

LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
ROSTER OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Governing Board
Littleton Preparatory Charter School
Littleton, Colorado

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Littleton Preparatory Charter School, a component unit of Arapahoe County School District Number Six, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the entity's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Littleton Preparatory Charter School as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 6, 2017 on our consideration of Littleton Preparatory Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Littleton Preparatory Charter School's 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 Littleton Preparatory Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Greenwood Village, Colorado
October 6, 2017

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

As management of Littleton Preparatory Charter School (the School), we offer readers of the School financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Financial Highlights

The School's liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by (\$9,362,468). This is largely due to the implementation of accounting pronouncement GASB 68 during fiscal year 2015 (see Note 7 of the Financial Statements).

At the close of the fiscal year the School's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$2,004,934.

Overview of Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements. The School's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements; 2) fund financial statements; and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the School's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the School's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the School is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the School's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows during future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected grant revenues and earned but unpaid salaries and benefits).

The government-wide statement of activities distinguishes functions/programs of the School supported primarily by per pupil revenue (PPR) or property taxes passed through from Arapahoe County School District Number Six (the District). The governmental activities of the School include instruction and supporting services expenses.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9-10 of this report.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The School, like other governmental units or charter schools, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the School are included as one category: governmental funds.

Governmental Funds: Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the School's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the School's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The School maintains two individual governmental funds, the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund. They are presented separately in the fund financial statements as they are classified as major funds.

The School adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

The Littleton Preparatory Charter School Building Corporation (the Building Corporation) is a nonprofit finance organization whose sole purpose is to acquire and lease facilities to the School for governmental use. The Building Corporation provides services entirely to the School. Due to this relationship, the Building Corporation is reported as if it were part of or blended with the School's operations as a Special Revenue Fund.

Notes to the Financial Statements: The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. This information is provided in pages 14-31.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the School, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by (\$9,362,468) due to the implementation of accounting pronouncement GASB 68 during fiscal year 2015 (see Note 7 in the Financial Statements).

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	June 30,	
	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 2,271,885	\$ 2,316,895
Capital Assets	6,597,058	6,521,532
Total Assets	8,868,943	8,838,427
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Pension Outflows of Resources	6,679,788	1,075,451
Total Deferred Outflow of Resources	6,679,788	1,075,451
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	426,213	432,017
Noncurrent Liabilities	24,322,415	15,739,303
Total Liabilities	24,748,628	16,171,320
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Pension Inflows of Resources	162,571	121,995
Total Deferred Inflow of Resources	162,571	121,995
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	(54,537)	(41,053)
Restricted	421,485	419,052
Unrestricted	(9,729,416)	(6,757,436)
Total Net Position	\$ (9,362,468)	\$ (6,379,437)

\$421,485 of the School's net position is restricted for emergencies, debt service, and repair and replacement of the building. The majority of the School's net position is unrestricted. The School's overall net position decreased by (\$2,983,031) during this fiscal year, which is largely due to net pension liability reported as required by GASB Statement No. 68. Additional information on the pension liability can be found in Note 7 to the School's financial statements.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

Condensed Statement of Activities

	Years Ended	
	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>
Program Revenue:		
Charges for Services	\$ 390,819	\$ 405,125
Operating Grants and Contributions	53,130	69,975
Capital Grants and Contributions	149,518	142,687
Total Program Revenue	<u>593,467</u>	<u>617,787</u>
General Revenue:		
Per Pupil Revenue	3,848,321	3,884,888
District Mill Levy	376,068	376,068
Investment Income	11,882	6,215
Other	159,095	153,186
Total General Revenue	<u>4,395,366</u>	<u>4,420,357</u>
Total Revenue	<u>4,988,833</u>	<u>5,038,144</u>
Expenses:		
Current:		
Instructional	5,921,932	3,539,216
Supporting Services	1,702,256	1,279,768
Interest on Long-Term Debt	347,676	353,572
Total Expenses	<u>7,971,864</u>	<u>5,172,556</u>
Change in Net Position	(2,983,031)	(134,412)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>(6,379,437)</u>	<u>(6,245,025)</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ (9,362,468)</u>	<u>\$ (6,379,437)</u>

Program and general revenues decreased \$49,311 from fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2017 due to decrease in enrollment. Over the same period, instruction expenses and supporting services expenses increased \$2,805,204 due primarily to increase in pension expense.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the School uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds: The focus of the School's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the School's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the School's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

Total revenues of the General Fund were \$4,988,333 during fiscal year 2017 with \$3,848,321 (77%) related to Per Pupil Revenue (PPR). During the current year of operations, the School reported a student count of 538.5. PPR increased by \$98.31 or 1.4% per student from fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2017. Mill Levy Overrides continue to be received through the District as a component of local revenue. Earnings on investments and student fees were received in support of the general operation of the School. Field trip and community service activities were processed through the School's General Fund with minimal impact to ending fund balance. Total revenue decreased 1.0% overall from the prior year.

Total expenditures of the General Fund were \$5,025,872 for fiscal year 2017 (including transfers). Salaries and benefits were \$3,453,229, purchased services and other expenditures were \$1,507,570. Total expenditures increased by \$125,154 from prior-year reporting.

During fiscal year 2013, the School established and began reporting the Special Revenue Fund, to account for activity related to acquisition, financing and construction of the School's new facility. The fund's fiscal year 2017 activity included primarily debt service interest on bonds of \$353,250 and principal of \$120,000.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The School approves a budget no later than June, based on enrollment projections for the following school year and submits it to the District for approval. Actual revenues were greater than budgeted revenues by \$4,456. Actual expenditures, including transfers out, were greater than budgeted expenditures by \$20,198. See the notes to the supplementary information for additional information.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets: At June 30, 2017, the School's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation is \$6,597,058, which represents an increase of \$75,526 compared to June 30, 2016, due to the addition of fire, security and technology improvements and new playground equipment, offset by current year depreciation expense.

Long-term debt: At June 30, 2017, the School's long-term debt is \$7,131,844, which represents a decrease of \$125,074 from the prior year, due to amortization of the loan premium and payment of principal.

Additional information on capital assets and long-term debt can be found in Notes 3 and 5, respectively, to the School's financial statements.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget:

The primary aspect driving the budget for the School is the future of the Colorado state budget and related Per Pupil Revenue for K-12 education. The School has been conservative when preparing its three year budget, in anticipation of unpredictable state funding. The School continues to monitor the state legislature and economic news, and is confident in their preparation for potential funding challenges in the years to come.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Littleton Preparatory Charter School's finances for all those with an interest in the School. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

Littleton Preparatory Charter School
5301 S. Bannock St.
Littleton, CO 80120

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2017**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,489,062
Restricted Cash and Investments	782,823
Capital Assets, Not Depreciated	870,000
Capital Assets, Depreciated, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>5,727,058</u>
Total Assets	8,868,943
 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Pension Outflows of Resources	<u>6,679,788</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	6,679,788
 LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	15,036
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	225,745
Unearned Revenue	26,170
Accrued Interest	29,188
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Due in One Year	130,074
Due in More Than One Year	7,001,770
Net Pension Liability	<u>17,320,645</u>
Total Liabilities	24,748,628
 DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Pension Inflows of Resources	<u>162,571</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>162,571</u>
 NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	(54,537)
Restricted:	
Emergencies	148,100
Debt Service	113,385
Repair and Replacement	160,000
Unrestricted	<u>(9,729,416)</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ (9,362,468)</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities					
Instructional	\$ 5,921,932	\$ -	\$ 53,130	\$ -	\$ (5,868,802)
Supporting Services	1,702,256	390,819	-	149,518	(1,161,919)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	347,676	-	-	-	(347,676)
Total Government Activities	\$ 7,971,864	\$ 390,819	\$ 53,130	\$ 149,518	(7,378,397)
		General Revenues:			
					3,848,321
					376,068
					11,882
					159,095
					4,395,366
		CHANGE IN NET POSITION			(2,983,031)
		Net Position - Beginning of Year			(6,379,437)
		NET POSITION - END OF YEAR			\$ (9,362,468)

See accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017**

ASSETS	General	Special Revenue	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,489,062	\$ -	\$ 1,489,062
Restricted Cash and Investments	-	782,823	782,823
Total Assets	\$ 1,489,062	\$ 782,823	\$ 2,271,885
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 15,036	\$ -	\$ 15,036
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	225,745	-	225,745
Unearned Revenue	26,170	-	26,170
Total Liabilities	266,951	-	266,951
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted:			
Emergencies	148,100	-	148,100
Debt Service	-	622,823	622,823
Repair and Replacement	-	160,000	160,000
Assigned:			
Working Capital	537,080	-	537,080
Unassigned	536,931	-	536,931
Total Fund Balances	1,222,111	782,823	2,004,934
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 1,489,062	\$ 782,823	\$ 2,271,885

Amounts reported to governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds	\$ 2,004,934
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	6,597,058
Long-term liabilities, including loans payable, are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Revenue Bonds Payable	(7,005,000)
Premium on Bonds Payable	(126,844)
Accrued Interest Payable	(29,188)
Net Pension Liability	(17,320,645)
Deferred pension outflows of resources used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	6,679,788
Deferred pension inflows of resources used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	(162,571)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ (9,362,468)

See accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

	General	Special Revenue	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Per Pupil Revenue	\$ 3,848,321	\$ -	\$ 3,848,321
District Mill Levy	376,068	-	376,068
Charges for Services	390,819	-	390,819
Contributions	53,130	-	53,130
Intergovernmental Revenue	149,518	-	149,518
Other Revenue	159,095	-	159,095
Investment Income	11,382	500	11,882
Total Revenues	4,988,333	500	4,988,833
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instructional	3,197,521	-	3,197,521
Supporting Services	1,287,695	-	1,287,695
Capital Outlay	65,073	-	65,073
Debt Service:			
Principal	-	120,000	120,000
Interest	-	353,250	353,250
Total Expenditures	4,550,289	473,250	5,023,539
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	438,044	(472,750)	(34,706)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers In	-	475,583	475,583
Transfers Out	(475,583)	-	(475,583)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(475,583)	475,583	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(37,539)	2,833	(34,706)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	1,259,650	779,990	2,039,640
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,222,111	\$ 782,823	\$ 2,004,934

See accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

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

Net Change in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds	\$	(34,706)
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Capital outlays to purchase or construct capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are capitalized in the statement of net position and are allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense in the statement of activities:

Capital Outlay		41,090
Contributed Assets		164,304
Depreciation Expense		(129,868)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.

Principal Payments		120,000
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Governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:

Amortization of Premium		5,074
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Interest payable on debt is not recorded on the fund statements because it is not a current use of cash. Interest is accrued on the government-wide statements since the liability is to be paid in the near term.

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Some items reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. The (increases) decreases in these activities consist of:

Pension Expense		<u>(3,149,425)</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ (2,983,031)</u></u>
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**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2017**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Littleton Preparatory Charter School (the School) was organized pursuant to the Colorado Charter Schools Act to form and operate a charter school within the Arapahoe County School District Number Six (the District). The School began operations in the fall of 1998.

The accounting policies of the School conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and reporting principles. Following is a summary of the more significant policies.

Financial Reporting Entity

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has specified the criteria to be used in defining a governmental entity for financial reporting purposes:

The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a governmental department, agency, institution, commission, public authority or other governmental organization in a governmental unit's reporting entity for general purpose financial reports is the exercise of financial accountability over such agencies by the governmental unit's elected officials. Financial accountability is derived from the governmental unit's power and includes, but is not limited to, financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. Financial accountability implies that a governmental unit is dependent on another and the dependent unit should be reported as part of the other.

The School's charter was granted by the District and the majority of the School's funding is provided by the District. The School has been determined to be a component unit of the District.

Blended Component Unit

The Littleton Preparatory Charter School Building Corporation (the Building Corporation) is a nonprofit finance organization whose sole purpose is to acquire and lease facilities to the School for governmental use. The Building Corporation provides services entirely to the School. Due to the above relationships, the Building Corporation is reported as if it were part of or blended with the School's operations as a special revenue fund. No separate financial statements for the Building Corporation have been issued.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the School. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues, are reported in a single column.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2017**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of the given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Other items not properly included as program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the School are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The major funds presented in the accompanying basic financial statements are as follows:

Major Governmental Funds

General Fund – This fund is the general operating fund of the School. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund – This fund is used to account for the activity of the Building Corporation.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, operating statements present increases and decreases in net current assets and fund balance as a measure of available spendable resources. This means that only current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets.

All governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined and “available” means collectible within the current period, or soon thereafter, to pay liabilities of the current period. Revenues are considered to be available if collected within 30 days after year-end; 90 days for grants.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation
(Continued)**

Grants and entitlement revenues are recognized when compliance with matching requirements is met. A receivable is established when the related expenditures exceed revenue receipts and an unearned revenue or deferred inflow account is established when receipts exceed the related expenditures.

Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the School's policy to use restricted resources first and the unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance/Net Position

Investments – Investments are reported at fair value.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at acquisition cost or estimated acquisition cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition cost value at the date of donation.

Depreciation of exhaustible capital assets is charged as an expense against operations, and accumulated depreciation is reported on the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements.

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

Building	50 years
Building improvements	10-25 years
Equipment	5-20 years

Long-term Debt – In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method and issuance costs are expensed. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as current expenditures.

Net Position – In the government-wide financial statements, net position is restricted when constraints placed on the net position are externally imposed.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Balance Classification – The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the School is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

- Nonspendable – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent either because they are not in a spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The School did not have any nonspendable resources as of June 30, 2017.
- Restricted – This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The School has classified Emergency Reserves as being restricted because their use is restricted by State Statute for declared emergencies. Restricted balances relate to Emergency Reserves in the General Fund and required debt restrictions in the Special Revenue Fund.
- Committed – This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Governing Board.

These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Governing Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (i.e. resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

The School did not have any committed resources as of June 30, 2017.

- Assigned – This classification includes amounts that are subject to a purpose constraint that represents an intended use, but does not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. The purpose of this assignment must be narrower than the purpose of the General Fund. The School had \$537,080 of assigned resources as of June 30, 2017.
- Unassigned – This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, the School would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed then assigned, then unassigned.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. See Note 7 for deferred pension outflows of resources.

In addition to liabilities, the District's financial statements will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. See Note 7 for the deferred pension inflows of resources.

NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The following is a summary of cash and investments at June 30, 2017 as follows:

Cash Held by the District	\$ 1,489,062
Investment	782,823
Total	<u>\$ 2,271,885</u>

Cash and investments are reported in the financial statements at June 30, 2017 as follows:

Cash and Investments	\$ 1,489,062
Restricted Cash and Investments	782,823
Total	<u>\$ 2,271,885</u>

Deposits

The School's deposits are governed by Colorado statute. The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool for all uninsured public deposits as a group is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust. The fair value of the collateral must be at least equal to the aggregate uninsured deposits.

The State Regulatory Commissions for banks and financial services are required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

At June 30, 2017, the School's cash held by the District includes equity in pooled cash maintained by the District, all of which was covered by federal depository insurance or collateralized under PDPA.

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NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments

Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local governments may invest, which include:

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. Government Agency securities and World Bank
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Local government investment pools
- Written repurchase agreements and certain reverse repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts

Investments at June 30, 2017 consist of the following:

	Maturity	Fair Value
Federated Prime Obligation Fund #703	Less Than One Year	\$ 782,823

Fair Value of Investments – As of June 30, 2017, the School had invested \$782,823 in the Federated Prime Obligation Fund #703, a money market fund which complies with the Rule 2a-7 definition of a government money market fund. The Fund is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's and is valued at amortized cost. Based on the valuation method, additional disclosures are not required under GASB Statement No. 72.

Interest rate risk is the extent to which changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The School does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. State statutes generally limit the maturity of investment securities to five years from the date of purchase, unless the governing board authorizes the investment for a period in excess of five years.

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. State law limits investments for school districts to U.S. Treasury issues, other federally backed notes and credits, and other agency offerings without limitation. Other investment instruments including bank obligation, general obligation bonds, and commercial paper are limited to at least one of the highest rating categories of at least one nationally recognized rating agency. State law further limits investments in money market funds that are organized according to the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940, as specified in rule 2a-7, as amended, as long as such rule does not increase remaining maturities beyond a maximum of three years. Investments in these funds require that the institutions have assets in excess of \$1 billion or the highest credit rating from one or more of a nationally recognized rating agency. The School's investment at June 30, 2017 was rated AAAM by Standard & Poors.

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NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments (Continued)

Concentration of credit risk – state statutes do not generally limit the amount the School may invest in one issuer.

Restricted Cash and Investments

Cash and investments of \$782,823 have been restricted by the Building Corporation for debt service and repair and replacement.

NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2017 is summarized below.

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2017</u>
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 870,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 870,000
Construction in Process	57,339	-	(57,339)	-
Total Capital Assets, Not Depreciated	<u>927,339</u>	-	<u>(57,339)</u>	<u>870,000</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Building	5,900,526	190,332	-	6,090,858
Building Improvements	50,619	72,401	-	123,020
Equipment	30,333	-	(5,914)	24,419
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>5,981,478</u>	<u>262,733</u>	<u>(5,914)</u>	<u>6,238,297</u>
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Building	(344,198)	(120,549)	-	(464,747)
Building Improvements	(23,506)	(5,849)	-	(29,355)
Equipment	(19,581)	(3,470)	5,914	(17,137)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(387,285)</u>	<u>(129,868)</u>	<u>5,914</u>	<u>(511,239)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	<u>5,594,193</u>	<u>132,865</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,727,058</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 6,521,532</u>	<u>\$ 132,865</u>	<u>\$ (57,339)</u>	<u>\$ 6,597,058</u>

Depreciation expense of \$129,868 was charged to supporting services (\$19,480) and to instruction (\$110,388) for the year ended June 30, 2017.

NOTE 4 ACCRUED SALARIES AND BENEFITS

Salaries and retirement benefits of certain contractually employed personnel are paid over a twelve month period from August to July, but are earned during a school year of nine months. The salaries and benefits earned, but unpaid, as of June 30, 2017, were \$225,745 in the General Fund.

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NOTE 5 LONG-TERM DEBT

Following is a summary of the School's long-term debt transactions for the year ended June 30, 2017:

	Balance June 30, 2016	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2017	Current	Long-Term
Revenue Bonds	\$ 7,125,000	\$ -	\$ (120,000)	\$ 7,005,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 6,880,000
Bond Premium	131,918	-	(5,074)	126,844	5,074	121,770
Total	<u>\$ 7,256,918</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (125,074)</u>	<u>\$ 7,131,844</u>	<u>\$ 130,074</u>	<u>\$ 7,001,770</u>

On January 31, 2013, the Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority (CECFA) issued \$7,340,000 Charter School Revenue Bonds, Series 2013. Proceeds of the Series 2013 Bonds were used by the Building Corporation to acquire and remodel the School's building. The School is obligated under a lease agreement to make monthly lease payments to the Building Corporation for using the building. The Building Corporation is required to make semi-annual loan payments to the Trustee for payment of the bonds. Bond interest payments are due semi-annually on December 1 and June 1, with interest accruing at a rate of 5.00%. Principal payments are due annually on December 1, beginning 2014 through 2042.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the long-term debt transactions are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 125,000	\$ 347,125	\$ 472,125
2019	135,000	340,625	475,625
2020	140,000	333,750	473,750
2021	145,000	326,625	471,625
2022	155,000	319,125	474,125
2023-2027	900,000	1,468,750	2,368,750
2028-2032	1,155,000	1,212,375	2,367,375
2033-2037	1,460,000	886,750	2,346,750
2038-2042	1,870,000	472,500	2,342,500
2043	920,000	23,000	943,000
Total	<u>\$ 7,005,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,730,625</u>	<u>\$ 12,735,625</u>

NOTE 6 INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the General Fund transferred \$475,583 to the Special Revenue Fund for debt service expenditures, which are eliminated in the statement of activities.

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NOTE 7 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The School participates in the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position of the SCHDTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan description. Eligible employees of the School are provided with pensions through the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF)—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), administrative rules set forth at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Benefits Provided: PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchases, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. §24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the PERA Benefit Structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100% match on eligible amounts as of the retirement date. This amount is then annuitized into a monthly benefit based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

In all cases, the service retirement benefit is limited to 100% of highest average salary and also cannot exceed the maximum benefit allowed by federal Internal Revenue Code.

Members may elect to withdraw their member contribution accounts upon termination of employment with all PERA employers; waiving rights to any lifetime retirement benefits earned. If eligible, the member may receive a match of either 50% or 100% on eligible amounts depending on when contributions were remitted to PERA, the date employment was terminated, whether five years of service credit has been obtained and the benefit structure under which contributions were made.

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NOTE 7 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit are generally eligible to receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments, referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S. Benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment before January 1, 2007 receive an annual increase of 2%, unless PERA has a negative investment year, in which case the annual increase for the next three years is the lesser of 2% or the average of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the prior calendar year. Benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment after January 1, 2007 receive an annual increase of the lesser of 2% or the average CPI-W for the prior calendar year, not to exceed 10% of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the SCHDTF.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the retirement benefit formula shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled. Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

Contributions. Eligible employees and the School are required to contribute to the SCHDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, et seq. Eligible employees are required to contribute 8% of their PERA-includable salary. The employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2016	For the Year Ended December 31, 2017
Employer Contribution Rate ¹	10.15 %	10.15 %
Amount of Employer Contribution Apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as Specified in C.R.S. §24-51-208(1)(f) ¹	(1.02)	(1.02)
Amount Apportioned to the SCHDTF ¹	9.13	9.13
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as Specified in C.R.S. §24-51-411 ¹	4.50	4.50
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as Specified in C.R.S. §24-51-411 ¹	4.50	5.00
Total Employer Contribution Rate to the SCHDTF ¹	18.13 %	18.63 %

¹Rates are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42).

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NOTE 7 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from the School were \$507,823 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2017 the School reported a liability of \$17,320,645 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2015. Standard update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2016. The School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School's contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2016 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the SCHDTF.

At December 31, 2016, the School's proportion was 0.058174%, which was an increase of 0.001895% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the School recognized pension expense of \$3,149,425. At June 30, 2017, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 216,535	\$ 152
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	5,620,188	78,107
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	579,166	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Contributions Recognized and Proportionate Share of Contributions	-	84,312
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	263,899	-
Total	<u>\$ 6,679,788</u>	<u>\$ 162,571</u>

\$263,899 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 2,486,790
2019	2,509,344
2020	1,251,406
2021	5,778
Total	<u>\$ 6,253,318</u>

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NOTE 7 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost methods and other inputs:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age
Price Inflation	2.80%
Real Wage Growth	1.10%
Wage Inflation	3.90%
Salary Increases, Including Wage Inflation	3.90 - 10.10%
Long-Term Investment Rate of Return, Net of Pension	
Plan Investment Expenses, Including Price Inflation	7.50%
Discount Rate	7.50%
Future Post-Retirement Benefit Increase:	
PERA Benefit Structure Hired Prior to January 1, 2007 and DPS Benefit Structure (Automatic)	2.00%
PERA Benefit Structure Hired Prior to 12/30/06 (Ad Hoc, Substantively Automatic)	Financed by the Annual Increase Reserve

Based on the 2016 experience analysis and the October 28, 2016 actuarial assumptions workshop, revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on November 18, 2016 and were effective as of December 31, 2016. These revised assumptions shown below were reflected in the roll-forward calculation of the total pension liability from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age
Price Inflation	2.40%
Real Wage Growth	1.10%
Wage Inflation	3.50%
Salary Increases, Including Wage Inflation	3.50 - 9.70%
Long-Term Investment Rate of Return, Net of Pension	
Plan Investment Expenses, Including Price Inflation	7.25%
Discount Rate	5.26%
Future Post-Retirement Benefit Increase:	
PERA Benefit Structure Hired Prior to January 1, 2007 and DPS Benefit Structure (Automatic)	2.00%
PERA Benefit Structure Hired Prior to 12/30/06 (Ad Hoc, Substantively Automatic)	Financed by the Annual Increase Reserve

Mortality rates used in the December 31, 2015 valuation were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on a projection of Scale AA to 2020 with Males set back 1 year, and Females set back 2 years. Active member mortality was based upon the same mortality rates but adjusted to 55 percent of the base rate for males and 40 percent of the base rate for females. For disabled retirees, the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table (set back 2 years for males and set back 2 years for females) was assumed.

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NOTE 7 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011, adopted by PERA's Board on November 13, 2012 and an economic assumption study, adopted by PERA's Board on November 15, 2013 and January 17, 2014.

As a result of the 2016 experience analysis and the October 28, 2016 actuarial assumptions workshop, revised economic and demographic actuarial assumptions including withdrawal rates, retirement rates for early reduced and unreduced retirement, disability rates, administrative expense load, and pre- and post-retirement and disability mortality rates were adopted by PERA's Board on November 18, 2016 to more closely reflect PERA's actual experience. As the revised economic and demographic assumptions are effective as of the measurement date, December 31, 2016, these revised assumptions were reflected in the total pension liability roll-forward procedures.

Healthy mortality assumptions for active members reflect the RP-2014 White Collar Employee Mortality Table, a table specifically developed for actively working people. To allow for an appropriate margin of improved mortality prospectively, the mortality rates incorporate a 70 percent factor applied to male rates and a 55 percent factor applied to female rates.

Healthy, post-retirement mortality assumptions reflect the RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 93 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 113 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- **Females:** Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 68 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 106 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

For disabled retiree, the mortality assumption was changed to reflect 90 percent of the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every four or five years for PERA. Recently, this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. The most recent analyses were outlined in presentations to PERA's Board on October 28, 2016. As a result of the October 28, 2016 actuarial assumptions workshop and the November 18, 2016 PERA Board meeting, the economic assumptions changed, effective December 31, 2016, as follows:

- Investment rate of return assumption decreased from 7.50 percent per year, compounded annually, net of investment expenses to 7.25 percent per year, compounded annually, net of investment expenses.
- Price inflation assumption decreased from 2.80 percent per year to 2.40 percent per year.

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NOTE 7 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

- Real rate of investment return assumption increased from 4.70 percent per year, net of investment expenses, to 4.85 percent per year, net of investment expenses.
- Wage inflation assumption decreased from 3.90 percent per year to 3.50 percent per year.

Several factors were considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption for the SCHDTF, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were 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 then adding expected inflation.

As of the November 18, 2016 adoption of the current long-term expected rate of return by the PERA Board, the target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity - Large Cap	21.20 %	4.30 %
U.S. Equity - Small Cap	7.42	4.80
Non U.S. Equity - Developed	18.55	5.20
Non U.S. Equity - Emerging	5.83	5.40
Core Fixed Income	19.32	1.20
High Yield	1.38	4.30
Non U.S. Fixed Income - Developed	1.84	0.60
Emerging Market Debt	0.46	3.90
Core Real Estate	8.50	4.90
Opportunity Fund	6.00	3.80
Private Equity	8.50	6.60
Cash	1.00	0.20
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected rate of return assumption of 7.25 percent.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 5.26 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows.

- Updated economic and demographic actuarial assumptions adopted by PERA's Board on November 18, 2016.

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NOTE 7 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.50 percent.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the current member contribution rate. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law, including current and estimated future AED and SAED until the Actuarial Value Funding Ratio reaches 103% at which point, the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions included reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process used by the plan to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial fiduciary net position, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. As the ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases financed by the AIR are defined to have a present value at the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments equal to the amount transferred for their future payment, AIR transfers to the fiduciary net position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments have no impact on the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) determination process when the timing of AIR cash flows is not a factor (i.e., the plan's fiduciary net position is not projected to be depleted). When AIR cash flow timing is a factor in the SEIR determination process (i.e., the plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted), AIR transfers to the fiduciary net position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the end of the month.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the GASB Statement No. 67 projection test indicates the SCHDTF's fiduciary net position was projected to be depleted in 2041 and, as a result, the municipal bond index rate was used in the determination of the discount rate.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOTE 7 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

The long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on pension plan investments was applied to periods through 2041 and the municipal bond index rate, the December average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, was applied to periods on and after 2041 to develop the discount rate. For the measurement date, the municipal bond index rate was 3.86 percent, resulting in a discount rate of 5.26 percent.

As of the prior measurement date, the GASB Statement No. 67 projection test indicated the SCHDTF's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments of 7.50 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate determination did not use a municipal bond index rate and the discount rate was 7.50 percent, 2.24 percent higher compared to the current measurement date.

Sensitivity of the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.26 percent, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.26 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.26 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.26%)	Current Discount Rate (5.26%)	1% Increase (6.26%)
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 21,780,153	\$ 17,320,645	\$ 13,688,535

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the SCHDTF's fiduciary net position is available in PERA's comprehensive annual financial report which can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

NOTE 8 POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS

Plan Description – The School contributes to the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost sharing multiple employer healthcare trust administered by PERA. The HCTF benefit provides a health care premium subsidy and health care programs (known as PERACare) to PERA participating benefit recipients and their eligible beneficiaries. Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the C.R.S., as amended, establishes the HCTF and sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carry out the purposes of the PERACare program, including the administration of health care subsidies. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the HCTF. That report can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOTE 8 POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Funding Policy – The School is required to contribute at a rate of 1.02% of PERA-includable salary for all PERA members as set by statute. No member contributions are required. The contribution requirements for the School are established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 4 of the C.R.S., as amended. The apportionment of the contributions to the HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1)(f) of the C.R.S., as amended. For the years ending June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015, the School's contributions to the HCTF were \$28,172, \$25,009, and \$24,147, respectively, equal to their required contributions for each year.

NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Claims and Judgments

The School participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the School may be required to reimburse the grantor government.

NOTE 10 TAX, SPENDING AND DEBT LIMITATIONS

Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) contains tax, spending, revenue and debt limitations which apply to the State of Colorado and all local governments. Spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year's Fiscal Year Spending adjusted for allowable increased based upon inflation and local growth. Fiscal Year Spending is generally defined as expenditures plus reserve increases with certain exceptions. Revenue in excess of the Fiscal Year Spending limit must be refunded unless the voters approve retention of such revenue.

TABOR requires local governments to establish Emergency Reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of Fiscal Year Spending (excluding bonded debt service). Local governments are not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases.

TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of the provisions, including the interpretation of how to calculate Fiscal Year Spending limits will require judicial interpretation. The School believes it has complied with the Amendment. As required by the Amendment, the School has established a reserve for emergencies. At June 30, 2017, the reserve of \$148,100 was recorded as a restriction of fund balance in the General Fund.

NOTE 11 RISK MANAGEMENT

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The School participates in the District's risk management programs for workers' compensation claims, liability and property coverage. Settled claims have not exceeded coverage for the past three years.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Per Pupil Revenue	\$ 3,982,550	\$ 3,848,321	\$ 3,848,321	\$ -
District Mill Levy	376,068	376,068	376,068	-
Charges for Services	395,000	389,869	390,819	950
Contributions	-	53,129	53,130	1
Intergovernmental Revenue	140,556	149,500	149,518	18
Other Revenue	60,000	156,990	159,095	2,105
Investment Income	1,500	10,000	11,382	1,382
Total Revenues	<u>4,955,674</u>	<u>4,983,877</u>	<u>4,988,333</u>	<u>4,456</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries and Benefits	3,431,333	3,431,333	3,453,229	(21,896)
Purchased Services and Other	1,507,341	1,507,341	1,507,570	(229)
Capital Outlay	17,000	67,000	65,073	1,927
Total Expenditures	<u>4,955,674</u>	<u>5,005,674</u>	<u>5,025,872</u>	<u>(20,198)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	(21,797)	(37,539)	(15,742)
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>1,023,462</u>	<u>1,023,462</u>	<u>1,259,650</u>	<u>236,188</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$ 1,023,462</u>	<u>\$ 1,001,665</u>	<u>\$ 1,222,111</u>	<u>\$ 220,446</u>

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2017**

NOTE 1 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

A budget was adopted for the General Fund for fiscal year 2017, on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. A budget was not adopted for the Special Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2017.

School management submits to the Governing Board (the Board) a proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget is adopted by the Board prior to June 30.

Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Revisions must be approved by the Board. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. For the year ended June 30, 2017, the School's General Fund had actual expenditures of \$5,025,872, which was \$20,198 more than the final budgeted amount. This may be a violation of Colorado State Statute.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONARE SHARE
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
School's Proportion (Percentage) of the Collective Net Pension Liability (Asset)	0.0581739819%	0.0562788929%	0.0562278382%	0.0567314879%
School's Proportionate Share of the Collective Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 17,320,645	\$ 8,607,459	\$ 7,620,760	\$ 7,236,086
Covered Payroll	2,612,453	2,379,564	2,352,749	2,220,810
School'S Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	663.00%	361.72%	323.91%	325.83%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage if the Total Pension Liability	43.10%	59.20%	62.80%	64.06%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of December 31.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. Since years prior to 2013 were not reported in accordance with the current GASB standards, the information is not available.

**LITTLETON PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
AND RELATED RATIOS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Statutorily Required Contributions	\$ 507,823	\$ 435,056	\$ 399,710	\$ 371,230	\$ 318,790	\$ 286,386
Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution	<u>507,823</u>	<u>435,056</u>	<u>399,710</u>	<u>371,230</u>	<u>318,790</u>	<u>286,386</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered Payroll	2,761,941	2,451,885	2,367,360	2,322,013	2,111,876	2,018,585
Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	18.38%	17.74%	16.88%	15.99%	15.10%	14.19%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

**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**

Governing Board
Littleton Preparatory Charter School
Littleton, Colorado

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Littleton Preparatory Charter School, a component unit of Arapahoe County School District Number Six, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Littleton Preparatory Charter School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 6, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Littleton Preparatory Charter 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 result 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.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Greenwood Village, Colorado
October 6, 2017