



# HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

*FOUNDATION FOR RECOVERING YOUTH*

*DBA HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL*

*ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT*

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED*

*AUGUST 31, 2024*

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**HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 76-0584154**  
**COUNTY DISTRICT NUMBER 101821**

**CERTIFICATE OF THE BOARD**

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached Financial and Compliance Report of Houston Heights High School was reviewed and (check one) X approved \_\_\_\_\_ disapproved for the year ended August 31, 2024, at a meeting of the governing body of the charter holder on the 19<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER 2024.

  
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Signature of Board Secretary

  
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Signature of Board President



Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P. C.

Certified Public Accountants

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Houston Heights High School  
Houston, Texas

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of Houston Heights High School, which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, 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 accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Houston Heights High School as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity 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 (GAAS) 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Houston Heights High School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

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 Houston Heights High School's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

### ***Auditor's 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 auditor's report that includes our opinion. 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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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 Houston Heights High School's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Houston Heights High School's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

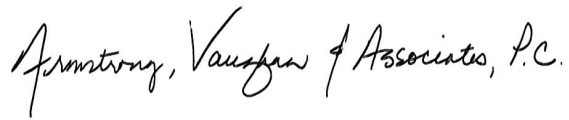
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Supplementary Information (consisting of the statements and schedules as listed in the table of contents) is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. 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 consolidated 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 supplementary 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 December 3, 2024 on our consideration of Houston Heights High School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Houston Heights High School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.".

Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.

December 3, 2024

**GENERAL-PURPOSE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023

|                                                    | <u>2024</u>                | <u>2023</u>                |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                      |                            |                            |
| <i>Current Assets:</i>                             |                            |                            |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                          | \$ 1,473,733               | \$ 1,418,426               |
| Certificates of Deposit                            | 453,533                    | 432,253                    |
| Accounts Receivable:                               |                            |                            |
| Grants                                             | 29,920                     | 98,422                     |
| Prepaid Expenses                                   | 87,493                     | 95,583                     |
| <i>Total Current Assets</i>                        | <u>2,044,679</u>           | <u>2,044,684</u>           |
| <i>Other Assets:</i>                               |                            |                            |
| Right of Use Operating Lease Asset                 | 396,764                    | 701,213                    |
| Property and Equipment, net                        | 39,535                     | 49,139                     |
| <i>Total Other Assets</i>                          | <u>436,299</u>             | <u>750,352</u>             |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                | <u><u>\$ 2,480,978</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 2,795,036</u></u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>                  |                            |                            |
| <i>Current Liabilities:</i>                        |                            |                            |
| Accounts Payable                                   | \$ 32,127                  | \$ 43,000                  |
| Wages Payable                                      | 97,052                     | 96,071                     |
| Payroll Deductions and Withholdings                | 17,455                     | 16,517                     |
| Operating Lease Liability - Current Portion        | 336,868                    | 320,276                    |
| <i>Total Current Liabilities</i>                   | <u>483,502</u>             | <u>475,864</u>             |
| <i>Long-term Liabilities:</i>                      |                            |                            |
| Operating Lease Liability (net of current portion) | 86,399                     | 423,267                    |
| <i>Total Liabilities</i>                           | <u>569,901</u>             | <u>899,131</u>             |
| <i>Net Assets:</i>                                 |                            |                            |
| Without Donor Restrictions                         | 216,904                    | 195,618                    |
| With Donor Restrictions                            | 1,694,173                  | 1,700,287                  |
| <i>Total Net Assets</i>                            | <u>1,911,077</u>           | <u>1,895,905</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>            | <u><u>\$ 2,480,978</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 2,795,036</u></u> |

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



HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

|                                                                    | Without<br>Donor<br>Restrictions | With<br>Donor<br>Restrictions | Totals                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                                                     |                                  |                               |                            |
| <i>Local Revenue</i>                                               |                                  |                               |                            |
| 5740 Other Local Revenues                                          | \$ 21,286                        | \$ -                          | \$ 21,286                  |
| <i>State Program Revenue</i>                                       |                                  |                               |                            |
| 5810 Foundation School Program                                     | -                                | 2,062,126                     | 2,062,126                  |
| 5820 Through Texas Education Agency                                | -                                | 147,102                       | 147,102                    |
| <i>Federal Program Revenue</i>                                     |                                  |                               |                            |
| 5920 Through Texas Education Agency                                | -                                | 324,143                       | 324,143                    |
|                                                                    | 21,286                           | 2,533,371                     | 2,554,657                  |
| Net Assets Released from Restrictions                              | 2,539,485                        | (2,539,485)                   | -                          |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                                               | <u>2,560,771</u>                 | <u>(6,114)</u>                | <u>2,554,657</u>           |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                                    |                                  |                               |                            |
| <i>Program Activities</i>                                          |                                  |                               |                            |
| 11 Instruction                                                     | 1,484,011                        | -                             | 1,484,011                  |
| 13 Curriculum Development and<br>Instructional Student Development | 7,351                            | -                             | 7,351                      |
| 21 Instructional Leadership                                        | 68,436                           | -                             | 68,436                     |
| 23 School Leadership                                               | 61,056                           | -                             | 61,056                     |
| 31 Guidance and Counseling                                         | 31,084                           | -                             | 31,084                     |
| 35 Food Services                                                   | 31,195                           | -                             | 31,195                     |
| 36 Co and Extracurricular Activities                               | 36,993                           | -                             | 36,993                     |
| 51 Plant Maintenance                                               | 512,727                          | -                             | 512,727                    |
| 52 Security Monitoring                                             | 132,231                          | -                             | 132,231                    |
| <i>Supporting Services</i>                                         |                                  |                               |                            |
| 41 General Administration                                          | 174,401                          | -                             | 174,401                    |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                              | <u>2,539,485</u>                 | <u>-</u>                      | <u>2,539,485</u>           |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>                                        | 21,286                           | (6,114)                       | 15,172                     |
| <b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>                              | <u>195,618</u>                   | <u>1,700,287</u>              | <u>1,895,905</u>           |
| <b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>                                    | <u><u>\$ 216,904</u></u>         | <u><u>\$ 1,694,173</u></u>    | <u><u>\$ 1,911,077</u></u> |

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

HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

|                                                                    | Without<br>Donor<br>Restrictions | With<br>Donor<br>Restrictions | Totals                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                                                     |                                  |                               |                            |
| <i>Local Revenue</i>                                               |                                  |                               |                            |
| 5740 Other Local Revenues                                          | \$ 10,025                        | \$ -                          | \$ 10,025                  |
| <i>State Program Revenue</i>                                       |                                  |                               |                            |
| 5810 Foundation School Program                                     | -                                | 1,939,882                     | 1,939,882                  |
| 5820 Through Texas Education Agency                                | -                                | 131,284                       | 131,284                    |
| <i>Federal Program Revenue</i>                                     |                                  |                               |                            |
| 5920 Through Texas Education Agency                                | -                                | 603,858                       | 603,858                    |
|                                                                    | <u>10,025</u>                    | <u>2,675,024</u>              | <u>2,685,049</u>           |
| Net Assets Released from Restrictions                              | 2,642,799                        | (2,642,799)                   | -                          |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                                               | <u>2,652,824</u>                 | <u>32,225</u>                 | <u>2,685,049</u>           |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                                    |                                  |                               |                            |
| <i>Program Activities</i>                                          |                                  |                               |                            |
| 11 Instruction                                                     | 1,572,410                        | -                             | 1,572,410                  |
| 13 Curriculum Development and<br>Instructional Student Development | 17,477                           | -                             | 17,477                     |
| 21 Instructional Leadership                                        | 67,781                           | -                             | 67,781                     |
| 23 School Leadership                                               | 60,955                           | -                             | 60,955                     |
| 31 Guidance and Counseling                                         | 89,312                           | -                             | 89,312                     |
| 35 Food Services                                                   | 25,090                           | -                             | 25,090                     |
| 36 Co and Extracurricular Activities                               | 31,805                           | -                             | 31,805                     |
| 51 Plant Maintenance                                               | 487,262                          | -                             | 487,262                    |
| 52 Security Monitoring                                             | 115,109                          | -                             | 115,109                    |
| <i>Supporting Services</i>                                         |                                  |                               |                            |
| 41 General Administration                                          | 175,598                          | -                             | 175,598                    |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                              | <u>2,642,799</u>                 | <u>-</u>                      | <u>2,642,799</u>           |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>                                        | 10,025                           | 32,225                        | 42,250                     |
| <b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>                              | <u>185,593</u>                   | <u>1,668,062</u>              | <u>1,853,655</u>           |
| <b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>                                    | <u><u>\$ 195,618</u></u>         | <u><u>\$ 1,700,287</u></u>    | <u><u>\$ 1,895,905</u></u> |

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HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

|                                                                    | Payroll<br>and<br>Benefits | Professional<br>and Contracted<br>Services | Supplies<br>and<br>Materials | Other<br>Operating<br>Costs | Totals                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Program Activities</i>                                          |                            |                                            |                              |                             |                            |
| 11 Instruction                                                     | \$ 1,251,584               | \$ 139,399                                 | \$ 78,200                    | \$ 14,828                   | \$ 1,484,011               |
| 13 Curriculum Development and<br>Instructional Student Development | -                          | 5,351                                      | 500                          | 1,500                       | 7,351                      |
| 21 Instructional Leadership                                        | 66,936                     | -                                          | 1,500                        | -                           | 68,436                     |
| 23 School Leadership                                               | 58,556                     | -                                          | 2,500                        | -                           | 61,056                     |
| 31 Guidance and Counseling                                         | 31,084                     | -                                          | -                            | -                           | 31,084                     |
| 35 Food Services                                                   | -                          | 30,816                                     | 379                          | -                           | 31,195                     |
| 36 Co and Extracurricular Activities                               | 3,001                      | 10,555                                     | 5,973                        | 17,464                      | 36,993                     |
| 51 Plant Maintenance                                               | -                          | 461,810                                    | 16,442                       | 34,475                      | 512,727                    |
| 52 Security Monitoring                                             | 11,291                     | 73,348                                     | 47,592                       | -                           | 132,231                    |
| <i>Total Program Services</i>                                      | <u>1,422,452</u>           | <u>721,279</u>                             | <u>153,086</u>               | <u>68,267</u>               | <u>2,365,084</u>           |
| <i>Supporting Services</i>                                         |                            |                                            |                              |                             |                            |
| 41 General Administration                                          | <u>95,780</u>              | <u>57,588</u>                              | <u>7,254</u>                 | <u>13,779</u>               | <u>174,401</u>             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                       | <u><u>\$ 1,518,232</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 778,867</u></u>                   | <u><u>\$ 160,340</u></u>     | <u><u>\$ 82,046</u></u>     | <u><u>\$ 2,539,485</u></u> |

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HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

|                                                                    | Payroll<br>and<br>Benefits | Professional<br>and Contracted<br>Services | Supplies<br>and<br>Materials | Other<br>Operating<br>Costs | Totals                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Program Activities</i>                                          |                            |                                            |                              |                             |                            |
| 11 Instruction                                                     | \$ 1,243,454               | \$ 204,078                                 | \$ 109,562                   | \$ 15,316                   | \$ 1,572,410               |
| 13 Curriculum Development and<br>Instructional Student Development | -                          | 16,977                                     | 500                          | -                           | 17,477                     |
| 21 Instructional Leadership                                        | 66,281                     | -                                          | 1,500                        | -                           | 67,781                     |
| 23 School Leadership                                               | 58,455                     | -                                          | 2,500                        | -                           | 60,955                     |
| 31 Guidance and Counseling                                         | 89,312                     | -                                          | -                            | -                           | 89,312                     |
| 35 Food Services                                                   | -                          | 25,090                                     | -                            | -                           | 25,090                     |
| 36 Co and Extracurricular Activities                               | 2,649                      | 9,495                                      | 1,587                        | 18,074                      | 31,805                     |
| 51 Plant Maintenance                                               | -                          | 437,664                                    | 17,958                       | 31,640                      | 487,262                    |
| 52 Security Monitoring                                             | -                          | 33,435                                     | 81,674                       | -                           | 115,109                    |
| <i>Total Program Services</i>                                      | <u>1,460,151</u>           | <u>726,739</u>                             | <u>215,281</u>               | <u>65,030</u>               | <u>2,467,201</u>           |
| <i>Supporting Services</i>                                         |                            |                                            |                              |                             |                            |
| 41 General Administration                                          | <u>102,614</u>             | <u>56,996</u>                              | <u>3,776</u>                 | <u>12,212</u>               | <u>175,598</u>             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                       | <u><u>\$ 1,562,765</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 783,735</u></u>                   | <u><u>\$ 219,057</u></u>     | <u><u>\$ 77,242</u></u>     | <u><u>\$ 2,642,799</u></u> |

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HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023

|                                                                                                            | <u>2024</u>                | <u>2023</u>                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED (USED) BY<br/>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                                              |                            |                            |
| Cash Received from State and Federal Grantors                                                              | \$ 2,601,873               | \$ 2,640,970               |
| Cash Received from Others                                                                                  | 21,286                     | 10,025                     |
| Payments to Employees for Services                                                                         | (1,516,313)                | (1,581,605)                |
| Payments to Vendors for Goods and Services                                                                 | <u>(1,030,259)</u>         | <u>(1,088,353)</u>         |
| <b>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY<br/>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                                                | <u>76,587</u>              | <u>(18,963)</u>            |
| <b>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED (USED) BY<br/>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                                              |                            |                            |
| Interest Reinvested in Certificate of Deposit                                                              | <u>(21,280)</u>            | <u>(10,025)</u>            |
| <b>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY<br/>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                                                | <u>(21,280)</u>            | <u>(10,025)</u>            |
| <b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>                                                                     | 55,307                     | (28,988)                   |
| <b>BEGINNING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>                                                                 | <u>1,418,426</u>           | <u>1,447,414</u>           |
| <b>ENDING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>                                                                    | <u><u>\$ 1,473,733</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 1,418,426</u></u> |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS<br/>TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY<br/>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b> |                            |                            |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets                                                                          | \$ 15,172                  | \$ 42,250                  |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash<br>provided by (used in) operating activities:   |                            |                            |
| Depreciation                                                                                               | 9,604                      | 9,604                      |
| (Increase) Decrease in Assets:                                                                             |                            |                            |
| Accounts Receivable:                                                                                       |                            |                            |
| Grants                                                                                                     | 68,502                     | (34,054)                   |
| Prepaid Expenses                                                                                           | 8,090                      | (13,221)                   |
| Right of Use Operating Lease Asset Amortization                                                            | 304,449                    | 481,570                    |
| Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:                                                                        |                            |                            |
| Accounts Payable                                                                                           | (10,873)                   | 6,621                      |
| Payroll Deductions and Withholdings                                                                        | 938                        | (131)                      |
| Wages Payable                                                                                              | 981                        | (18,709)                   |
| Operating Lease Liability                                                                                  | <u>(320,276)</u>           | <u>(492,893)</u>           |
| <b>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY<br/>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                                                | <u><u>\$ 76,587</u></u>    | <u><u>\$ (18,963)</u></u>  |

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

HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AUGUST 31, 2024

NOTE 1 -- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

*Reporting Entity*

Foundation for Recovering Youth (doing business as Houston Heights High School) is a Texas nonprofit corporation that operates an open-enrollment charter school, serving ninth through twelfth grade on one campus in Houston, Texas. The State Board of Education of the State of Texas approved the open-enrollment charter, pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Texas Education Code (“TEC”). Foundation for Recovering Youth is governed by a three member Board of Directors, which has the authority to make decisions, appoint the chief executive officer, and has the primary accountability for the fiscal affairs of the school.

Foundation for Recovering Youth receives the majority of its funding from the Texas Education Agency based on average daily attendance in the school it operates. Since this includes funding from local, state, and federal government sources, Foundation for Recovering Youth must comply with the requirements of the entities providing those funds.

*Basis of Accounting and Presentation*

The general-purpose financial statements of Foundation for Recovering Youth 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. The accompanying general-purpose financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence and nature or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

*Without Donor Restrictions* – net assets that are not subject to grantor or donor-imposed stipulations.

*With Donor Restrictions* – net assets subject to grantor or donor-imposed stipulations that may be met either by actions of Foundation for Recovering Youth and/or passage of time or may be required to remain in perpetuity.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

For financial statement purposes, Foundation for Recovering Youth considers all highly liquid investment instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash.

*Investments*

Foundation for Recovering Youth invests in certificates of deposit that are reported at amortized cost.

HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)  
AUGUST 31, 2024

NOTE 1 -- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT.)

*Contributions*

Foundation for Recovering Youth accounts for contributions as with or without donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor stipulations. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are 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 restrictions are reclassified to net assets without restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Promises to give are recognized when communication of the promise is made if the gift is unconditional. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions are met.

*Capital Assets*

Capital assets are defined by Foundation for Recovering Youth as assets with a useful life greater than one year and an individual cost of more than \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost (or fair value if donated) and are depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method of depreciation. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of the life of the lease or the expected useful life.

*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.

*Functional Expenses*

Foundation for Recovering Youth records expenses in accordance with the Texas Education Agency's chart of accounts outlined in the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide. Indirect expenses are generally recorded as administrative expenses. Administrative expenses include the office of the superintendent, legal and accounting fees.

*Income Taxes*

Foundation for Recovering Youth is a not-for-profit organization exempt from federal income taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, except to the extent that it has unrelated business income. No provision for income taxes has been made in the financial statements.

*Subsequent Events*

Subsequent events were considered through December 3, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT.)  
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NOTE 2 -- CASH

Bank deposits as of August 31, 2024 were collateralized by a combination of FDIC coverage and securities pledged by the depository.

NOTE 3 -- ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts Receivable at August 31, 2024 consisted of funding from the following programs:

|                               | 2024             | 2023             |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Texas Education Agency</i> |                  |                  |
| Foundation School Program     | \$ 25,397        | \$ 12,664        |
| Other Programs                | 4,523            | 52,131           |
| <i>Other Entities</i>         |                  |                  |
| IDEA-B Special Education      | -                | 33,627           |
| Total Accounts Receivable     | <u>\$ 29,920</u> | <u>\$ 98,422</u> |

NOTE 4 -- CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets at August 31 were as follows:

|                                | 2024             | 2023             |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Leasehold Improvements         | \$ 587,779       | 587,779          |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(548,244)</u> | <u>(538,640)</u> |
| Property and Equipment - Net   | <u>\$ 39,535</u> | <u>\$ 49,139</u> |

Capital assets acquired with public funds received by Foundation for Recovering Youth for the operation of the open-enrollment charter school constitute public property pursuant to Charter 12 of the Texas Education Code. These assets are specifically identified on the Schedule of Capital Assets. Should the charter school be closed, these assets may revert to the Texas Education Agency. Depreciation expense was \$9,604 and \$9,604 for the years ending August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTE 5 -- NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

As of August 31, 2024 and 2023, Foundation for Recovering Youth net assets with donor restrictions consisted solely of unspent Foundation School Program revenues. These revenues are restricted for the operation of the open-enrollment charter school, Foundation for Recovering Youth's primary function.



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AUGUST 31, 2024

NOTE 5 -- NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS (CONT.)

Releases of net assets with donor restrictions during the year ending August 31 were from the following purpose restrictions:

| <i>Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions</i> | 2024                | 2023                |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Foundation School Program                   | \$ 2,068,240        | \$ 1,907,657        |
| ESSER                                       | 181,185             | 419,850             |
| Every Student Succeeds Act                  | 88,468              | 131,600             |
| Special Education                           | 36,272              | 33,627              |
| Other Federal and Local Programs            | 165,320             | 150,065             |
| <i>Total Released from Restriction</i>      | <u>\$ 2,539,485</u> | <u>\$ 2,642,799</u> |

NOTE 6 -- PENSION PLAN OBLIGATION

The charter school contributes to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with one exception: all risks and costs are not shared by the charter school, but are the liability of the State of Texas. Charters are legally separate entities from the State and there is no withdrawal penalty for leaving TRS. TRS administers retirement and disability annuities, and death and survivor benefits to employees and beneficiaries of employees of the public school systems of Texas. It operates primarily under the provisions of the Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Sec. 67, and Texas Government code, Title 8, Chapters 803 and 805, respectively. The Texas State Legislature has the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the pension plan and may, under certain circumstances, grant special authority to the TRS Board of Trustees. TRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the defined benefit plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the TRS Communications Department, 1000 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78701 or by calling the TRS Communications Department at 1-800-223-8778, or by downloading the report from the TRS website, [www.trs.state.tx.us](http://www.trs.state.tx.us), under the TRS Publications Heading.

The plan financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2023 reported a plan net position of \$187 billion with a total pension liability of \$256 billion. Net position of the plan represented 73.1% of the total pension liability.

Contribution requirements are not actuarially determined but are established and amended by the Texas State Legislature. The state funding policy is as follows: (1) the state constitution requires the 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 of all members of the system; (2) a state statute prohibits benefit improvements or contribution reductions if, as a result of a 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 1 year, the period would be increased by such action.

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AUGUST 31, 2024

NOTE 6 -- PENSION PLAN OBLIGATION (CONT.)

The following table presents contribution rates and amounts:

|                         | <u>Member</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Employer</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2024 Contribution Rates | 8.25%         | 8.25%        | 8.25%           |
| 2024 Contributions      | \$109,387     | \$ 79,776    | \$ 56,827       |
| 2023 Contribution Rates | 8.00%         | 8.00%        | 8.00%           |
| 2023 Contributions      | \$108,667     | \$108,667    | \$ 47,336       |

Certain employer contributions are made by the state for salaries funded through state programs. Contributions for the year were less than 5% of all TRS contributions.

NOTE 7 -- RETIREE HEALTH PLAN – OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

TRS also offers retiree health insurance, called TRS-Care, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment health care plan. Qualified retirees (and their dependents) receive health insurance paid for by the plan. The statutory authority for the program is Texas Insurance Code, Chapter 1575. The State, employees and employers contribute a portion of covered payroll.

The plan financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2023 reported a plan net position of \$3.9 billion with a total OPEB liability of \$26 billion. Net position of the plan represented 14.9% of the total OPEB liability.

Contribution requirements are not actuarially determined but are established each biennium by the Texas State Legislature. The Contribution rates and amounts were as follows:

|                         | <u>Member</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Employer</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2024 Contribution Rates | 0.65%         | 1.25%        | 0.75%           |
| 2024 Contributions      | \$ 8,618      | \$ 14,212    | \$ 12,306       |
| 2023 Contribution Rates | 0.65%         | 1.25%        | 0.75%           |
| 2023 Contributions      | \$ 8,829      | \$ 16,979    | \$ 10,187       |

Foundation for Recovering Youth is required to contribute 0.75% of all covered salaries. Additional contributions are required for salaries funded through certain private and federal grants.

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NOTE 8 -- LEASE

In December 2015, the Organization signed a lease for ten years for its campus location. The lease requires monthly payments and includes no renewal or purchase options. In previous years, the lease required the lessee to also be responsible for property taxes. However, the property is now tax exempt. Lease costs for the year ending August 31 are as follows:

|                                        | <u>2024</u>       | <u>2023</u>       |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Lease Costs                            |                   |                   |
| Operating Lease Cost                   | <u>\$ 325,384</u> | <u>\$ 325,384</u> |
| Other Information for Operating Leases |                   |                   |
| Cash Paid                              | \$ 341,211        | \$ 336,168        |
| Remaining Lease Term                   | 15 months         | 27 months         |
| Discount Rate                          | 3.50%             | 3.50%             |

Future payments on the lease liability are as follows:

| Year Ending<br>August 31, | <u>Future Lease Payments</u> |                 |                   |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|                           | <u>Principal</u>             | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u>      |
| 2025                      | 336,868                      | 9,461           | 346,329           |
| 2026                      | 86,399                       | 504             | 86,903            |
|                           | <u>\$ 423,267</u>            | <u>\$ 9,965</u> | <u>\$ 433,232</u> |

NOTE 9 -- LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

Foundation for Recovering Youth is substantially supported by the State of Texas Foundation School Program (FSP) which is based on student enrollment. While restricted by law, Foundation for Recovering Youth considers the FSP as available for operations since the charter school is the primary program of Foundation for Recovering Youth. The following schedule summarizes resources available to fund Foundation for Recovering Youth operations as of August 31, 2024:

|                                                        |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Current Assets:</i>                                 |                     |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                              | \$ 1,473,733        |
| Certificates of Deposit                                | 453,533             |
| Accounts Receivable                                    | 29,920              |
| <i>Current Liabilities:</i>                            | (483,502)           |
| <i>Less Net Assets with Donor Imposed Restrictions</i> |                     |
| Restrictions Other than Foundation School Program      | <u>-</u>            |
| <i>Available to Fund Operations</i>                    | <u>\$ 1,473,684</u> |

In addition, an initial FSP allotment of \$2.0 million will be available to fund the 2025 fiscal year.

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AUGUST 31, 2024

NOTE 10 -- COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Foundation for Recovering Youth receives 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 agency. The programs administered by the charter school 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 agency.

NOTE 11 -- LITIGATION

Management is unaware of any pending or threatened litigation that would result in any significant financial impact.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

**EXPENSES**

|                                           |                            |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 6100 Payroll                              | \$ 1,518,232               |
| 6200 Professional and Contracted Services | 778,867                    |
| 6300 Supplies and Materials               | 160,340                    |
| 6400 Other Operating Costs                | <u>82,046</u>              |
| Total Expenses                            | <u><u>\$ 2,539,485</u></u> |

HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS  
AUGUST 31, 2024

|                                                       | <u>Local</u> | <u>State</u>        | <u>Federal</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1110 Cash                                             | \$ -         | \$ 1,473,733        | \$ -           |
| 1120 Certificates of Deposit                          | -            | 453,533             | -              |
| 1510 Land and Improvements                            | -            | -                   | -              |
| 1520 Buildings                                        | -            | 587,779             | -              |
| 1531 Vehicles                                         | -            | -                   | -              |
| 1539 Furniture and Equipment                          | -            | -                   | -              |
| 1554 Right of Use Asset Operating Lease for Buildings | -            | 396,764             | -              |
| Total Property and Equipment                          | <u>\$ -</u>  | <u>\$ 2,911,809</u> | <u>\$ -</u>    |

HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

|                                                                    | Budgeted Amounts           |                            | Actual                     | Variance                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                                    | Original                   | Final                      | Amounts                    | from<br>Final Budget    |
| <b>REVENUE</b>                                                     |                            |                            |                            |                         |
| <i>Local Revenue</i>                                               |                            |                            |                            |                         |
| 5740 Other Local Revenues                                          | \$ 10,000                  | \$ 21,000                  | \$ 21,286                  | \$ 286                  |
| <i>State Program Revenues</i>                                      |                            |                            |                            |                         |
| 5810 Foundation School Program                                     | 1,860,000                  | 2,027,000                  | 2,062,126                  | 35,126                  |
| 5820 Through Texas Education Agency                                | 180,323                    | 142,488                    | 147,102                    | 4,614                   |
| <i>Federal Program Revenues</i>                                    |                            |                            |                            |                         |
| 5920 Through Texas Education Agency                                | 317,168                    | 324,243                    | 324,143                    | (100)                   |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                                               | <u>2,367,491</u>           | <u>2,514,731</u>           | <u>2,554,657</u>           | <u>39,926</u>           |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                                    |                            |                            |                            |                         |
| 11 Instruction                                                     | 1,460,554                  | 1,463,825                  | 1,484,011                  | (20,186)                |
| 13 Curriculum Development and<br>Instructional Student Development | 7,500                      | 9,000                      | 7,351                      | 1,649                   |
| 21 Instructional Leadership                                        | 72,535                     | 72,535                     | 68,436                     | 4,099                   |
| 23 School Leadership                                               | 62,500                     | 62,500                     | 61,056                     | 1,444                   |
| 31 Guidance and Counseling                                         | 26,800                     | 26,800                     | 31,084                     | (4,284)                 |
| 35 Food Services                                                   | 26,000                     | 31,400                     | 31,195                     | 205                     |
| 36 Co and Extracurricular Activities                               | 29,900                     | 33,200                     | 36,993                     | (3,793)                 |
| 41 General Administration                                          | 153,963                    | 170,400                    | 174,401                    | (4,001)                 |
| 51 Plant Maintenance                                               | 523,354                    | 533,354                    | 512,727                    | 20,627                  |
| 52 Security and Monitoring                                         | 154,594                    | 138,025                    | 132,231                    | 5,794                   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                              | <u>2,517,700</u>           | <u>2,541,039</u>           | <u>2,539,485</u>           | <u>1,554</u>            |
| <br>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS                                           | <br>(150,209)              | <br>(26,308)               | <br>15,172                 | <br>41,480              |
| <br><b>BEGINNING NET ASSETS</b>                                    | <br><u>1,895,905</u>       | <br><u>1,895,905</u>       | <br><u>1,895,905</u>       | <br><u>-</u>            |
| <b>ENDING NET ASSETS</b>                                           | <u><u>\$ 1,745,696</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 1,869,597</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 1,911,077</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 41,480</u></u> |

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HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

BUDGETARY APPROACH

Foundation for Recovering Youth begins the year with known revenue streams in the budget. As federal and other grants are awarded, the budget is amended to include the new revenue and related expenses. This will cause the final budget to be substantially higher than the original budget. For the year ending August 31, 2024, this resulted in increases of 10% or more to the following functional budgets:

- 13 Curriculum Development and Instructional Student Development
- 35 Food Service
- 36 Co and Extracurricular Activities
- 41 General Administration

BUDGETARY VARIANCES

Expenses in the following functions exceeded the final budget by 10%:

- 31 Guidance and Counseling – Guidance payroll exceeded expectations
- 36 Co and Extracurricular Activities – Professional services for the prom as well as travel for sports exceeded expectations

HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
SPECIAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE  
AUGUST 31, 2024

| Data<br>Control<br>Codes |                                                                                                                                     | <u>Responses</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
|                          | <b><u>Section A: Compensatory Education Programs</u></b>                                                                            |                  |
| AP1                      | Did your LEA expend any state compensatory education program state allotment funds during the District's 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 District's fiscal year.          | \$ 252,885       |
| AP4                      | List the actual direct program expenditures for state compensatory education during the LEA's fiscal year (PICs 24, 26, 28, 29, 30) | \$ 151,175       |
|                          | <b><u>Section B: Bilingual Education Programs</u></b>                                                                               |                  |
| AP5                      | Did your LEA expend any bilingual education program state allotment funds during the LEA's fiscal year?                             | No               |
| 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.                        | \$ -             |
| AP8                      | List the actual direct program expenditures for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. (PICs 25)                | \$ -             |

HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHEDULE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP INTEREST  
AUGUST 31, 2024

Not Applicable

HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHEDULE OF RELATED PARTY COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS  
AUGUST 31, 2024

Not Applicable

HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHEDULE OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS  
AUGUST 31, 2024

| Related<br>Party<br>Name | Name of<br>Relation of<br>the Related<br>Party | Relationship | Type of<br>Transaction | Description<br>of Terms and<br>Conditions | Source<br>of Funds<br>Used | Payment<br>Frequency | Total Paid<br>During<br>Fiscal Year |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Constance<br>Singleton   | N/A                                            | Board Member | Retainer               | Monthly                                   | State                      | Annual               | \$ 3,000                            |

See Independent Auditor's Report.

**COMPLIANCE AND  
INTERNAL CONTROL**



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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*

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Houston Heights High School (Foundation for Recovering Youth)  
Houston, Texas

We have audited 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, the combined financial statements of Foundation for Recovering Youth, which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 3, 2024.

***Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Foundation for Recovering Youth's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Foundation for Recovering Youth's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Foundation for Recovering Youth's internal control.

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

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

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

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

### **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.

December 3, 2024