Accountants

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Board of Directors El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. 785 Southwestern Dr. El Paso, TX 79912

Members of the Board of Directors:

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. as of August 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

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

Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

# Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

# Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and* 

Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, specific-purpose financial statements, and the supplementary information including the Schedules of Expenses, Schedules of Assets, Budgetary Comparison Schedules, State Compensatory Education and Bilingual Education Program Expenditures, Schedule of Real Property Ownership Interest, and Schedule of Related Party Transactions are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Texas Education Agency and are not a required part of the financial statements. The budget variance explanations have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 21, 2024, on our consideration of El Paso Education Initiative 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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of El Paso Education Initiative Inc.'s internal control over financial report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering El Paso Education Initiative Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Freeman Shapand + Story

Freemon, Shapard, & Story Windthorst, TX January 21, 2024 General-Purpose Financial Statements

# EL PASO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

	 2023	 2022
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 997,282	\$ 4,297,582
Restricted investments	7,660,606	11,460,120
Due from governments	2,818,365	1,973,355
Accounts receivable	1,885	-
Inventory	 19,391	 6,096
Total Current Assets	 11,497,529	 17,737,153
Property and Equipment		
Land	4,327,099	4,286,131
<b>Buildings and improvements</b>	<b>24,011,694</b>	17,822,884
Furniture and equipment	2,420,090	1,842,601
<b>Right to use lease assets</b>	118,844	118,844
Less accumulated depreciation	 (5,639,105)	 (5,044,388
<b>Total Property and Equipment</b>	 25,238,622	 19,026,072
Total Assets	\$ 36,736,151	\$ 36,763,225
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 211,988	\$ 122,560
Interest payable	29,281	29,948
Payroll deductions and withholdings	39,812	270,754
Accrued wages payable	35,037	46,579
Due to student groups	21,834	13,726
Vacation benefits payable	140,701	-
Other current liabilities	1,722	-
Current portion of long-term debt	390,000	320,000
Current portion of lease liability	33,328	31,703
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	 903,703	 835,270
Long-Term Debt		
Conduit bonds payable	19,479,251	19,897,043
Lease liability	23,163	56,491
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	 19,502,414	 19,953,534
Total Liabilities	\$ 20,406,117	\$ 20,788,804
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	1,069,868	1,142,437
With donor restrictions	 15,260,166	 14,831,984
Total Net Assets	\$ 16,330,034	\$ 15,974,421

# EL PASO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

		Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		Total 2023
Revenues	-		-		_	
Local Support:						
Contributions	\$	1,395	\$	-	\$	1,395
Investment Income		384,872		-		384,872
Other Revenues from Local Sources		448,539		-		448,539
Food Service Revenue		83,388		-		83,388
Total Local Support		918,194	-	-		918,194
State Program Revenues:						
Foundation School Program Act Revenues		-		15,860,711		15,860,711
State Program Revenue Distributed by TEA		-		296,721		296,721
Total State Program Revenues	-	-		16,157,432	~~~~	16,157,432
				10,101,102		10,107,102
Federal Program Revenues:				464.00.		
ESEA Title I, Part A Improving Basic Programs		-		464,005		464,005
ESEA Title I, Part C Education of Migratory Children	I	-		122		122
IDEA Part B, Formula		-		325,768		325,768
IDEA Part B, Preschool		-		2,099		2,099
National School Breakfast and Lunch Program		-		1,395,057		1,395,057
ESSER II		-		89,943		89,943
ESSER III		-		2,156,636		2,156,636
SHARS		-		937		937
ESEA Title II, Part A Teacher and Principal Training		-		128,206		128,206
Title III, Part A, English Language Acquisition		-		88,348		88,348
Title IV Part A, Subpart 1		-		33,494		33,494
TCLAS ESSER III		-		75,000		75,000
Career and Technical		-		11,259		11,259
LEP Summer School		-		7,315		7,315
COVID 19 School Health		_		57,894		57,894
Total Federal Program Revenues	-	-	-	4,836,083	-	4,836,083
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:						
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<b>Restrictions Satisfied by Payments</b>	-	20,565,333	-	(20,565,333)		
Total Revenues	\$_	21,483,527	\$_	428,182	<b>\$</b>	21,911,709
Expenses						
Program Services:						
Instruction and Instructional-Related Services		11,559,460		-		11,559,460
Instructional and School Leadership		461,580		-		461,580
Support Services						
Student Support Services		2,855,554		-		2,855,554
Administrative Support Services		2,457,743		-		2,457,743
Support Services-Non-Student Based		3,872,911		-		3,872,911
Debt Service	-	348,848		-		348,848
Total Expenses	<b>\$</b>	21,556,096	\$_		\$_	21,556,096
Change in Net Assets		(72,569)	_	428,182	_	355,613
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	_	1,142,437	_	14,831,984	_	15,974,421
Net Assets, End of Year	\$_	1,069,868	\$ _	15,260,166	\$_	16,330,034

# EL PASO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

		Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		Total 2022
Revenues					-	
Local Support:						
Contributions	\$	150,000	\$	-	\$	150,000
Investment Income		39,677		-		39,677
Other Revenues from Local Sources		249,276		-		249,276
Food Service Revenue		11,819		-		11,819
Total Local Support		450,772		-		450,772
State Program Revenues:						
Foundation School Program Act Revenues		-		15,405,043		15,405,043
State Program Revenue Distributed by TEA		-		119,436		119,436
State Revenues from State of TX Govt. Agencies		-		-		-
Total State Program Revenues		-		15,524,479		15,524,479
Federal Program Revenues:						
ESEA Title I, Part A Improving Basic Programs		-		307,034		307,034
IDEA Part B, Formula		-		251,720		251,720
IDEA Part B, Preschool		-		1,861		1,861
National School Breakfast and Lunch Program		-		1,544,782		1,544,782
ESSER II		-		1,216,010		1,216,010
ESSER III		-		769,332		769,332
SHARS		-		94		94
ESEA Title II, Part A Teacher and Principal Training	5	-		16,130		16,130
Title III, Part A, English Language Acquisition		-		75,812		75,812
Title IV Part A, Subpart 1		-		33,944		33,944
Stop School Violence		-		38,014		38,014
IDEA Part B, Formula American Rescue Plan		-		64,041		64,041
IDEA Part B, Preschool American Rescue Plan		-		4,328		4,328
Career and Technical		-		13,255		13,255
Supply Chain Grant		-		43,496		43,496
Erate		-		404		404
Total Federal Program Revenues		-		4,380,257		4,380,257
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:						
<b>Restrictions Satisfied by Payments</b>		21,063,693		(21,063,693)	-	_
Total Revenues	\$_	21,514,465	\$_	(1,158,957)	\$_	20,355,508
Expenses						
Program Services:						
Instruction and Instructional-Related Services		11,814,611		-		11,814,611
Instructional and School Leadership		432,869		-		432,869
Support Services						
Student Support Services		2,755,028		-		2,755,028
Administrative Support Services		1,924,569		-		1,924,569
Support Services-Non-Student Based		4,280,850		-		4,280,850
Debt Service		164,477		-		164,477
Total Expenses	\$_	21,372,404	\$_		\$_	21,372,404
Change in Net Assets	_	142,061	_	(1,158,957)	-	(1,016,896)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		1,000,376	-	15,990,941	-	16,991,317
Net Assets, End of Year	\$_	1,142,437	\$ =	14,831,984	\$ _	15,974,421

### EL PASO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, INC. STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

			M	anagement		
		Program		and		2023
		Services		General		Total
Expenses						
Salaries and Wages	\$	10,680,565	\$	1,429,095	\$	12,109,660
Benefits	•	727,590	•	62,516	•	790,106
Payroll Taxes		205,219		25,634		230,853
Total Payroll Expenses		11,613,374		1,517,245		13,130,619
Professional Services		486,657		166,097		652,754
Tuition		37,378		-		37,378
Education Service Center Services		72,186		30,046		102,232
Repairs and Maintenance		757,812		-		757,812
Utilities		631,800		10,357		642,157
Rentals		724,362		2,021		726,383
Contracted Services		2,044,059		182,734		2,226,793
Maintenance Supplies		40,683		110,979		151,662
Instructional Materials		178,493		-		178,493
Testing Materials		27,763		-		27,763
Food Service		725,622		-		725,622
General Supplies		395,703		85,619		481,322
Travel		159,109		190,932		350,041
Insurance		127,068		14,119		141,187
Interest		-		376,139		376,139
Debt Service Fees		-		500		500
Miscellanous		144,553		135,761		280,314
Total Non-Payroll Expenses		6,553,248		1,305,304		7,858,552
Total Before Depreciation and Amortization		18,166,622		2,822,549		20,989,171
Amortization		-		(27,791)		(27,791)
Depreciation		594,716		-		594,716
Total Expenses	\$	18,761,338	<u>\$</u>	2,794,758	<u>\$</u>	21,556,096

#### EL PASO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, INC. STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

		Program Services	M:	anagement and General		2022 Total
Expenses						
Salaries and Wages	\$	10,123,062	\$	1,035,641	\$	11,158,703
Benefits		701,364		43,840		745,204
Payroll Taxes		222,138		20,832		242,970
Total Payroll Expenses		11,046,564		1,100,313		12,146,877
Professional Services		741,365		142,534		883,899
Tuition		7,300		-		7,300
Education Service Center Services		63,447		-		63,447
Repairs and Maintenance		579,101		-		579,101
Utilities		479,551		25,240		504,791
Rentals		816,563		14,760		831,323
Contracted Services		2,785,828		176,913		2,962,741
Maintenance Supplies		45,664		116,653		162,317
Instructional Materials		32,485		-		32,485
Testing Materials		44,657		-		44,657
Food Service		680,248		-		680,248
General Supplies		860,126		74,214		934,340
Travel		177,236		81,176		258,412
Insurance		124,247		13,805		138,052
Interest		-		156,478		156,478
Debt Service Fees		-		8,000		8,000
Miscellanous		257,618		190,890		448,508
Total Non-Payroll Expenses		7,695,436		1,000,663		8,696,099
Total Before Depreciation and Amortization		18,742,000		2,100,976		20,842,976
Amortization		-		-		-
Depreciation	-	529,428		-	-	529,428
Total Expenses	\$	19,271,428	\$	2,100,976	\$	21,372,404

# EL PASO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

		2023		2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Change in Net Assets	\$	355,613	\$	(1,016,896)
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Cash Provided				
by Operating Activities:				
Depreciation		594,717		530,406
(Increase) Decrease in Due from Governments		(845,010)		(397,529)
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable		(1,885)		-
(Increase) Decrease in Inventory		(13,295)		(5,304)
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Expenses		-		30,208
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable		89,428		(28,515)
Increase (Decrease) in Interest Payable		(667)		(154)
Increase (Decrease) in Payroll Deductions and Withholdings		(230,942)		40,600
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Wages Payable		(11,542)		20,311
Increase (Decrease) in Due to Student Groups		8,108		9,637
Increase (Decrease) in Vacation Benefits Payable		140,701		-
Increase (Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		1,722		
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		86,948		(817,236)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of Investments		(1,424,421)		(1,032,000)
Withdrawal of Investments		5,223,934		4,468,561
Purchase of Land, Buildings, and Equipment		(6,807,267)		(4,325,606)
Purchase of Right to Use Lease Assets		-		(118,844)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities		(3,007,754)		(1,007,889)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Amortization of Debt Issuance Costs		46,087		46,087
Amortization of Premiums on Bonds		(73,878)		(73,878)
Proceeds from Right to Use Assets Lease Liability		-		118,844
Principal Payments on Right to Use Lease Liability		(31,703)		(30,650)
Principal Payments on Debt		(320,000)		(270,000)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities		(379,494)		(209,597)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(3,300,300)		(2,034,722)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year		4,297,582		6,332,304
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$	997,282	\$	4,297,582
Interest Paid During the Period Ended August 31, 2023 and 2022	\$	722,447	\$	727,199
Income Taxes Paid During the Period Ended August 31, 2023 and 2022 Income Taxes Paid During the Period Ended August 31, 2023 and 2022	ц.	-	Φ	

# Notes to the Financial Statements

# 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The general-purpose financial statements of El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. (the corporation) were prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The Financial Accounting Standards Board is the accepted standard setting body for establishing not-for-profit accounting and financial reporting principles.

# A. *Reporting Entity*

The corporation is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the State of Texas in 1998 and exempt from federal income taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The corporation is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of seven members. The Board of Directors is selected pursuant to the bylaws of the corporation and has the authority to make decisions, appoint the chief executive officer of the corporation, and significantly influence operations. The Board of Directors has the primary accountability for the fiscal affairs of the corporation. Since the corporation received funding from local, state, and federal government sources, it must comply with the requirements of the entities providing those funds.

# B. Corporate Operations

El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. operates four campuses under two open enrollment charters granted by the Texas State Board of Education. The two charters are Vista del Futuro Charter School offering Prekindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and Burnham Wood Charter School offering Prekindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Howard Burnham Elementary School, Prekindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the Linguistic Academy of El Paso, and 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade at the Da Vinci School for Science and the Arts, a Texas STEM Academy recognized by the Texas Education Agency.

# C. Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The accompanying general-purpose financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

<u>Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions</u> – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor restrictions. Assets restricted solely through the actions of the Board of Directors are reported as net assets without donor restrictions, board-designated.

<u>Net Assets With Donor Restrictions</u> – Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity.

# D. Use of Estimates

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

# E. Revenue Recognition and Receivables

The corporation recognizes revenue from government grants and state aid as revenue when eligible costs are incurred or services are provided. A receivable is recognized to the extent revenue earned exceeds cash advances. Conversely, deferred revenue and refundable advances are recorded when cash advances exceed support and revenue earned.

The corporation accounts for contributions as support without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions, depending on the existence of any donor restrictions. Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions in the reporting period in which the support is recognized. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for donated materials or services since no objective basis is available to measure the value thereof; however, a substantial number of volunteers donate their time to the school program services and in fund-raising activities.

# F. *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

For financial statement purposes, the corporation considers all highly liquid investment instruments with an original maturity of twelve months or less to be cash equivalents.

# G. Inventories

Inventories of food commodities are taken at year-end and recorded at market values supplied by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Although commodities are received at no cost, their fair market value is supplied by the Texas Department of Agriculture and recorded as expenditures and revenue when received.

# H. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, furniture, equipment, vehicles, and other personal property, are reported in the general-purpose and specific-purpose financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the corporation as assets with an estimated useful life of more than one year and a cost of \$5,000 or more. Such assets are recorded at historical cost and are depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from three to thirty-nine years, using the straight-line method of depreciation. Expenditures for additions, major renewals, and betterments are capitalized, and maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Donations of assets are recorded as direct additions to net assets at fair value at the date of donation, which is then treated as cost.

#### I. Functional Allocation of Expenses

The cost of providing the various programs and other activities has been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

# J. Personal Leave

All employees of the charter schools working a minimum of 30 hours per week accrue personal and sick leave benefits at the rate of five sick days and two personal days per year. Sick leave may accrue up to 12 days. Personal leave does not accrue. Upon termination of employment, an employee will receive payment for unused, accrued leave based on the employee's current base rate of compensation for up to \$3,000 of all accrued time at release after at least five years of consecutive employment and up to \$5,000 after at least ten years of consecutive employment. Any unused paid accrued leave, regardless of what type, is forfeited upon separation from employment, whether voluntary or involuntary. Upon written request and approval from the superintendent, leave may be transferred to either a leave bank or directly to another employee who is in need. No additional vacation is offered beyond the predetermined holidays and school closures.

# K. New Accounting Pronouncements/Accounting Changes

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by requiring the recognition of right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet. Most prominent among the changes in the standard is the recognition of ROU assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases. Under the standard, disclosures are required to meet the objective of enabling users of financial statements to assess the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. The Company adopted the standard effective September 1, 2022, and recognized and measured leases existing at, or entered into after September 1, 2022 (the beginning of the period of adoption) using a modified retrospective approach, with certain practical expedient available. The Company elected the available practical expedients to account for existing capital leases and operating leases as finance and capital leases, respectively, under the new guidance, without reassessing (a) whether the contracts contain leases under the new standard, (b) whether classification of capital leases or operating leases would be different in accordance with the new guidance, or (c) whether the unamortized initial direct costs before transition adjustments would have met the definition of initial direct costs in the new guidance at lease commencement.

# 2. CASH DEPOSITS

The charter schools' (Burnham Wood Charter School's and Vista del Futuro Charter School's) funds were deposited and invested with depository banks. The depository banks should deposit for safekeeping and trust with the charter schools' agent banks approved pledged securities in an amount sufficient to protect charter school funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of approved securities is waived only to the extent of the depository banks' dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance.

At August 31, 2023, the combined carrying amount of the charter schools' deposits (cash, certificates of deposit, and interest-bearing savings accounts included in temporary investments) was \$997,282, and the bank balance was \$1,541,981. The charter schools' cash deposits during the year ended August 31, 2023, were entirely covered by FDIC insurance or by pledged collateral held by the charter holder's agent bank in the corporation's name.

At August 31, 2022, the combined carrying amount of the charter schools' deposits (cash, certificates of deposit, and interest-bearing savings accounts included in temporary investments) was \$4,297,582, and the bank balance was \$4,379,446. The charter schools' cash deposits during the year ended August 31, 2022, were <u>not</u> entirely covered by FDIC insurance or by pledged collateral held by the charter holder's agent bank in the corporation's name.

In addition, the following is disclosed regarding coverage of combined balances on the date of highest deposit during the year ended August 31, 2023:

- a. The market value of securities pledged on behalf of Burnham Wood Charter School at PNC Bank as of the date of the highest combined balance on deposit was \$2,184,569. The market value of securities pledged on behalf of Vista Del Futuro Charter School at Regions Bank as of the date of highest combined balance on deposit was \$1,424,378.
- b. The highest combined balance of cash, savings, and time deposit accounts for Burnham Wood Charter School at Regions Bank amounted to \$1,985,972 and occurred during the month of March 2023. The highest combined balances of cash, savings, and time deposit accounts for Vista Del Futuro Charter School at Regions Bank amounted to \$1,294,889 and occurred during the month of March 2023.
- c. Total amount of FDIC coverage at the time of the largest combined balance was \$250,000 for Burnham Wood Charter School at Regions Bank, and \$250,000 for Vista del Futuro Charter School at Regions Bank.

# 3. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

# A. *Plan Description*

The charter schools participate in a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has a special funding situation. The plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). It is a defined benefit pension plan established and administered in accordance with the Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Sec. 67 and Texas Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle C. The pension trust fund is a qualified pension trust under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Texas Legislature establishes benefits and contribution rates within the guidelines of the Texas Constitution. The pension's Board of Trustees does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms.

All employees of public, state-supported educational institutions in Texas who are employed for onehalf or more of the standard work load and who are not exempted from membership under Texas Government Code, Title 8, Section 822.002 are covered by the system.

#### B. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Teacher Retirement System's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at <u>https://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/about publications.aspx</u>, by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, TX 78701-2698, or by calling (512) 542-6592. The information provided in the Notes to the Financial Statements in the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for TRS provides the following information regarding the pension plan fiduciary net position as of August 31, 2022.

Components of Net Pension Liability	Amount
Total Pension Liability	\$243,553,045,455
Less: Plan Fiduciary Net Position	(184,185,617,196)
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$59,367,428,259</u>

Net Position as Percentage of Total Pension Liability 75.62%

### C. Benefits Provided

TRS provides service and disability retirement, as well as death and survivor benefits, to eligible employees (and their beneficiaries) of public and higher education in Texas. The pension formula is calculated using 2.3 percent (multiplier) times the average of the five highest annual creditable salaries times years of credited service to arrive at the annual standard annuity except for members who are grandfathered, the three highest annual salaries are used. The normal service retirement is at age 65 with 5 years of credited service or when the sum of the member's age and years of credited service equals 80 or more years. Early retirement is at age 55 with 5 years of service credit or earlier than 55 with 30 years of service credit. There are additional provisions for early retirement if the sum of the member's age and years of service credit total at least 80, but the member is less than age 60 or 62 depending on date of employment, or if the member was grandfathered in under a previous rule. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes; including automatic COLAs. Ad hoc postemployment benefit changes, including ad hoc COLAs can be granted by the Texas Legislature as noted in the Plan description in (A) above. Texas Government Code section 821.006 prohibits benefit improvements, if, as a result of the particular action, the time required to amortize TRS' unfunded actuarial liabilities would be increased to a period that exceeds 31 years, or, if the amortization period already exceeds 31 years, the period would be increased by such action. Actuarial implications of the funding provided in the manner are determined by the System's actuary.

# D. Contributions

Contribution requirements are established or amended pursuant to Article 16, section 67 of the Texas Constitution which requires the Texas Legislature to establish a member contribution rate of not less than 6.0% of the member's annual compensation and a state contribution rate of not less than 6.0% and not more than 10% of the aggregate annual compensation paid to members of the system during the fiscal year.

Employee contribution rates are set in state statute, Texas Government Code 825.402. The TRS Pension Reform Bill (Senate Bill 12) of the 86th Texas Legislature amended Texas Government Code 825.402 for member contributions and increased employee and employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2020 thru 2025. Contribution rates can be found in the TRS 2022 ACFR, Note 11, on pages 85.

Contribution Rates						
2023 2022						
Member	8.00%	8.00%				
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State)	8.00%	7.75%				
Employers	8.00%	7.75%				
Burnham Wood's Employer Contributions	\$324,196	\$306,059				
Burnham Wood's Member Contributions	\$717,095	\$675,936				
Vista del Futuro's Employer Contributions	\$ 94,906	\$ 81,834				
Vista del Futuro's Member Contributions	\$179,735	\$159,052				
Measurement Year	2022	2021				
Burnham Wood's NECE On-Behalf Contributions	\$498,770	\$439,301				
Vista del Futuro's NECE On-Behalf Contributions	\$115,363	\$ 95,098				

Contributors to the plan include members, employers, and the State of Texas as the only non-employer contributing entity. The State contributes to the plan in accordance with state statutes and the General Appropriations Act (GAA). As the non-employer contributing entity for public education, the State of Texas contributes to the retirement system an amount equal to the current employer contribution rate times the aggregate annual compensation of all participating members of the pension trust fund during that fiscal year reduced by the amounts described below which are paid by the employers. Employers including public schools are required to pay the employer contribution rate in the following instances:

- On the portion of the member's salary that exceeds the statutory minimum for members entitled to the statutory minimum under Section 21.402 of the Texas Education Code.
- During a new member's first 90 days of employment.
- When any part or all of an employee's salary is paid by federal funding sources, a privately sponsored source, from non-educational and general, or local funds.

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, there is an additional surcharge an employer is subject to.

- All public schools, charter schools, and regional educational service centers must contribute 1.7% of the member's salary beginning in fiscal year 2022, gradually increasing to 2% in fiscal year 2025.
- When employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System, the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.

#### E. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the August 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions: Actuarial assumptions can be found in the 2022 TRS ACFR, Note 11, page 87.

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\*Source: Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/Data Municipal Bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds as reported in Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index" as of August 31, 2022.

The actuarial methods and assumptions are used in the determination of the total pension liability are the same assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of August 31, 2021. For a full description of these assumptions, please see the actuarial valuation report dated November 12, 2021.

#### F. Discount Rate

The single discount rate of 7.00% was used to measure the total pension liability. The single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that contributions from active members, employers, and the non-employer contributing entity will be made at the rates set by the Legislature during the 2019 session. It is assumed that future employer and state contributions will be 8.5% of payroll in fiscal year 2020 gradually increasing to 9.55% of payroll over the next several years. This includes all employer and state contributions for active and rehired retirees. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00%. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which bestestimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates

of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Systems target asset allocation as of August 31, 2022 (see page 54 of the TRS ACFR), are summarized below:

	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Geometric Real	Expected Contribution to Long-Term
Asset Class	%**	Rate of Return***	Portfolio Returns
Global Equity			
U.S.	18%	4.6%	1.12%
Non-U.S. Developed	13%	4.9%	0.90%
Emerging Markets	9%	5.4%	0.75%
Private Equity*	14%	7.7%	1.55%
Stable Value			
Government Bonds	16%	1.0%	0.22%
Absolute Return*	0%	3.7%	0.00%
Stable Value Hedge Funds	5%	3.4%	0.18%
Real Return			
Real Estate	15%	4.1%	0.94%
Energy, Natural Resources, and			
Infrastructure	6%	5.1%	0.37%
Commodities	0%	3.5%	0.00%
Risk Parity			
Risk Parity	8%	4.6%	0.43%
Asset Allocation Leverage			
Cash	2%	3.0%	0.01%
Asset Allocation Leverage	-6%	3.6%	-0.05%
Inflation Expectation			2.70%
Volatility Drag****			-0.91%
Total	100%		8.19%

\* Absolute Return includes Credit Sensitive Investments

\*\* Target allocations are based on the FY2022 policy model.

\*\*\* Capital Market Assumptions come from Aon Hewitt (as of 8/31/2022)

\*\*\*\* The volatility drag results from the conversion between arithmetic and geometric mean returns.

# G. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following table presents the Net Pension Liability of the plan using the discount rate of 7.00%, and what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1% less than (6.00%) or 1% greater than (8.00%) the current rate. The discount rate can be found in the 2022 TRS ACFR, Note 11, page 87 and the Table of Sensitivities can be found on page 87.

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (8.00%)
Burnham Wood Charter	()	(	(0.0007.0)
School's proportionate share			
of the net pension liability	\$6,077,911	\$3,907,064	\$2,147,492
Vista del Futuro Charter			4
School's proportionate share			
of the net pension liability	\$1,647,243	\$1,058,898	\$582,016

# H. Pension Liabilities

At August 31, 2022, Burnham Wood Charter School and Vista del Futuro Charter School disclosed a liability of \$3,907,064 and \$1,058,898, respectively, for their proportionate share of the TRS's net pension liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State pension support provided to Burnham Wood Charter School and Vista del Futuro Charter School. The amount disclosed by Burnham Wood Charter School and Vista del Futuro Charter School as their proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with Burnham Wood Charter School and Vista del Futuro Charter School were as follows:

Burnham Wood Charter School's proportionate share of collective net pension liability	\$ 3,907,064
State's proportionate share that is associated with Burnham Wood Charter School	<u>\$ 6,345,653</u>
Total	<u>\$10,252,717</u>
Vista del Futuro's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability	\$ 1,058,898
State's proportionate share that is associated with Vista del Futuro Charter School	<u>\$1,467,722</u>
Total	<u>\$2,526,620</u>

The net pension liability was measured as of August 31, 2021 and rolled forward to August 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer's contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

At August 31, 2022, Burnham Wood Charter School's proportion of the collective net pension liability was .0065811583% which was an increase from its proportion of .004355929% measured as of August 31, 2021. At August 31, 2022, Vista del Futuro Charter School's proportion of the collective net pension liability was .0017836341 which was an increase from its proportion of .0013934263% measured as of August 31, 2021.

# I. Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation

The actuarial assumptions and methods have been modified since the determination of the prior year's Net Pension Liability. These new assumptions were adopted in conjunction with an actuarial experience study. The primary assumption change was the lowering of the single discount rate from 7.25% to 7.00%

# 4. DEFINED OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS

# A. *Plan Description*

The charter schools participate in the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program (TRS-Care). It is a multiple-employer, cost-sharing defined Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) plan with a special funding situation. The TRS-Care program was established in 1986 by the Texas Legislature.

The TRS Board of Trustees administers the TRS-Care program and the related fund in accordance with Texas Insurance Code Chapter 1575. The Board of Trustees is granted the authority to establish basic and optional group insurance coverage for participants as well as to amend benefit terms as needed under Chapter 1575.052. The Board may adopt rules, plans, procedures, and orders reasonably necessary to administer the program, including minimum benefits and financing standards.

# B. OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detail information about the TRS-Care's fiduciary net position is available in the separately-issued TRS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at <u>http://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/about publications.aspx;</u> by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, TX, 78701-2698; or by calling (512) 542-6592.

Components of the Net OPEB liability of the TRS-Care plan as of August 31, 2022 are as follows:

Components of Net OPEB Liability	<u>Amount</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 27,061,942,520
Less: Plan Fiduciary Net Position	(3,117,937,218)
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 23,944,005,302</u>
Net Position as a Percentage of Total OPEB Liability	11.52%

#### C. Benefits Provided

TRS-Care provides health insurance coverage to retirees from public schools, charter schools, regional education service centers, and other educational districts who are members of the TRS pension plan. Optional dependent coverage is available for an additional fee.

Eligible non-Medicare retirees and their dependents may enroll in TRS-Care Standard, a highdeductible health plan. Eligible Medicare retirees and their dependents may enroll in the TRS-Care Medicare Advantage medical plan and the TRS-Care Medicare Rx prescription drug plan. To qualify for TRS-Care coverage, a retiree must have at least 10 years of service credit in the TRS pension system. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes; including automatic COLAs.

The premium rates for retirees are reflected in the following table.

TRS-Care Monthly Premium Rates			
	Medicare	Non-Medicare	
Retiree or Surviving Spouse	\$ 135	\$200	
Retiree and Spouse	\$ 529	\$689	
Retiree or Surviving Spouse and Children	\$ 468	\$408	
Retiree and Family	\$1,020	\$999	

### D. Contributions

Contribution rates for the TRS-Care plan are established in state statute by the Texas Legislature, and there is no continuing obligation to provide benefits beyond each fiscal year. The TRS-Care plan is currently funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and is subject to change based on available funding. Funding for TRS-Care is provided by retiree premium contributions and contributions from the state, active employees, and schools based upon public school payroll. The TRS Board of trustees does not have the authority to set or amend contribution rates.

Texas Insurance Code, Sections 1575.202 establishes the state's contribution rate which is 1.25% of the employee's salary. Section 1575.203 establishes the active employee's rate which is .65% of pay. Section 1575.204 establishes an employer contribution rate of not less than 0.25 percent or not more than 0.75 percent of the salary of each active employee of the public or charter school. The actual employer contribution rate is prescribed by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act. The following table shows contributions to the TRS-Care plan by type of contributor.

Contribution Rates				
	<u>2023</u>	20	022	
Active Employee	0.65%	0.0	65%	
State	1.25%	1.2	1.25%	
Employers	0.75%	0.7	0.75%	
Federal/Private Funding	1.25%	1.25%		
2023 2022				
Burnham Wood Employer Contributions		\$ 76,569	\$ 73,654	
Burnham Wood Member Contributions		\$ 58,265	\$ 54,904	
Vista del Futuro Employer Contributions		\$ 30,290	\$ 22,402	
Vista del Futuro Member Contributions		\$ 14,604	\$ 12,918	
		2022	2021	
Burnham Wood NECE On-Behalf Contributions		\$ 90,439	\$ 74,627	
Vista del Futuro NECE On-Behalf Contributions		\$ 28,830	\$ 26,022	

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, there is an additional surcharge all TRS employers are subject to (regardless of whether they participate in the TRS-Care OPEB program). When hiring a TRS retiree, employers are required to pay to TRS-Care a monthly surcharge of \$535 per retiree.

TRS-Care received supplemental appropriations from the State of Texas as the Non-Employer Contributing Entity in the amount of \$83 million in fiscal year 2022 from the Federal Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to help defray Covid-19-related health care costs during fiscal year 2022.

#### E. Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial valuation was performed as of August 31, 2021. Update procedures were used to roll forward the Total OPEB Liability to August 31, 2022. The actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions: *Actuarial assumptions can be found in the 2022 TRS ACFR, Note 9, page 77.* 

The actuarial valuation of the OPEB plan offered through TRS-Care is similar to the actuarial valuation performed for the pension plan, except that the OPEB valuation is more complex. The demographic assumptions were developed in the experience study performed for TRS for the period ending August 31, 2017. The following assumptions and other inputs used for members of TRS-Care are based on an established pattern of practice and are identical to the assumptions used in the August 31, 2021 TRS pension actuarial valuation that was rolled forward to August 31, 2022:

Rates of Mortality	Rates of Disability
Rates of Retirement	General Inflation
Rates of Termination	Wage Inflation

The active mortality rates were based on 90% of the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Tables for males and females. The post-retirement mortality rates for healthy lives were based on the 2018 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Tables, with full generational projection using the ultimate improvements rates from the mortality projection scale MP-2018.

Additional Actuarial Methods and Assumptions:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2021 rolled forward to August 31, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Inflation	2.30%
Single Discount Rate	3.91% as of August 31, 2022
Aging Factors	Based on Plan Specific Experience
Expenses	Third-party administrative expenses related to the
	delivery of health care benefits are included in the
	age-adjusted claims costs.
Salary Increases	3.05% - 9.05%, including inflation
Ad-hoc Post Employment Benefit Changes	None

#### F. Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 3.91% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. There was an increase of 1.96 percent in the discount rate since the previous year. The Discount Rate can be found in the 2022 TRS ACFR on page 77. Because the plan is essentially a "pay-as-you-go" plan, the single discount rate is equal to the prevailing municipal bond rate. The projection of cash flows used to

determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from active members and those of the contributing employers and the non-employer contributing entity are made at the statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to not be able to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the municipal bond rate was used for the long-term rate of return and was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

The source of the municipal bond rate is the Fidelity "20-year Municipal GO AA Index" as of August 31, 2021 using the Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/Data Municipal bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds.

#### G. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedule shows the impact of the Net OPEB Liability if the discount rate used was 1% less than and 1% greater than the discount rate that was used (3.91%) in measuring the Net OPEB Liability.

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (2.91%)	Current Single Discount Rate (3.91%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (4.91%)
Burnham Wood Charter School's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability:	\$2,548,408	\$2,161,354	\$1,847,791
Vista del Futuro Charter School's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability:	\$ 812,370	\$ 688,986	\$ 589,030

### H. Healthcare Cost Trend Rates Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedule shows the impact of the net OPEB liability if a healthcare trend rate that is one-percentage point lower or one-percentage point higher than the health trend rates assumed.

	1% Decrease in Healthcare Trend Rate (7.5%)	Current Single Healthcare Trend Rate (8.5%)	1% Increase in Healthcare Trend Rate (9.5%)
Burnham Wood Charter School's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability:	\$1,780,966	\$2,161,354	\$2,654,479
Vista del Futuro Charter School's proportionate share of the NET OPEB Liability:	\$ 567,728	\$ 688,986	\$ 846,182

# **OPEB** Liabilities

I.

At August 31, 2022, Burnham Wood Charter School disclosed a liability of \$2,161,354, and Vista del Futuro Charter School disclosed a liability of \$688,986 for their proportionate share of the TRS's Net OPEB Liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State OPEB support provided to the schools. The amount disclosed by the schools as their proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with Burnham Wood Charter School and Vista del Futuro Charter School were as follows:

Burnham Wood's Proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$ 2,161,354
State's proportionate share that is associated with Burnham Wood Charter School	<u>2,636,513</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,797,867</u>
Vista del Futuro's Proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$ 688,986
State's proportionate share that is associated with Vista del Futuro Charter School	<u>840,455</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,529,441</u>

The Net OPEB Liability was measured as of August 31, 2021 and rolled forward to August 31, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The employer's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the employer's contributions to OPEB relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

At August 31, 2023, Burnham Wood Charter School's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability was 0.0090267034% compared to 0.0071299369% as of August 31, 2022, and Vista del Futuro's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability was 0.00287749% compared to 0.0024862168% as of August 31, 2022.

# J. Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation

The following were changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the Total OPEB liability since the prior measurement period: *These can be found in the 2022 TRS ACFR on page 77.* 

• The discount rate changed from 1.95 percent as of August 31, 2021 to 3.91 percent as of August 31, 2022. This changed decreased the Total OPEB Liability.

Changes of Benefit Terms Since the Prior Measurement Date – There were no changes in benefit terms since the prior measurement date.

# K. Additional Plans

Certain employees of the charter holder are also provided with Social Security and Medicare coverage. Under provisions of federal law, covered employees contribute 6.2% (Social Security) and 1.45% (Medicare) of their annual covered salary, and the charter holder contributes 6.2% (Social Security) and 1.45% (Medicare) of the covered payroll.

# 5. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions for the years ending August 31, 2023 and 2022, consisted of the following:

	2023	2022	
ESEA Title I, Part A	\$ -	\$ 377	
National School Breakfast and Lunch Program	1,191,974	922,672	
Title III, Part A	-	703	
Safety and Security Grant	- 1,8		
Texas Department of Agriculture	- 5		
State Instructional Materials Fund	- 22,9		
First Robotics	-	6,982	
SPED Grant	-	50,000	
Student Activity	-	184	
Advanced Placement Incentives	-	200	
Foundation School Program	14,068,192	13,825,582	
Total Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	\$ <u>15,260,166</u>	\$ <u>14,831,984</u>	

# 6. ACCUMULATED UNPAID VACATION AND SICK LEAVE BENEFITS

At August 31, 2023, the charter holder had a liability of \$140,701 for accrued sick leave or vacation leave. At August 31, 2022, the charter holder had no liability for accrued sick leave or vacation leave.

# 7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The charter schools receive funds through state and federal programs that are governed by various statutes and regulations. State program funding is based primarily on student attendance data submitted to the Texas Education Agency and is subject to audit and adjustment. Expenses charged to federal programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies. The programs administered by the charter schools have complex compliance requirements and should state or federal auditors discover areas of noncompliance, charter school funds may be subject to refund if so determined by the Texas Education Agency or the grantor agencies. In the opinion of the charter schools, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying combined financial statements for such contingencies.

# 8. HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

During the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, full-time employees of the charter schools were covered by a health insurance plan (the Plan). The charter schools contributed \$275 per month per employee to the Plan. Employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to pay contributions or premiums for dependents. All premiums were paid to licensed insurers.

# 9. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets at August 31, 2023, were as follows:

	Balance 9/1/2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance <u>8/31/2022</u>
Land	\$ 4,286,131	\$ 40,968	\$ -	\$ 4,327,099
Buildings and Improvements	17,822,884	6,188,810	-	24,011,694
Furniture and Equipment	1,842,601	577,489	-	2,420,090
Right to Use Lease Assets	118,844	-	-	118,844
Accumulated Depreciation	(5,044,388)	(594,717)		(5,639,105)
	<u>\$19,026,072</u>	\$ 6,212,550	\$	<u>\$25,238,622</u>

Capital assets at August 31, 2022, were as follows:

	Balance 9/1/2021	Additions	Deletions	Balance <u>8/31/2022</u>
Land	\$ 4,030,212	\$ 255,919	\$-	\$ 4,286,131
Buildings and Improvements	14,344,872	3,478,012	-	17,822,884
Furniture and Equipment	1,250,926	591,675	-	1,842,601
Right to Use Lease Assets	-	118,844	-	118,844
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,513,982)	(530,406)	<u> </u>	(5,044,388)
	<u>\$15,112,028</u>	\$ 3,914,044	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$19,026,072</u>

Capital assets acquired with public funds received by the corporation for the operation of Burnham Wood Charter School and Vista del Futuro Charter School constitute public property pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Texas Education Code. These assets are specifically identified on the Schedule of Capital Assets for each individual charter school.

# 10. LONG-TERM DEBT

On November 2, 2020, conduit bonds were issued by the Arlington Higher Education Finance Corporation as follows: \$19,450,000 of Education Revenue Bonds (Series 2020A) and \$550,000 of Taxable Education Revenue Bonds (Series 2020B), the proceeds of which were loaned to the corporation to be used to finance the acquisition, construction and equipping, rehabilitation and renovations of certain land, buildings, equipment, facilities and improvements located on two campuses in El Paso, TX, to advance refund two old loans and to pay certain costs of issuing the series 2020 bonds. The issue proceeds were placed in accounts designated for construction and future debt service at UMB Bank (the Trustee). The bonds mature serially each August 1<sup>st</sup> starting 2021 until 2050 with interest ranging from 1.0% to 5.0%.

The debt issuance costs for the 2020 bonds were \$1,378,618 and premiums were \$2,216,347. These costs and premiums were capitalized and are being amortized over the term of the debt. The unamortized amounts of issuance costs of \$1,267,400 and premiums of \$2,031,651 at August 31, 2023 are recorded in Long Term Debt. Amortization expense related to the debt issuance costs totaled \$46,087 and \$46,087 for the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022. Premiums/discounts amortization was \$73,878 and \$73,878 for the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022.

			Total
Year Ended August 31,	<b>Principal</b>	Interest	<u>Requirements</u>
2024	\$ 390,000	\$ 702,750	\$ 1,092,750
2025	410,000	683,250	1,093,250
2026	430,000	662,750	1,092,750
2027	450,000	641,250	1,091,250
2028	475,000	618,750	1,093,750
Thereafter	16,950,000	7,105,450	24,055,450
Total	\$19,105,000	\$10,414,200	\$29,519,200

Debt service for the Series 2020 bonds at August 31, 2023, is as follows:

The corporation reflects interest expense in the amount of \$372,442 (\$718,083 less construction period interest capitalized of \$345,641) and \$175,951 (\$722,296 less construction period interest capitalized of \$546,345) for the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022.

# 11. INTERCOMPANY ELIMINATIONS

For the year ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, intercompany accounts payable and accounts receivable consisted of \$1,000,000 and \$1,347, respectively. These accounts payable and accounts receivable are included in the special-purpose Statements of Financial Position (Exhibits B-1.1 and B-1.2), but are eliminated on the consolidated general-purpose Statement of Financial Position (Exhibit A-1).

# 12. LEASES

# **Operating** Leases

The Organization had no short-term leases of less than twelve months on the balance sheet. Total short-term rent expense for all operating leases was \$726,382 and \$831,322 for the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022. These consist primarily of bus leases and a facilities lease.

# Finance Leases

Under the adoption of the ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), the school recognized a lease liability of \$118,844 effective September 1, 2021. This represents the present value of the remaining lease payments of \$129,800 discounted using the school's incremental borrowing rate of 5%. In conjunction with the lease liability, the school recognized a right-of-use assets of \$118,844 which represents the lease liability of \$118,844, a right-of-use (ROU) asset was recorded at the date of adoption of ASC 842.

A summary of obligations under finance leases at August 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	2023		2022	
Finance lease obligation payable to Toshiba for copiers, with interest at 5%, payable in monthly installments of \$2,950 (including principal and interest) through April 28, 2025, secured by copiers.		56,491	\$	88,194
Total finance leases	\$	56,491		88,194
Less current portion		(33,328)		(31,703)
Long-term finance leases, net of current portion	\$	23,163	\$	56,491

Amortization is included in depreciation expense.

Future minimum annual rentals under finance lease arrangements at August 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

For years ended August 31,	2023	2022
2023	\$ -	\$ 35,400
2024	35,400	35,400
2025	23,600	23,600
2026	-	-
2027	 -	 -
Total required payments	59,000	94,400
Less interest included in payments	 (2,509)	 (6,206)
Total finance leases payable	\$ 56,491	\$ 88,194

The weighted average remaining lease term at August 31, 2023 and 2022 was 1.75 years and 2.75 years for finance leases, respectively, and the weighted average interest rate was 5%.

# 13. INCOME TAX

On December 30, 2008, FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) FIN 48-3, Effective Date of FASB Interpretation No. 48 for Certain Nonpublic Enterprises. There was no apparent unrelated business income for the year ended August 31, 2022, and as a result, there was no income tax liability.

### 14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events on the corporation through financial statement issuance and has determined that there were no subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements other than the planned construction and renovation projects discussed below.

The restricted investments reflected include \$7,646,181 from the conduit bond proceeds for completion of construction and renovation projects for the following projects in progress:

Da Vinci school renovations and improvements	\$ 6,925,608
Linguistics Academy renovations and improvements	4,362,786
Technology, safety, portables and improvements	3,571,000
Total projected at August 31, 2021	\$ 14,859,394
Less work performed in 2021-22	(3,478,012)
Less work performed in 2022-23	(6,146,310)
Estimated balance to complete	<u>\$ 5,235,072</u>

# 15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The corporation paid Burnham Family, LP, an entity 96% constructively owned by Iris Burnham, former Board President and former Superintendent of El Paso Education Initiative, \$377,533 and \$373,795 in rent for the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022 for the use of facilities by Vista del Futuro Charter School. The rent was paid pursuant to a lease agreement between Burnham Family, LP and El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. The ten year lease agreement was approved on August 27, 2009, by the Board and Directors of El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. The lease agreement was amended effective May 4, 2017, to include an option to purchase fee simple title to the facilities based upon a current fair market value and renewal option to extend for 25 years effective upon expiration of the "initial term". The option to renew provided reason for the charter holder to request the appraisal district to grant a tax abatement for public property. The abatement was granted.

In August 2020, the School Board formerly exercised its lease/purchase option under the lease agreement. The lease purchase had not yet been completed as of August 31, 2023. The Charter Holder subsequently filed suit to require the lessor/grantor to engage in and complete the purchase process.

Dr. Gonzales' (the Superintendent's) son, Steve Gonzales, works as a facilities consultant as general bond coordinator for the schools. He had been engaged in this role by the former Superintendent and then by the School Board prior to Dr. Gonzales's engagement as Superintendent and was paid \$212,500 (100% owned by Steve Gonzales S&C Building Contractors) and \$179,971 (to 100% owned S&C Building Contractors) for contract maintenance and consulting services during the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022.

# 16. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the balance sheet date, comprise the following:

Cash and cash equivalents <u>\$ 1,072,088</u>

Except for the financial assets listed above, Burnham Wood Charter School's and Vista del Futuro Charter School's cash, due from governments, accounts receivable, inventory, and fixed assets' use are restricted by the Texas Education Agency, federal agencies, and donors for charter school operations. As part of the corporation's liquidity management plan, \$7,660,606 of cash is invested in UMB Investments.

# 17. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

FASB ASC 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are as follows:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 – Significant direct or indirect, observable inputs other than quoted prices.

*Level 3* – Unobservable inputs based on assumptions of the reporting entity.

The fair value measurement of assets and liabilities within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Fair Value Measurements as of August 31, 2023 and 2022:

August 31, 2023	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using				
Description Equity	Fair Value	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	
Securities	\$ 7,660,606	\$ 7,660,606	\$	\$ -	
Total	\$ 7,660,606	\$ 7,660,606	<u>\$                                    </u>	<u> </u>	

August 31, 2022	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using				
Description	Fair Value	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	
Equity					
Securities	\$ 11,460,120	\$ 11,460,120	\$	\$	
Total	\$ 11,460,120	\$ 11,460,120		<u> </u>	

#### 18. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

During the year ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, the charter schools earned revenue of \$16,157,432 and \$15,524,479 from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). These amounts constitute approximately 73.74% and 76.26% of total revenue earned. Any unforeseen loss of the charter agreement with TEA or changes in legislative funding could have a material effect on the ability of the charter school to continue to provide the current level of services to its students.

# Specific-Purpose Financial Statements

# BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

	 2023		2022
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 492,842	\$	2,471,316
Restricted investments	7,660,606		11,460,120
Due from governments	2,247,538		1,545,335
Accounts receivable	1,885		-
Accounts receivable-Intercompany	-		-
Inventory	 15,528	-	4,972
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	 10,418,399		15,481,743
Property and Equipment			
Land	4,071,180		4,030,212
<b>Buildings and improvements</b>	23,969,194		17,822,884
Furniture and equipment	2,101,834		1,544,843
Right of use lease assets	99,324		99,324
Less accumulated depreciation	 (5,349,901)		(4,777,579)
Total Property and Equipment	 24,891,631		18,719,684
Total Assets	\$ 35,310,030	\$	34,201,427
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 155,115	\$	91,125
Accounts payable-Intercompany	1,000,000		1,347
Interest payable	29,281		29,948
Payroll deductions and withholdings	33,879		221,583
Accrued wages payable	23,258		32,083
Due to student groups	16,454		8,346
Vacation benefits payable	100,497		-
Other current liabilities	1,722		-
Current portion of long-term debt	390,000		320,000
Current porton of lease liability	27,854		26,496
Total Current Liabilities	 1,778,060		730,928
Long-Term Debt			
Conduit bonds payable	19,479,251		19,897,043
Lease liability	19,358		47,212
Total Long Term Liabilities	 19,498,609		19,944,255
Total Liabilities	\$ 21,276,669	\$	20,675,183
Net Assets			
Without donor restrictions	939,594		1,003,124
With donor restrictions	 13,093,767		12,523,120
Total Net Assets	\$ 14,033,361	\$	13,526,244
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 35,310,030	\$	34,201,427

# VISTA DEL FUTURO CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

		2023	2022		
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	504,440	\$	1,826,266	
Due from governments		570,827		428,020	
Accounts receivable - Intercompany		1,000,000		1,347	
Inventory		3,863		1,124	
Total Current Assets		2,079,130		2,256,757	
Property and Equipment					
Land		255,919		255,919	
Furniture and equipment		318,256		297,758	
<b>Buildings and improvements</b>		42,500		-	
Right to use lease assets		19,520		19,520	
Less accumulated depreciation		(289,204)		(266,809)	
<b>Total Property and Equipment</b>		346,991		306,388	
Total Assets	\$	2,426,121	\$	2,563,145	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable - Intercompany	\$	-	\$	-	
Accounts payable		56,873		31,435	
<b>Payroll deductions and withholdings</b>		5,933		49,171	
Due to student groups		5,380		5,380	
Accrued wages payable		11,779		14,496	
Vacation benefits payable		40,204		-	
Current portion of lease liability		5,474		5,207	
Total Current Liabilities		125,643		105,689	
Long-Term Debt					
Lease liability	<u></u>	3,805		9,279	
Total Liabilities	\$	129,448	\$	114,968	
Net Assets					
Without donor restrictions		130,274		139,313	
With donor restrictions		2,166,399		2,308,864	
Total Net Assets	\$	2,296,673	\$	2,448,177	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	2,426,121	\$	2,563,145	

#### BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

		Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		2023 Totals
Revenues						
Local Support:						
5740 Other Revenues from Local Sources	\$	751,884	\$	-	\$	751,884
5750 Cocurricular and Enterprising Activities		80,995		-	********	80,995
Total Local Support		832,879		-		832,879
State Program Revenues:						
5810 Foundation School Program Act Revenues		-		13,015,535		13,015,535
5820 State Program Revenues Distributed by TEA	1005	-		283,087	101-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-	283,087
Total State Program Revenues		-		13,298,622		13,298,622
Federal Program Revenues:						
5910 Federal Revenues Distributed by Other Govt. Agencies		-		11,259		11,259
5920 Federal Revenues Distributed by TEA		-		3,619,458		3,619,458
5930 Federal Revenues Distributed by Other TX Agencies		-	-	94,689	-	94,689
Total Federal Program Revenues		-		3,725,406		3,725,406
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:						
<b>Restrictions Satisfied by Payments</b>		16,453,381	1010143	(16,453,381)	*********	_
Total Revenues	\$_	17,286,260	\$	570,647	\$	17,856,907
Fundado						
Expenses 11 Instruction	\$	9,220,710	\$	_	\$	9,220,710
	9	86,169	φ	_	Ð	86,169
13 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development 21 Instructional Leadership		40,464				40,464
23 School Leadership		313,376				313,376
31 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services		113,109				113,109
33 Health Services		191,300		_		191,300
33 freatin services 34 Student Transportation		717,510		_		717,510
35 Food Services		928,712		-		928,712
36 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		445,761		-		445,761
41 General Administration		1,876,648		-		1,876,648
51 Plant Maintenance & Operations		2,198,514		-		2,198,514
52 Security & Monitoring Services		684,849		-		684,849
53 Data Processing Services		184,427		-		184,427
71 Debt Service		348,241		_		348,241
Total Expenses	\$	17,349,790	\$		s	17,349,790
Change in Net Assets		(63,530)		570,647		507,117
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		1,003,124		12,523,120		13,526,244
Net Assets, End of Year	\$	939,594	\$	13,093,767	\$	14,033,361
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## BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

		Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		2022 Totals
Revenues						
Local Support:						
5740 Other Revenues from Local Sources	\$	385,493	\$	-	\$	385,493
5750 Cocurricular and Enterprising Activities	000000000	9,261		_		9,261
Total Local Support		394,754		-		394,754
State Program Revenues:						
5810 Foundation School Program Act Revenues		-		12,412,308		12,412,308
5820 State Program Revenues Distributed by TEA		-		65,948		65,948
Total State Program Revenues		-		12,478,256		12,478,256
Federal Program Revenues:						
5920 Federal Revenues Distributed by TEA		-		3,525,397		3,525,397
5930 Federal Revenues Distributed by Other TX Agencies		-		46,357		46,357
Total Federal Program Revenues		-		3,571,754		3,571,754
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:						
<b>Restrictions Satisfied by Payments</b>		17,266,650		(17,266,650)		-
Total Revenues	\$	17,661,404	\$	(1,216,640)	\$	16,444,764
Expenses						
11 Instruction	\$	9,619,866	\$	_	\$	9,619,866
13 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	Ψ	38,978	Ψ	_	Ψ	38,978
23 School Leadership		304,262		_		304,262
31 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services		116,347		_		116,347
33 Health Services		125,801		-		125,801
34 Student Transportation		728,500		-		728,500
35 Food Services		908,106		-		908,106
36 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		529,575		-		529,575
41 General Administration		1,493,377		-		1,493,377
51 Plant Maintenance & Operations		3,214,726		-		3,214,726
52 Security & Monitoring Services		171,157		-		171,157
53 Data Processing Services		120,389		-		120,389
71 Debt Service	Robbits	163,697			-	163,697
Total Expenses	\$	17,534,781	\$		\$	17,534,781
Change in Net Assets		126,623		(1,216,640)		(1,090,017)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	10050000000	876,501		13,739,760	-	14,616,261
Net Assets, End of Year	\$	1,003,124	\$ _	12,523,120	\$	13,526,244

## VISTA DEL FUTURO CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

		Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		2023 Totals
Revenues						
Local Support:						
5740 Other Revenues from Local Sources	\$	82,922	\$	-	\$	82,922
5750 Cocurricular and Enterprising Activities	-	2,393		-	*******	2,393
Total Local Support		85,315		-		85,315
State Program Revenues:						
5810 Foundation School Program Act Revenues		-		2,845,176		2,845,176
5820 State Program Revenues Distributed by TEA		-		13,634		13,634
Total State Program Revenues		-		2,858,810		2,858,810
Federal Program Revenues:						
5920 Federal Revenues Distributed by TEA		-		1,080,030		1,080,030
5930 Federal Revenues Distributed by Other TX Agencies		-		30,647	*****	30,647
Total Federal Program Revenues		-		1,110,677		1,110,677
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:						
<b>Restrictions Satisfied by Payments</b>		4,111,952		(4,111,952)	********	-
Total Revenues	\$_	4,197,267	\$	(142,465)	\$	4,054,802
Expenses						
11 Instruction		2,222,762		_		2,222,762
13 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development		29,819		-		29,819
21 Instructional Leadership		10,776		-		10,776
23 School Leadership		96,964		-		96,964
31 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services		67,456		-		67,456
33 Health Services		58,277		-		58,277
34 Student Transportation		21,580		-		21,580
35 Food Services		286,530		-		286,530
36 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		25,319		-		25,319
41 General Administration		581,095		-		581,095
51 Plant Maintenance & Operations		695,588		-		695,588
52 Security & Monitoring Services		58,835		-		58,835
53 Data Processing Services		50,698		-		50,698
71 Debt Service		607	*****	_		607
Total Expenses	\$_	4,206,306	\$	_	\$	4,206,306
Change in Net Assets	••••	(9,039)		(142,465)	Martin Second	(151,504)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		139,313		2,308,864	********	2,448,177
Net Assets, End of Year	\$_	130,274	\$ _	2,166,399	\$	2,296,673

## VISTA DEL FUTURO CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

	-	Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		2022 Totals
Revenues						
Local Support:	¢	<b>53</b> 460	0		Ф	<b>73</b> 460
5740 Other Revenues from Local Sources	\$	53,460	\$	-	\$	53,460
5750 Cocurricular and Enterprising Activities		2,558		-		2,558
Total Local Support		56,018		-		56,018
State Program Revenues:						
5810 Foundation School Program Act Revenues		-		2,992,735		2,992,735
5820 State Program Revenues Distributed by TEA		-		53,488		53,488
Total State Program Revenues		-	*****	3,046,223	**********	3,046,223
Federal Program Revenues:						
5920 Federal Revenues Distributed by TEA		-		797,610		797,610
5930 Federal Revenues Distributed by Other TX Agend	cies	-		10,893		10,893
<b>Total Federal Program Revenues</b>		_		808,503		808,503
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:						
<b>Restrictions Satisfied by Payments</b>	***	3,797,043	*****	(3,797,043)		-
Total Revenues	\$_	3,853,061	\$_	57,683	\$	3,910,744
Expenses						
11 Instruction		2,116,422		_		2,116,422
13 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development		39,345		-		39,345
23 School Leadership		128,607		-		128,607
31 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services		36,107		-		36,107
33 Health Services		36,355		-		36,355
34 Student Transportation		24,368		-		24,368
35 Food Services		236,531		-		236,531
36 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		13,338		-		13,338
41 General Administration		431,192		-		431,192
51 Plant Maintenance & Operations		661,630		-		661,630
52 Security & Monitoring Services		38,767		-		38,767
53 Data Processing Services		74,181		-		74,181
71 Debt Service	-	780			*********	780
Total Expenses	\$_	3,837,623	\$	_	\$	3,837,623
Change in Net Assets	-	15,438		57,683	*******	73,121
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	-	123,875		2,251,181	10010210-00000	2,375,056
Net Assets, End of Year	\$_	139,313	\$ _	2,308,864	\$	2,448,177

### BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023			2022		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Change in Net Assets	\$	507,117	\$	(1,090,017)		
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Cash Provided						
by Operating Activities:						
Depreciation		572,322		507,175		
(Increase) Decrease in Due from Governments		(702,203)		(247,138)		
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable		(1,885)		1,232		
(Increase) Decrease in Inventory		(10,556)		(4,585)		
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable		63,990		(59,950)		
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable-Intercompany		998,653		1,347		
Increase (Decrease) in Interest Payable		(667)		(154)		
Increase (Decrease) in Payroll Deductions		(187,704)		29,218		
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Wages Payable		(8,825)		11,676		
Increase (Decrease) in Due to Student Groups		8,108		4,810		
Increase (Decrease) in Vacation Benefits Payable		100,497		-		
Increase (Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		1,722		-		
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		1,340,569	<del></del>	(846,386)		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Purchase of Investments		(1,424,421)		(1,032,000)		
Withdrawal of Investments		5,223,934		4,468,561		
Purchase of Land, Buildings, and Equipment		(6,744,269)		(4,069,687)		
Purchase of Right to Use Lease Assets		-	-	(99,324)		
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities		(2,944,756)		(732,450)		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Amortization of Debt Issuance Costs		46,087		46,087		
Amortization of Premiums on Bonds		(73,878)		(73,878)		
Proceeds from Right to Use Assets Lease Liability		-		99,324		
Principal Payments on Right to Use Lease Liability		(26,496)		(25,616)		
Principal Payments on Debt		(320,000)		(270,000)		
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities		(374,287)	-	(224,083)		
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(1,978,474)		(1,802,919)		
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	-	2,471,316		4,274,235		
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$	492,842	\$	2,471,316		
Interest Paid During the Period Ended August 31, 2023 and 2022 Income Taxes Paid During the Period Ended August 31, 2023 and 2022	\$	721,840	\$	726,419 -		

### VISTA DEL FUTURO CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

		2023		2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<i>•</i>		<u>_</u>	
Change in Net Assets	\$	(151,504)	\$	73,121
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Cash Provided				
by Operating Activities:		22 205		22 221
Depreciation		22,395		23,231
(Increase) Decrease in Due from Governments		(142,807)		(150,391)
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable		(998,653)		(1,347)
(Increase) Decrease in Inventory		(2,739)		(719)
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Expenses		-		30,208
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable-Intercompany		-		(1,232)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable		25,438		31,435
Increase (Decrease) in Payroll Deductions and Withholdings		(43,238)		11,382
Increase (Decrease) in Due to Student Groups		-		4,827
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Wages Payable		(2,717)		8,635
Increase (Decrease) in Vacation Benefits Payable		40,204		_
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		(1,253,621)		29,150
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of Land, Buildings, and Equipment		(62,998)		(255,919)
Purchase of Right to Use Lease Assets		-		(19,520)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities		(62,998)		(275,439)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from Right to Use Lease Assets Liability		_		19,520
Principal Payments Right to Use Lease Liability		(5,207)		(5,034)
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Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities		(5,207)		14,486
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(1,321,826)		(231,803)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year		1,826,266		2,058,069
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$	504,440	\$	1,826,266
Interest Paid During the Period Ended August 31, 2023 and 2022	\$	607	\$	780
Income Taxes Paid During the Period Ended August 31, 2023 and 2022	Ŷ	-	Ψ	-

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

Required Supplementary Information Required by the Texas Education Agency

# Exhibit C-1.1

# BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

		Totals				
		2023	2022			
Expenses						
6100	Payroll Costs	\$ 10,358,184	\$ 9,750,266			
6200	Professional and Contracted Services	4,060,360	4,740,034			
6300	Supplies and Materials	1,314,724	1,602,535			
6400	Other Operating Costs	1,268,281	1,278,248			
6500	Debt	348,241	163,698			
	Total Expenses	\$ 17,349,790	\$ 17,534,781			

# VISTA DEL FUTURO CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

		Totals				
		2023	2022			
Expenses						
6100	Payroll Costs	\$ 2,772,435	\$ 2,396,612			
6200	Professional and Contracted Services	1,085,149	1,092,567			
6300	Supplies and Materials	250,138	251,512			
6400	Other Operating Costs	97,977	96,152			
6500	Debt	607	780			
	Total Expenses	\$ 4,206,306	\$ 3,837,623			

# BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF ASSETS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023

	Ownership Interest				
	Local	State	Federal		
1110 Cash	\$ 957,250	\$ (1,249,682)	\$ 785,274		
1810 Investments		7,660,606			
1510 Land	-	4,071,180	-		
1520 Buildings and Improvements	-	23,969,194	-		
1530 Furniture and Equipment	29,722	1,821,229	250,883		
1550 Right to Use Lease Assets	-	99,324	-		
Total Cash, Investments, and Capital Assets	\$ 986,972	\$ 36,371,851	\$ 1,036,157		

# VISTA DEL FUTURO CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF ASSETS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023

	Ownership Interest					
	Local		State		Federal	
1110 Cash	\$	136,673	\$	342,244	\$	25,523
1510 Land		-		255,919		-
1520 Buildings and Improvements		-		42,500		-
1530 Furniture and Equipment		-		137,601		180,655
1550 Right to Use Lease Assets		-		19,520		
Total Cash, Investments, and Capital Assets	\$	136,673	\$	797,784	\$	206,178

## BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts				Actual	Variance from Final	
		Original		Final		Amounts	Budget
Revenues		B					
Local Support:							
5740 Other Revenues from Local Sources	\$	189,000	\$	699,251	\$	751,884	\$ 52,633
5750 Cocurricular and Enterprising Activities		-		75,325		80,995	5,670
Total Local Support		189,000		774,576		832,879	 58,303
State Program Revenues:							
5810 Foundation School Program Act Revenues		14,068,000		12,406,695		13,015,535	608,840
5820 State Program Revenues Distributed by TEA		-		92,631		283,087	 190,456
Total State Program Revenues		14,068,000		12,499,326		13,298,622	799,296
Federal Program Revenues:							
5910 Federal Revenues Distributed by Other Govt. Agencies		-		10,898		11,259	361
5920 Federal Revenues Distributed by TEA		916,000		3,562,211		3,619,458	57,247
5930 Federal Revenues Distributed by Other TX Agencies		-		93,923		94,689_	 766
Total Federal Program Revenues		916,000		3,667,032		3,725,406	58,374
Total Revenues	\$	15,173,000	\$	16,940,934	\$	17,856,907	\$ 915,973
Expenses							
11 Instruction	\$	7,233,618	\$	9,075,493	\$	9,220,710	\$ (145,217)
12 Instructional Resources & Media Services		5,000		-		-	-
13 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development		213,731		57,319		86,169	(28,850)
21 Instructional Leadership		25,000		31,346		40,464	(9,118)
23 School Leadership		628,665		295,050		313,376	(18,326)
31 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services		108,288		116,776		113,109	3,667
33 Health Services		272,175		192,541		191,300	1,241
34 Student Transportation		481,125		667,157		717,510	(50,353)
35 Food Services		931,000		847,496		928,712	(81,216)
36 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		274,696		285,543		445,761	(160,218)
41 General Administration		1,299,069		1,958,533		1,876,648	81,885
51 Facilities Maintenance & Operations		2,041,039		3,085,656		2,198,514	887,142
52 Security & Monitoring Services		179,375		711,081		684,849	26,232
53 Data Processing Services		165,000		174,683		184,427	(9,744)
71 Debt Service		380,000		362,273		348,241	 14,032
Total Expenses	\$	14,237,781	\$	17,860,947	\$	17,349,790	\$ 511,157
Change in Net Assets		935,219		(920,013)		507,117	 1,427,130
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		13,526,244		13,526,244	-	13,526,244	 
Net Assets, End of Year	\$	14,461,463	\$	12,606,231	\$	14,033,361	\$ 1,427,130

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

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## VISTA DEL FUTURO CHARTER SCHOOL BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

		Budgeted Amounts				Actual		Variance from Final
		Original		Final		Amounts		Budget
Revenues			-					
Local Support:								
5740 Other Revenues from Local Sources	\$	131,335	\$	56,068	\$	82,922	\$	26,854
5750 Cocurricular and Enterprising Activities		-	_	2,305		2,393		88
Total Local Support		131,335	-	58,373		85,315		26,942
State Program Revenues:								
5810 Foundation School Program Act Revenues		3,396,680		2,705,696		2,845,176		139,480
5820 State Program Revenues Distributed by TEA		-		12,965		13,634		669
Total State Program Revenues		3,396,680		2,718,661		2,858,810		140,149
Federal Program Revenues:								
5920 Federal Revenues Distributed by TEA		172,320		998,137		1,080,030		81,893
5930 Federal Revenues Distributed by Other TX Agencies				29,076		30,647		1,571
Total Federal Program Revenues		172,320		1,027,213		1,110,677		83,464
Total Revenues	\$	3,700,335	\$	3,804,247	\$	4,054,802	\$_	250,555
Expenses								
11 Instruction	\$	1.802.413	\$	2,193,535	\$	2,222,762	\$	(29,227)
12 Instructional Resources & Media Services	÷	1.000		_,,	*	_,	*	-
13 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development		50,566		32,410		29,819		2,591
21 Instructional Leadership		4,200		10,392		10,776		(384)
23 School Leadership		131,328		95,812		96,964		(1,152)
31 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services		58,500		67,320		67,456		(136)
33 Health Services		55,000		59,511		58,277		1,234
34 Student Transportation		36,707		23,522		21,580		1,942
35 Food Services		204,500		248,575		286,530		(37,955)
36 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		8,000		26,420		25,319		1,101
41 General Administration		388,790		544,467		581,095		(36,628)
51 Facilities Maintenance & Operations		702,500		740,759		695,588		45,171
52 Security and Monitoring Services		39,370		59,838		58,835		1,003
53 Data Processing Services		68,867		49,677		50,698		(1,021)
71 Debt Service		-				607		(607)
Total Expenses	\$	3,551,741	\$	4,152,238	\$	4,206,306	\$	(54,068)
Change in Net Assets		148,594		(347,991)		(151,504)		196,487
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		2,448,177		2,448,177		2,448,177		
Net Assets, End of Year	\$	2,596,771	\$	2,100,186	\$	2,296,673	\$ _	196,487

# BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL STATE COMPENSATORY EDUCATION AND BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

Section A. Compensatory Education Programs

AP1	Did your LEA expend any state compensatory education program state allotment funds during the schools' fiscal year?	Yes
AP2	Does the LEA have written policies and procedures for its state compensatory education program?	Yes
AP3	List the total state allotment funds received for state compensatory education programs during the schools' fiscal year.	\$1,317,982
AP4	List the actual direct program expenditures for state compensatory education programs during the LEA's fiscal year.	\$734,017
Section	n B. Bilingual Education Programs	
AP5	Did your LEA expend any bilingual education program state allotment funds during the LEA's fiscal year?	Yes
AP6	Does the LEA have written policies and procedures for its bilingual education program?	Yes
AP7	List the total state allotment funds received for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year.	\$337,877
AP8	List the actual direct program expenditures for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year.	\$315,111

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# VISTA DEL FUTURO CHARTER SCHOOL STATE COMPENSATORY EDUCATION AND BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

Section A. Compensatory Education Programs

AP1	Did your LEA expend any state compensatory education program state allotment funds during the schools' fiscal year?	Yes
AP2	Does the LEA have written policies and procedures for its state compensatory education program?	Yes
AP3	List the total state allotment funds received for state compensatory education programs during the schools' fiscal year.	\$275,500
AP4	List the actual direct program expenditures for state compensatory education programs during the LEA's fiscal year.	\$128,143
Section	n B. Bilingual Education Programs	
AP5	Did your LEA expend any bilingual education program state allotment funds during the LEA's fiscal year?	Yes
AP6	Does the LEA have written policies and procedures for its bilingual education program?	Yes
AP7	List the total state allotment funds received for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year.	\$ 62,925
AP8	List the actual direct program expenditures for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year.	\$103,374

#### BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP INTEREST FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

					Owr	ership Interest	
Description	Property Address	Total	Assessed Value	Local		State	Federal
8 Upper Valley Tr 2 (5.773 Acres)	5141 Upper Valley Rd. El Paso, TX	\$	2,390,466	\$ -	\$	2,390,466	\$
26 West Hills #6	7310 Bishop Flores Dr. El Paso, TX	\$	3,941,927		\$	3,941,927	
1 Harvest Addition Lot 1	785 Southwestern Dr. El Paso, TX	\$	10,333,058	-	\$	10,333,058	
Block 1 IH-10 Crusade Lot 1	5490 N. Desert Blvd. El Paso, TX	\$	1,265,126	-	\$	1,265,126	
				\$ -	\$	17,930,577	\$ 

#### VISTA DEL FUTURO CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP INTEREST FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

				Owner	ship Interest		
Description	Property Address	Total Assessed Value	Local		State	Fe	deral
Bob Hope Lot - T & P Block 79 Township 3, Section 8 Track 17-C-11, El Paso County	1671 Bob Hope Dr. El Paso, TX 79936	\$33,794	\$ -	\$	33,794	\$	-
			\$ -	\$	33,794	\$	-

#### EL PASO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, INC. SCHEDULE OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

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Related Party Name	<b>Relation</b> Name	Relationship	Type of Transaction	Terms	Source of Funds	<b>Payment Frequency</b>	Total Paid	Balance Due
Burnham Wood Charter S S&C Building Contractor			/	Contract Maint.	State Foundation	Monthly	159,375 \$ 159,375	<u>-</u> \$
Vista del Futuro Charter S S&C Building Contractor			· ·	Contract Maint.	State Foundation	Monthly	53,125 \$ 53,125	<u>-</u> \$

Reports On Internal Controls, Compliance And Federal Awards

# FREEMON, SHAPARD & STORY

Certified Public Accountants

## Independent Auditors' 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 El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. 785 Southwestern Dr. El Paso, TX 79912

Members of the Board of Directors:

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 El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 2024.

## **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of El Paso Education Initiative, 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, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified no deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be reportable instances of noncompliance.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether El Paso Education Initiative, 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-1.

#### **El Paso Education Initiative's Response to Findings**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on El Paso Education Initiative's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. El Paso Education Initiative's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

This 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 organization'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 organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Treeman, Shapand + Story

Freemon, Shapard, & Story Windthorst, TX January 21, 2024

# FREEMON, SHAPARD & STORY

Certified Public Accountants

## Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Board of Directors El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. 785 Southwestern Dr. El Paso, TX 79912

Members of the Board of Directors:

## **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

## **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2023. El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2023.

## Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance 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 the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

# **Responsibilities of Management for Compliance**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s federal programs.

## Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of El Paso Education Initiative, Inc.'s internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Other Matters**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed no instances of noncompliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiencies, in internal control over compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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# EL PASO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, INC. SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

# I. Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements	
Type of auditors' report issued	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weaknesses identified?	Yes <u>X</u> No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	Yes <u>X</u> No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	YesX_No
Federal Awards	
Internal control over major programs:	
Material weaknesses identified?	Yes <u>X</u> No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	Yes <u>X</u> No
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 2 CFR 200.516(a) of the Uniform Guidance?	Yes <u>X</u> No
Identification of major programs:	
84.425D CRRSA ESSER II 84.425D ARP ESSER III 84.425U TCLAS ESSER III	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<u>X</u> Yes <u>No</u>

## II. Financial Statement Findings

## Finding 2023-1

# Criteria

Accounting records must be maintained to properly reflect activity throughout year as per TEA Financial Accountability System Resource Guide.

## Condition

Burnham Wood Charter School's and Vista Del Futuro's books did not reflect the accrued vested vacation benefits payable at August 31, 2023, resulting from a new leave policy adopted by the Board. Additionally, we noted a number of construction expenditures coded to maintenance and repairs that had to be reclassified to construction in progress.

## Cause

Finance staff were not aware that a new policy required an accrued liability to be calculated and recorded. Construction expenditures were not all reviewed and reclassified before year-end.

## Effect

Accounting records did not reflect accrued leave after the policy adoption and all construction in progress. Year-end adjustments were made to correct the school's records and reports to accurately reflect these accruals and reclassifications.

## Recommendation

El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. should continue to monitor and adjust accrued vested vacation benefits payable in the future and analyze all construction related expenditures and repairs.

## Management Response

In the future, Burnham Wood Charter School and Vista del Futuro Charter School will make certain all necessary adjustments are made before the end of the year. Accounting personnel will review transactions regularly to assure accurate accounting.

III. Findings and Questioned Costs for State and Federal Awards

None identified.

## EL PASO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, INC. SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

## Finding 2022-1

## Criteria

The monthly bank reconciliation should promptly reconcile to cash balances on the general ledger.

## Condition

We noted that the bank reconciliations for Burnham Wood Charter School and Vista del Futuro Charter School did not reconcile to the general ledger starting in June of 2022 through year-end. Material unexplained differences were noted in both schools.

## Effect

Burnham Wood Charter School's and Vista del Futuro Charter School's cash balances as reflected in the general ledgers may not accurately reflect proper month-end close balances due to not being reconciled.

## Recommendation

El Paso Education Initiative, Inc. should obtain additional training on Ascender accounting for their bank reconciliation process and monthly close process. Then moving forward, personnel need to correct any postings of subsequent month transactions to minimize any unexplained reconciling items.

## Management Response

The bank reconciliations and monthly close processes were properly maintained until June 2022, at which time the finance manager discontinued employment at the schools. New finance personnel were hired and are undergoing training on software operations and related processes.

## Status

Bank reconciliations were properly prepared during the year. There are some cutoff procedures at month end still being improved.

## Management's Explanation for not implementing the Recommendation

N/A

# Finding 2022-2

# Criteria

The district must have an accounting system that meets the minimum requirements of the State Board of Education. Accounting records must be maintained to properly reflect activity throughout the year as per TEA Financial Accountability System Resource Guide.

# Condition

Burnham Wood Charter School and Vista Del Futuro's books both required extensive year-end adjusting journal entries to properly reflect balances at August 31, 2022.

# Effect

Organization was unable to rely on Burnham Wood and Vista Del Futuro Charter School's accounting records and reports during the year relating to construction activity and financial reports. Multiple year-end adjustments were made to correct the school's records and reports to accurately reflect the financial status.

# Recommendation

Contact your auditor or service center to request help for the finance department in make adjusting journal entries for complicated events such as construction costs and obtain additional training for complex accounting transactions

# Management Response

In the future, Burnham Wood Charter School and Vista del Futuro Charter School will make certain all necessary adjustments are made before the end of the year and will ask for assistance if needed. New accounting personnel will be trained and will review transactions regularly to ensure accurate accounting.

# Status

The year-end adjustments required were minimal and normal at August 31, 2023.

Management's Explanation for not implementing the Recommendation

Accounting personnel continue to make improvements in this area.

## BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

(1) FEDERAL GRANTOR/	(2) Federal	(3) Pass-Through	(4)		
PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM or CLUSTER TITLE	Assistance Listing No.	Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures		
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Passed Through Texas Education Agency					
ESEA, Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs ESEA, Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs	84.010A 84.010A	23610101071801 23610101071809	\$ 395,38 68,99		
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.010			464,38		
ESEA, Title I, Part C - Migratory Children Total Title I, Part A Cluster	84.011	23615001071801	12		
*IDEA - Part B, Formula *IDEA - Part B, Formula *IDEA - Part B, Formula	84.027 84.027 84.027	236600010718016600 226600010718016600 23660001071809660	208,62 65,92 51,22		
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.027			117,14		
Career and Technical - Basic Grant	84.048	22420006071950	11,25		
*IDEA - Part B, Preschool *IDEA - Part B, Preschool	84.173 84.173	236610010718016610 236610010718096610	1,28		
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.173			2,09		
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			210,72		
Title III Part A Migrant Title III, Part A - English Language Acquisition Title III, Part A - English Language Acquisition	84.365 A 84.365 A 84.365 A	23671003071801 23671001071801 23671001071809	8,63 65,01 14,70		
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.365			88,34		
ESEA, Title II, Part A, Teacher Principal Training ESEA, Title II, Part A, Teacher Principal Training ESEA, Title II, Part A, Teacher Principal Training	84.367A 84.367A 84.367A	23694501071801 22694501071801 23964501071809	66,09 42,02 20,08		
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.367			128,20		
<ul> <li>* COVID 19 - ESSER III - School Emergengy Relief</li> <li>* COVID 19 - ESSER II - School Emergengy Relief</li> <li>* COVID 19 - ESSER III - School Emergengy Relief</li> <li>* COVID 19 - Learning Supports - (TCLAS) ESSER III</li> <li>* COVID 19 - Learning Supports - (TCLAS) ESSER III</li> <li>Total Assistance Listing Number 84.425</li> </ul>	84.425D 84.425D 84.425D 84.425U 84.425U	21528001071801 21521001071809 21528001071809 21528042071801 21528042071809	1,642,08 89,94 514,54 34,50 		
Total WIOA Cluster			2,321,57		
Title IV, Part A Title IV, Part A	84.424 A 84.424 A	23680101071801 23680101071809	23,49		
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.424	01.12111	2500010101011005	33,49		
LEP Summer School LEP Summer School	84.369A 84.369A	69552102 69552102	4,39 2,91		
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.369			7,31		
COVID-19 School Health Support COVID-19 School Health Support	93.323 93.323	223935027110115 223935027110116	48,29 9,60		
Total Assistance Listing Number 93.323			57,89		
Total Passed Through Texas Education Agency			3,440,46		

## BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
FEDERAL GRANTOR/	Federal	Pass-Through	
PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/	Assistance	Entity Identifying	Federal
PROGRAM or CLUSTER TITLE	Listing No.	Number	Expenditures
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			3,440,46
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
Passed Through the Texas Department of Agriculture			
*School Breakfast Program	10.553	71402301	178,35
*School Breakfast Program	10.553	71402301	39,17
Total Assistance Listing Number 10.553			217,53
*National School Lunch Program - Cash Assistance	10.555	71302301	840,42
*National School Lunch Prog Non-Cash Assistance	10.555	071801	47,95
*National School Lunch Program - Cash Assistance	10.555	71302301	211,99
*National School Lunch Prog Non-Cash Assistance	10.555	071809	20,90
Total Assistance Listing Number 10.555			1,121,27
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			1,338,81
*Commodity Supplemental - Non-Cash Assistance	10.565	071801	41,12
*Commodity Supplemental - Non-Cash Assistance	10.565	071809	15,11
Total Assistance Listing Number 10.565			56,24
Total Food Distribution Cluster			56,24
Total Passed Through the Texas Department of Agriculture			1,395,05
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			1,395,05
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 4,835,52

\*Clustered Programs

# EL PASO EDUCATION INITIATIVE, INC. NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

# 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## A. Basis of Presentation

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2, U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Federal expenses include allowable expenses funded by federal grants. Allowable costs are subject to the cost principles of the Uniform Guidance and include costs that are recognized as expenses in the corporation's financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The corporation has not elected to use the 10% de minimus rate for indirect costs.

Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the corporation, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the corporation.

For all federal programs, the corporation used the net asset classes and codes specified by the Texas Education Agency in the *Module 3: Charter Schools – Financial Accounting and Reporting Nonprofit Charter School Chart of Accounts.* Net asset with donor restriction codes are used to account for resources restricted to or designated for specific purposes by a grantor. Federal and state financial assistance is generally accounted for in net asset with restriction codes.

Federal grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant, and, accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as deferred revenues until earned.

## 2. RECONCILIATION OF FEDERAL REVENUES

Total federal expenditures per Schedule of Expenditures	
of Federal Awards	\$ 4,835,522
Prior year revenue spent	(376)
SHARS/ E-rate excluded from SEFA	937
Total federal revenue Exhibit A-2	\$ 4,836,083