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To the Board of Trustees and Management, Lee Montessori Public Charter School Washington, DC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Lee Montessori Public Charter School (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing 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 the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the School's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. 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.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, Board of Trustees, and others within the School, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Washington, DC

November 17, 2016

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# LEE MONTESSORI PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015** 

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# Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees Lee Montessori Public Charter School Washington, DC

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Lee Montessori Public Charter School (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of 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.

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

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lee Montessori Public Charter School as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 17, 2016, on our consideration of Lee Montessori Public Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Lee Montessori Public Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Jam Marusa & Ma Break PA

November 17, 2016 Washington, DC

# LEE MONTESSORI PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

	2016		2015	
<u>ASSETS</u>				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash	\$	527,395	\$	183,398
Grants receivable		53,056		87,060
Prepaid expenses		10,120		6,512
Total Current Assets		590,571		276,970
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT				
Furniture and fixtures		118,039		60,065
Equipment		9,020		7,324
Less: accumulated depreciation		(22,116)		(10,402)
Net Property and Equipment		104,943		56,987
OTHER ASSETS				
Security deposit		5,000		5,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	700,514	\$	338,957
LIABILITIES AND NET ASS	ETS			
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$	161,397	\$	74,470
Accrued expenses		76,676		39,367
Line of credit		-		49,000
Total Liabilities		238,073		162,837
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted		436,088		94,753
Temporarily restricted		26,353		81,367
Total Net Assets		462,441		176,120
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	700,514	\$	338,957

# LEE MONTESSORI PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		Total	
REVENUE AND SUPPORT						
Per pupil appropriations	\$	1,617,907	\$	-	\$	1,617,907
Per pupil facility allowance		324,896		-		324,896
Federal entitlements and grants		274,507		-		274,507
Other grants and contributions		55,827		-		55,827
In-kind contributions		200		-		200
Activity fees		126,324		-		126,324
Net assets released from restriction		55,014		(55,014)		-
Total Revenue and Support		2,454,675		(55,014)		2,399,661
EXPENSES						
Program/Education		1,712,929		-		1,712,929
Management and general		373,127		-		373,127
Fundraising		27,284		-		27,284
Total Expenses		2,113,340		-		2,113,340
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		341,335		(55,014)		286,321
NET ASSETS, beginning of year		94,753	-	81,367		176,120
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$	436,088	\$	26,353	\$	462,441

# LEE MONTESSORI PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		Total	
REVENUE AND SUPPORT						
Per pupil appropriations	\$	1,119,776	\$	-	\$	1,119,776
Per pupil facility allowance		227,328		-		227,328
Federal entitlements and grants		361,022		-		361,022
In-kind contributions		16,536		-		16,536
Activity fees		51,835		-		51,835
Contributions		44,337		-		44,337
Net assets released from restriction		168,633		(168,633)		
Total Revenue and Support		1,989,467		(168,633)		1,820,834
EXPENSES						
Program/Education		1,367,077		-		1,367,077
Management and general		376,548		-		376,548
Fundraising		40,820		-		40,820
Total Expenses		1,784,445		-		1,784,445
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		205,022		(168,633)		36,389
NET ASSETS, beginning of year		(110,269)		250,000		139,731
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$	94,753	\$	81,367	\$	176,120

# LEE MONTESSORI PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

		Supporting		
	Program/			
	Education	and General	Fundraising	Total
PERSONNEL COSTS				
Salaries	\$ 845,155	\$ 175,215	\$ 10,307	\$ 1,030,677
Employee benefits	95,616	19,823	1,166	116,605
Payroll taxes	67,426	13,979	822	82,227
Staff development	42,058		513	
Total Personnel Costs	1,050,255	8,719 217,736	12,808	51,290
Total Personnel Costs	1,030,233	217,730	12,808	1,280,799
DIRECT STUDENT COSTS				
Supplies and materials	78,252	-	-	78,252
Contracted student services	227,364	-	-	227,364
Textbooks	1,739	-	-	1,739
Student assessments	4,588	-	-	4,588
Food service	87,046	-		87,046
Other	3,666	-	_	3,666
Total Direct Student Costs	402,655			402,655
OCCUPANCY EXPENSES				
Rent	206,290	45,283	_	251,573
Maintenance and repairs	2,445	537	_	2,982
Total Occupancy Expenses	208,735	45,820		254,555
OFFICE EXPENSES				
Office supplies and materials	19,603	4,303	-	23,906
Printing and publications	6	1	-	7
Postage and shipping	916	201	-	1,117
Telephone	5,297	1,163	-	6,460
Other	6,716	1,474		8,190
Total Office Expenses	32,538	7,142	-	39,680
GENERAL EXPENSES				
Insurance	-	10,372	-	10,372
Bank fees	-	1,887	_	1,887
Consultants	5,986	1,390	-	7,376
Administration fee	-	21,483	_	21,483
Accounting, auditing and payroll	_	60,872	_	60,872
Legal fees	_	3,338	_	3,338
Depreciation	9,371	2,343	_	11,714
Other	3,389	744	14,476	18,609
Total General Expenses	18,746	102,429	14,476	135,651
Total Expenses	\$ 1,712,929	\$ 373,127	\$ 27,284	\$ 2,113,340

# LEE MONTESSORI PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

		Supporting Services			
	Program/	Management			
	Education	and General	Fundraising	Total	
DEDCONNEL COSTS					
PERSONNEL COSTS Salaries	\$ 682,489	\$ 177,645	\$ 4,774	\$ 864,908	
Employee benefits	49,187	12,433	4,774	62,085	
Payroll taxes	56,514	14,285	534	71,333	
Staff development	24,808	14,263	334	24,808	
Total Personnel Costs	812,998	204,363	5,773	1,023,134	
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DIRECT STUDENT COSTS					
Supplies and materials	82,548	-	-	82,548	
Contracted student services	228,405	-	-	228,405	
Textbooks	1,504	-	-	1,504	
Student assessments	1,856	-	-	1,856	
Food service	49,279	-	-	49,279	
Other	14,553	-	_	14,553	
Total Direct Student Costs	378,145			378,145	
OCCUPANCY EXPENSES					
Rent	141,501	35,376		176,877	
Maintenance and repairs	294	55,570 74	<del>-</del>	368	
Total Occupancy Expenses	141,795	35,450	<u>-</u>	177,245	
Total Occupancy Expenses	141,793	33,430	_	177,243	
OFFICE EXPENSES					
Office supplies and materials	627	11,907	-	12,534	
Printing and publications	508	1,524	-	2,032	
Postage and shipping	299	897	-	1,196	
Telephone	2,015	4,702	-	6,717	
Other	14,600	14,600	-	29,200	
Total Office Expenses	18,049	33,630		51,679	
GENERAL EXPENSES					
Insurance		12 527		13,537	
Bank fees	-	13,537 1,374	-	,	
Travel	87	1,374	<del>-</del>	1,374 175	
Consultants	8,250		<del>-</del>		
Administration fee	8,230	13,431	-	21,681	
	-	17,771	-	17,771	
Accounting, auditing and payroll	-	41,105	-	41,105	
Legal fees	- 5 ((0)	4,000	-	4,000	
Depreciation	5,668	3,458	25.047	9,126	
Other	2,085	8,341	35,047	45,473	
Total General Expenses	16,090	103,105	35,047	154,242	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,367,077	\$ 376,548	\$ 40,820	\$ 1,784,445	

# LEE MONTESSORI PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

	2016		2015	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	•			
Change in net assets	\$	286,321	\$ 36,389	
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash				
provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation		11,714	9,126	
(Increase) decrease in assets:				
Grants receivable		34,004	34,516	
Prepaid expenses		(3,608)	(1,137)	
Security deposit		-	(1,700)	
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:				
Accounts payable		86,927	58,360	
Accrued expenses		37,309	39,367	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		452,667	174,921	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of property and equipment		(59,670)	(62,953)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Payment on line of credit		(49,000)	 	
NET CHANGE IN CASH		343,997	111,968	
CASH, beginning of year		183,398	71,430	
CASH, end of year	\$	527,395	\$ 183,398	

#### **NOTE A – ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE**

Lee Montessori Public Charter School (the "School") was organized in January 2013 as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating a peaceful, multi-age learning environment for public preschool and elementary aged children. The School's first year of operation was fall 2014 – spring 2015. The School fosters the physical, social, emotional, and academic growth and development of students and produce life-long learners. The School achieves its mission by:

- Inspiring academic success by providing Montessori curriculum in a holistic and developmentally responsive environment
- Nurture student creativity, curiosity and efficacy by promoting self-directed education
- Offer individual paced academic instruction and acidities
- Engage students in purposeful and collaborative community building activities
- Foster student's use of inner discipline, concentration and task completion of lifelong critical thinking and discovery; and
- Preserve and cultivate the innate capacity of students so they can reach their full potential as contribution global citizens

#### NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of Accounting

The School's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Therefore, revenue and related assets are recognized when earned and expenses and related liabilities are recognized as the obligations are incurred.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

Financial statement presentation follows Financial Standards Accounting Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic *Not-for-Profit-Entities*. In accordance with the topic, the School is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets. Accordingly, the net assets of the School and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

*Unrestricted Net Assets* – Net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met by either actions of and/or the passage of time. For the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, temporarily restricted net assets totaled \$26,353 and \$81,367, respectively, and were for the purpose of initial school development related expenses.

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#### NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

#### Basis of Presentation (continued)

*Permanently Restricted Net Assets* – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the School. There were no permanently restricted net assets as of June 30, 2016 and 2015.

#### Grants Receivable

Grants receivable are recorded when billed and represent claims against third parties that will be settled in cash. Grants receivable are reported net of an allowance for doubtful accounts, if any. The allowance for doubtful accounts, if any, is estimated based on historical collection trends, the age of outstanding receivable and existing economic conditions. If actual experience changes, revisions to the allowance may be necessary. Past due grants receivable are written off when internal collection efforts have been unsuccessful in collecting the amount due. As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, the majority of the receivables are due from governmental agencies. Due to the nature of funding from the federal government and the District of Columbia, management believes that all receivables will be collected. Therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded

#### Property and Equipment

All acquisitions of property and equipment in excess of \$1,000 and all expenditures for repairs, maintenance, and betterments that materially prolong the useful lives of assets are capitalized. Property and equipment acquired are recorded at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the time of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from three to seven years. Maintenance and repairs which do not improve or extend the life of the respective asset are charged to expense when incurred.

#### Revenue Recognition

Contributions received are recorded as increases in unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or the purpose of the restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. When restrictions are met within the same year as restricted funds are contributed, they are classified as unrestricted contributions.

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#### NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Revenue Recognition (continued)

Government entitlements and grants and are recognized during the period in which the work is performed. Accordingly, grant funds received in the current fiscal year, for work to be performed in the next fiscal year are recorded as deferred revenue.

Activity fees are recognized at the time of the activity. This revenue represents amounts collected from students for, but not restricted to, field trips, meals, camps and other school related activities.

Per pupil appropriated revenue is recognized during the period for which the associated education services are provided. Per pupil appropriations includes \$371,798 and \$230,021 for enhancements, such as special education and at risk students, for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

#### **In-kind Contributions**

The School holds an annual fundraising event for which it receives in-kind contributions of goods that are auctioned. The in-kind contributions are recognized at fair value at the date of the donation.

#### Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the School's various programs and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs, fundraising and supporting services benefited.

#### Use of Estimates

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

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#### NOTE C – INCOME TAXES

The School is exempt from federal income taxes on related income under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the School is classified as an entity that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a)(1).

The School has adopted the accounting of uncertainty in income taxes as required by the *Income Taxes* topic of the FASB ASC. The topic requires the School to determine whether a tax position is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefit to be recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that is more than fifty percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement which could result in the School recording a tax liability that would reduce its net assets.

The School has analyzed its tax positions, and has concluded that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits should be recorded related to any uncertain tax positions taken on returns filed for open tax years (2013-2014), or expected to be taken in its 2015 tax return. The School is not aware of any tax positions for which it believes that there is a reasonable possibility that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will change materially in the next twelve months.

#### **NOTE D – LINE OF CREDIT**

The School obtained a line of credit from the Charter School Incubator Initiative for an amount up to \$50,000. The line of credit is interest free and no interest is due unless there is a default on the line of credit. The unpaid balance was initially due in full no later than December 31, 2014. However, this due date was extended through August 31, 2015. The line of credit is secured by the Title V-b grant funding that the School receives from the District of Columbia. As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, the amount outstanding balance on the line of credit totaled \$0 and \$49,000, respectively, which was paid in full on July 1, 2015.

#### **NOTE E – OPERATING LEASE**

On May 21, 2014, the School entered into a lease agreement with Shaed School, LLC whose managing member is the Charter School Incubator Initiative. The term of the lease is August 1, 2014 through July 30, 2016. The lease agreement is considered full service, as it covers rent, utilities, building maintenance repairs, cleaning and other miscellaneous services.

In accordance with the terms of the lease agreement, the School is required to pay a usage fee, which is determined based on the number of student enrollment. The total annual usage fee is based

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#### **NOTE E – OPERATING LEASE - continued**

on the number of students enrolled as of each census date (every October) multiplied by the per pupil facilities allowance received by the School from the District of Columbia, less amounts withheld under the terms of the lease. Accordingly, the School cannot reasonably estimate its future minimum lease liability under the terms of the lease; however, usage fees cannot exceed the facilities allowance received from the District of Columbia, a guaranteed funding source. This lease ended as of June 30, 2016.

The School entered into another lease agreement on April 15, 2016, with St. Paul on Fourth Street, Inc. ("St. Paul") for leasing space to operate the School on its new premises in fourth street for the School year beginning July 1, 2016. The term of this lease are through June 30, 2021, with an agreement to extend the lease for four additional five-year terms. The lease agreement is considered full service, as it covers rent, utilities, building maintenance repairs, cleaning and other miscellaneous services.

In accordance with the terms of the lease agreement, the School is required to pay a usage fee, which is determined based on the number of student enrollment. The total annual usage fee is based on the number of students enrolled as of each census date (every October) multiplied by the greater of the per pupil facilities allowance received by the School from the District of Columbia, or \$3,124. Accordingly, the School cannot reasonably estimate its future minimum lease liability under the terms of the lease.

Rent expense for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, totaled \$251,573 and 176,877, respectively.

#### **NOTE F – RETIREMENT PLAN**

The School sponsors a 401(k) deferred compensation retirement plan (the "Plan") for all employees who are at least 18 years of age. Eligible employees can become participants on the first day of the month immediately following the completion of eligibility requirements. Employees may make elective deferred contributions from their eligible earnings, up to the amount allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. It is optional for the School to match the first three percent of a participant's compensation. There was no match for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015.

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#### NOTE G – CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The School is supported primarily by local and federal appropriations and local grants. For the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, 93% and 94%, respectively, of the total revenue was provided by government agencies. Reduction of this source of support would have a significant impact on the School's programs and activities. The geographical area of clients served is Ward 5 of the District of Columbia.

As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, the School had cash that exceeded federally insured limits by approximately \$260,000 and \$0, respectively. Management has evaluated the financial institutions and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk.

#### NOTE H – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The School receives revenue from government grants and contracts that are subject to inspection and audit by the appropriate funding agency. The purpose is to determine whether program funds were used in accordance with their respective guidelines and regulations. The potential exists for disallowance of previously funded program costs. The School is of the opinion that disallowance, if any, arising from such audits will not have a material effect on the financial statements. The School has no provisions for the possible disallowance of program costs on its financial statements.

#### NOTE I – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these financial statements, the School's management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure thorough November 17, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There are no other events that required further recognition or disclosure.



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# Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Trustees Lee Montessori Public Charter School Washington, DC

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 Lee Montessori Public Charter School (the "School") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2016, 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 November 17, 2016.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or 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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free of 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 and 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 organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Jane Marues & M' Dreade PA

Washington, DC November 17, 2016