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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT
JUNE 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Aspire Public Schools

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Aspire Public Schools and its affiliates (Aspire), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements (collectively, the financial statements).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Aspire as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), and the Education Audit Appeals Panel's *2023-24 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Aspire and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other Matter

The financial statements of Aspire, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, were audited by other auditors, whose report, dated December 15, 2023, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Aspire's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Education Audit Appeals Panel's *2023-24 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Education Audit Appeals Panel's *2023-24 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, we:

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

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying consolidating statements of financial position, activities, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2, U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Further, the supplementary information on pages 35 to 47 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis as required by the Education Audit Appeals Panel's *2023-24 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting* and are also not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 13, 2024, on our consideration of Aspire's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Aspire'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 Aspire's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Singer Lewak LLP".

December 13, 2024

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
June 30, 2024 and 2023

ASSETS		
	2024	2023
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 84,068,430	\$ 102,282,635
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	8,409,372	8,055,666
Grants and contracts receivable	56,546,508	63,032,686
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,988,987	2,803,676
Total current assets	152,013,297	176,174,663
Noncurrent assets		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	23,648,963	36,629,396
Right-of-use assets	13,731,333	15,922,240
Property and equipment, net	242,339,384	234,462,971
Total noncurrent assets	279,719,680	287,014,607
Total assets	\$ 431,732,977	\$ 463,189,270
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Line of credit	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 10,000,000
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	28,336,345	40,813,200
Refundable advances	4,633,591	4,743,057
Lease liabilities	2,902,431	2,542,595
Debt	3,820,910	3,163,889
Total current liabilities	54,693,277	61,262,741
Noncurrent liabilities		
Lease liabilities	11,798,449	14,523,082
Debt, net	235,813,713	239,010,457
Total noncurrent liabilities	247,612,162	253,533,539
Total liabilities	302,305,439	314,796,280
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions	91,570,198	95,451,339
With donor restrictions	37,857,340	52,941,651
Total net assets	129,427,538	148,392,990
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 431,732,977	\$ 463,189,270

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Without donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenue and support			
Federal revenue	\$ 38,844,530	\$ -	\$ 38,844,530
State revenue	202,179,540	19,248,532	221,428,072
Local revenues	53,128,387	-	53,128,387
Grants and contributions	1,148,035	1,339,941	2,487,976
Interest income	4,309,354	-	4,309,354
Other income	1,295,912	-	1,295,912
Net assets released from restrictions	35,672,784	(35,672,784)	-
Total revenue and support	336,578,542	(15,084,311)	321,494,231
Expenses			
Program services	307,560,622	-	307,560,622
General and administrative	29,620,910	-	29,620,910
Fundraising	3,278,151	-	3,278,151
Total expenses	340,459,683	-	340,459,683
Change in net assets	(3,881,141)	(15,084,311)	(18,965,452)
Net assets, beginning	95,451,339	52,941,651	148,392,990
Net assets, ending	\$ 91,570,198	\$ 37,857,340	\$ 129,427,538

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenue and support			
Federal revenue	\$ 43,315,446	\$ -	\$ 43,315,446
State revenue	158,748,621	79,783,766	238,532,387
Local revenues	43,932,482	-	43,932,482
Grants and contributions	1,838,837	1,008,000	2,846,837
Interest income	2,822,817	-	2,822,817
Other income	398,367	-	398,367
Net assets released from restrictions	47,086,644	(47,086,644)	-
Total revenue and support	298,143,214	33,705,122	331,848,336
Expenses			
Program services	275,816,763	-	275,816,763
General and administrative	17,873,985	-	17,873,985
Fundraising	3,124,214	-	3,124,214
Total expenses	296,814,962	-	296,814,962
Change in net assets	1,328,252	33,705,122	35,033,374
Net assets, beginning	94,123,087	19,236,529	113,359,616
Net assets, ending	\$ 95,451,339	\$ 52,941,651	\$ 148,392,990

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

2024					
	Supporting services				Total
	Educational Programs	General and Administrative	Fundraising	Total	
Salaries and benefits	\$ 216,127,736	\$ 19,002,095	\$ 1,565,612	\$ 20,567,707	\$ 236,695,443
Professional fees and services	37,562,309	7,906,877	701,406	8,608,283	46,170,592
Books and supplies	13,868,697	1,317,271	613,917	1,931,188	15,799,885
Rent and occupancy	16,797,542	311,198	1,814	313,012	17,110,554
Depreciation and amortization	11,351,452	61,106	-	61,106	11,412,558
Interest	9,603,214	-	-	-	9,603,214
Travel and meetings	2,034,683	511,630	259,788	771,418	2,806,101
Other	214,989	510,733	135,614	646,347	861,336
Total expenses by function	\$ 307,560,622	\$ 29,620,910	\$ 3,278,151	\$ 32,899,061	\$ 340,459,683
2023					
	Supporting services				Total
	Educational Programs	General and Administrative	Fundraising	Total	
Salaries and benefits	\$ 194,655,904	\$ 11,273,033	\$ 1,812,428	\$ 13,085,461	\$ 207,741,365
Professional fees and services	30,803,598	2,529,373	647,684	3,177,057	33,980,655
Books and supplies	15,339,737	1,563,635	456,298	2,019,933	17,359,670
Rent and occupancy	15,531,884	1,220,701	207,804	1,428,505	16,960,389
Depreciation and amortization	8,553,929	51,300	-	51,300	8,605,229
Interest	7,952,841	11,453	-	11,453	7,964,294
Travel and meetings	2,352,371	338,624	-	338,624	2,690,995
Other	626,499	885,866	-	885,866	1,512,365
Total expenses by function	\$ 275,816,763	\$ 17,873,985	\$ 3,124,214	\$ 20,998,199	\$ 296,814,962

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$ (18,965,452)	\$ 35,033,374
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Loss on investments	-	50,980
Depreciation and amortization	11,412,558	8,605,229
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	260,656	198,149
Amortization of financing costs	624,166	11,108
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Grants and contracts receivable	4,879,556	4,922,401
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(185,311)	(1,532,213)
Operating lease assets and liabilities	(173,890)	62,226
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(12,476,855)	6,471,579
Refundable advances	(109,466)	(344,453)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(14,734,038)	53,478,380
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	(19,549,627)	(37,971,767)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Cash collected for investment in property and equipment	1,606,622	-
Proceeds from line of credit	15,000,000	10,000,000
Principal payments on line of credit	(10,000,000)	(10,000,000)
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	3,923,446
Principal payments on debt	(3,163,889)	(9,228,016)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	3,442,733	(5,304,570)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents	(30,840,932)	10,202,043
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents, beginning	146,967,697	136,765,654
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents, ending	\$ 116,126,765	\$ 146,967,697
Schedule of supplemental cash flow information		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 9,877,862	\$ 7,544,253
Supplemental Disclosure of Non-cash Investing and Financial Activity		
Property and equipment financed through accounts payable	\$ 894,551	\$ 4,999,367
Additions to new leased assets obtained from new lease liabilities	\$ 460,360	\$ 1,612,088
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents consists of the following:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 84,068,430	\$ 102,282,635
Restricted cash and cash equivalents, current portion	8,409,372	8,055,666
Restricted cash and cash equivalents, noncurrent portion	23,648,963	36,629,396
	\$ 116,126,765	\$ 146,967,697

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION

Aspire Public Schools, a non-profit public benefit corporation, was founded in 1998 and was formed to manage, guide, direct, and promote charter schools that provide quality education to youth in primary and secondary grades. Aspire Public Schools support is derived primarily from public education monies, individual and foundation contributions, and government agency grants.

In addition to managing school operations, Aspire Public Schools controls three affiliated organizations that were created to facilitate ownership of certain school facilities and support development of charter schools. The facilities are owned and managed by two single-member limited liability companies, College for Certain, LLC (CFC LLC), and College for Certain II, LLC (CFC II LLC). The sole member of both LLCs is College for Certain, Inc. (CFC INC) which was created as a supporting organization of Aspire Public Schools to facilitate and support the development of charter schools. CFC INC is controlled by, and for the benefit of, Aspire Public Schools. CFC LLC and CFC II LLC are disregarded entities for federal income tax purposes.

Aspire Public Schools Foundation (Foundation) was formed in July 2019 as a supporting nonprofit public benefit corporation to Aspire Public Schools. The Foundation is controlled by, and for the benefit of, Aspire Public Schools. The Foundation's support is derived primarily from private donations and foundation grants.

For financial reporting purposes, CFC LLC, CFC II LLC, CFC INC, and the Foundation, are consolidated with Aspire Public Schools.

NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Statement Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Principles of Consolidation

The financial statements include the accounts of Aspire Public Schools and its wholly owned subsidiaries (collectively, "Aspire"). All significant inter-organization accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Listed below are the affiliated organizations included in these financial statements:

Aspire Public Schools – Aspire Public Schools operates thirty-six schools in California under thirty-six charters which are chartered by twelve charter authorizers (sponsoring districts) in seven counties. Charters are granted for each school for up to five years, with an opportunity for renewal. Charters may be revoked by the sponsoring district for material violations of the charter, failure to meet or make progress toward student outcomes identified in the charter, failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management, or violation of any provision of the law.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The financial statements include the following schools:

Aspire Alexander Twilight College Preparatory Academy	Aspire Monarch Academy
Aspire Alexander Twilight Secondary Academy	Aspire Ollin University Preparatory Academy
Aspire Antonio Maria Lugo Academy	Aspire Pacific Academy
Aspire APEX Academy	Aspire Port City Academy
Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy	Aspire Richmond California Preparatory Academy
Aspire Benjamin Holt Middle School	Aspire Richmond Technology Academy
Aspire Berkley Maynard Academy	Aspire River Oaks Charter School
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy	Aspire Stockton Secondary Academy
Aspire Centennial College Preparatory Academy	Aspire Arts & Sciences Academy
Aspire College Academy	Aspire Rosa Parks Academy
Aspire East Palo Alto Charter	Aspire Slauson Academy
Aspire Firestone Academy	Aspire Summit Charter Academy
Aspire Gateway Academy	Aspire Tate Academy
Aspire Golden State College Preparatory Academy	Aspire Titan Academy
Aspire Inskeep Academy	Aspire Triumph Technology
Aspire Junior Collegiate Academy	Aspire University Charter School
Aspire Langston Hughes Academy	Aspire Vanguard College Preparatory Academy
Aspire Lionel Wilson College Preparatory Academy	Aspire Vincent Shalvey Academy

College for Certain, LLC – CFC LLC holds title to properties that are financed through the CSFA Charter School Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2016 (2016 Bonds) where Aspire Public Schools operates ten charter schools (seven locations) and manages, operates, and leases the properties.

College for Certain II, LLC – CFC II LLC holds title to properties that are financed through the CSFA Charter School Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2015 (2015 Bonds) where Aspire Public Schools operates three charter schools (two locations) and manages, operates, and leases the properties.

College for Certain, Inc. – CFC INC is a supporting organization of Aspire Public Schools in that it facilitates and supports the development of charter schools for Aspire Public Schools. CFC INC is the sole member of CFC LLC and CFC II LLC and is the named borrower of the 2015 and 2016 Bonds outstanding.

Aspire Public Schools Foundation – The Foundation is a supporting organization of Aspire Public Schools in that it performs fundraising activities and provides other supporting services to Aspire Public Schools.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and 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 those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Aspire considers all cash and highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities of three months or less, and which are neither held for nor restricted by donors for long-term purposes, to be cash and cash equivalents. Cash and highly liquid financial instruments restricted for other long-term purposes or contractually restricted are excluded from this definition.

Grants and Contracts Receivable

Grants and contracts receivable are reported at net realizable value. Aspire determines the allowance for uncollectable grants and contracts receivable based on historical experience, an assessment of economic conditions, and a review of subsequent collections. Accounts receivable are written off when deemed uncollectable. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, management determined no allowance was deemed necessary.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment additions over \$5,000 are stated at cost, or if donated, at fair market value at the date of donation. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from 3 to 30 years, or in the case of capitalized leased assets or leasehold improvements, the lesser of the useful life of the asset or the lease term. When assets are sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related depreciation or amortization are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is included in the statements of activities.

Impairment of Long-lived Assets

Aspire reviews long-lived assets for indicators of impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Impairment would be recorded in circumstances where undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by an asset are less than the carrying value of that asset. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, there were no events or changes in circumstances indicating the carrying amount of long-lived assets may not be recoverable.

Leases

Aspire determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease at inception. Leases are included in right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities in the statements of financial position. ROU assets and lease liabilities reflect the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term, and ROU assets also include prepaid or accrued rent.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income Taxes

Aspire is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3) and California Revenue and Taxation Code §23701(d). Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the accompanying financial statements. Aspire, its subsidiaries and its affiliates file annual informational tax returns in the U.S. federal and California jurisdictions. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken by Aspire, and has concluded that, as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. Aspire is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Net Assets

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

- Net Assets without Donor Restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and that may be expendable for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of Aspire.

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

Revenue and Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized when earned. A portion of revenue is derived from cost-reimbursable federal and state contracts and grants, which are conditioned upon certain performance requirements and/or the incurrence of allowable qualifying expenses. Amounts received are recognized as revenue when Aspire incurs expenditures in compliance with specific contract or grant provisions. Amounts received prior to incurring qualifying expenditures are reported as refundable advances in the statements of financial position. A portion of the funding is based upon the average daily attendance (ADA) of each school.

Contributions are recognized when cash, securities or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or a notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give, that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier, and a right of return, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met. There were no conditional contributions as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. The statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

The expenses that are allocated include rent and occupancy and depreciation, which are allocated on a square footage basis, as well as salaries and wages, employee benefits, professional services, and other, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

Program development and expansion

Aspire continually explores potential opportunities for expansion and growth; thus, costs are incurred to research the possibility of establishing new sites. Aspire capitalizes these preacquisition costs into construction in progress at the time incurred. If it is determined that a formal contractual commitment will not be entered into, the expenses are included in program development and expansion in the period that the determination is made.

Concentrations of Risk

Deposit concentration risk is managed by placing cash and money market accounts with financial institutions believed by Aspire to be creditworthy. At times, amounts on deposit may exceed insured limits or include uninsured investments in money market mutual funds. Insured accounts are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 per depositor, per insured bank, for each account ownership category. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, Aspire had \$119,722,914 and \$146,255,873, respectively, in excess of FDIC insurance limits. To date, no losses have been experienced in any of these accounts.

Credit risk associated with grants and contracts receivable is considered to be limited due to high historical collection rates and because substantial portions of the outstanding amounts are due from governmental agencies and foundations supportive of Aspire's mission.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications of amounts previously reported have been made to the accompanying consolidated financial statements to maintain consistency between periods presented. The reclassifications had no impact on previously reported net assets.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through December 13, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were issued.

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3 – FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIQUIDITY RESOURCES

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the following table reflects Aspire’s financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year of the statement of financial position:

	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 84,068,430	\$102,282,635
Grants and contracts receivable	<u>56,546,508</u>	<u>63,032,686</u>
 Financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year	 <u>\$140,614,938</u>	 <u>\$165,315,321</u>

Aspire considers contributions restricted for programs which are ongoing, major, and central to its annual operations to be available to meet cash needs for general expenditures. Aspire’s goal is to maintain or exceed financial assets at a level sufficient to protect its schools against program cuts arising from unanticipated state revenue or enrollment shortfalls, unexpected cost increases, and economic uncertainties, such that it can meet 5 – 6 weeks of operating expenses and its bond covenants. As part of its liquidity plan, school sites also have target reserves to cover repairs, maintenance, and minor capital improvements. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, Aspire has available \$5,500,000 and \$10,500,000, respectively, to borrow on its line of credit to meet cash flow needs. Aspire manages its liquidity and reserves following three guiding principles: operating within a prudent range of financial soundness and stability, maintaining adequate liquid assets to fund near-term operating needs, and maintaining sufficient reserves to provide reasonable assurance that long-term obligations will be discharged.

NOTE 4 – RESTRICTED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Restricted cash consists of amounts that are required to be held for debt service reserves and for principal and interest payments with respect to the bonds outstanding; and contributions restricted to investment in property and equipment and consist of the following at June 30:

	2024	2023
Bond debt obligation	\$ 8,409,372	\$ 8,055,666
Bond service reserve	11,918,995	11,336,576
Investment in property and equipment	<u>11,729,968</u>	<u>25,292,820</u>
	32,058,335	44,685,062
Less current portion	<u>(8,409,372)</u>	<u>(8,055,666)</u>
 Noncurrent portion	 <u>\$ 23,648,963</u>	 <u>\$ 36,629,396</u>

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NOTE 5 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of the following at June 30:

	2024	2023
Land	\$ 36,649,873	\$ 36,590,744
Buildings and improvements	272,241,411	211,034,512
Construction in progress	1,628,567	46,593,364
Leasehold improvements	12,552,222	11,613,728
Equipment	5,191,401	4,018,032
Vehicles	36,931	36,931
	328,300,405	309,887,311
Accumulated depreciation	(85,961,021)	(75,424,340)
Total	\$242,339,384	\$234,462,971

NOTE 6 – LINE OF CREDIT

Aspire has a \$20,500,000 line of credit with a bank, maturing December 25, 2024. The line of credit carries an interest rate equal to the Prime Rate (8.50% and 8.25% at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively). The credit line is secured by school revenues of select schools which are not already secured by other debt. The agreement requires Aspire to comply with certain financial and nonfinancial covenants which Aspire was in compliance at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

NOTE 7 – DEBT

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, debt consists of the following:

	2024	2023
College for Certain Series 2016 School Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds totaling \$83,170,000, bearing interest at rates ranging from 2 – 5% per annum. The bonds were issued with a premium of \$10,618,415 and debt issuance costs of \$1,410,454. Secured by trust deed on properties. Principal and interest are due annually and bonds mature in August 2046.	\$ 65,705,000	\$ 67,190,000

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NOTE 7 – DEBT (Continued)

	2024	2023
College for Certain Series 2015 School Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds totaling \$20,535,000, bearing interest at rates ranging from 2 – 5% per annum. The bonds were issued with a premium of \$2,005,317 and debt issuance costs of \$767,482. Secured by trust deed on properties. Principal and interest are due annually and bonds mature in August 2045.	\$ 17,830,000	\$ 18,265,000
California School Finance Authority loan totaling \$4,758,509, bearing interest at 2.202%, for the construction of Rosa Parks Academy. Principal and interest due annually. Matures in 2037.	2,595,816	2,766,688
California School Finance Authority loan totaling \$9,834,913, bearing interest at 2%, for the construction of Aspire Ollin University Preparatory Academy. Principal and interest due annually. Matures in 2042.	6,549,825	6,849,718
California School Finance Authority loan totaling \$8,229,438, bearing interest at 2%, for the construction of Aspire Antonio Maria Lugo Academy. Principal and interest are due annually. Matures in 2045.	6,356,225	6,594,348
California Charter School Facilities State Prop 1D Program for Aspire Berkley Maynard Academy. The terms of the agreements provide that 50% of the Prop 1D funding consists of a grant, and the remaining 50% is a local match which will be repaid to the State as a loan. Principal and interest payments due monthly commencing August 2024. The loan bears interest at 2% and matures in 2053.	4,944,000	4,944,000
California School Finance Authority Charter School Revenue Bonds: Series 2020 A&B bonds issued for \$37,435,000, matures August 2059, with an interest rate range of 3% to 5% plus an original premium of \$5,875,672 and debt issuance costs of \$1,200,351. Principal and interest are due annually. Secured by trust deed on properties.	36,605,000	37,025,000

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NOTE 7 – DEBT (Continued)

	2024	2023
Aspire Public Schools Obligated Group Corporate Taxable Bonds, Series 2021 bonds issued for \$11,265,000, matures June 2060, with an interest rate of 4.8%, plus an original discount of \$112,650 and debt issuance costs of \$219,418. Principal and interest are due annually. Secured by trust deed on properties.	\$ 11,150,000	\$ 11,265,000
California School Finance Authority Charter School Revenue Bonds: Series 2021 A&B bonds issued for \$29,875,000, matures August 2061, with an interest rate range of 2.125% to 4%, plus an original premium of \$2,678,895 and debt issuance costs of \$989,826. Principal and interest are due annually. Secured by trust deed on properties.	29,785,000	29,785,000
California School Finance Authority Charter School Revenue Bonds: Series 2022 A&B bonds issued for \$43,815,000, matures August 2061, with an interest rate of 5%, plus an original premium of \$974,822 and debt issuance costs of \$1,276,887. Principal and interest are due annually and commence in 2026. Secured by trust deed on properties.	<u>45,815,000</u>	<u>45,815,000</u>
	227,335,866	230,499,754
Net unamortized premiums/discounts and issuance costs	12,298,757	11,674,592
Less current portion	<u>(3,820,910)</u>	<u>(3,163,889)</u>
Total noncurrent debt	<u>\$235,813,713</u>	<u>\$239,010,457</u>

As of June 30, 2024, aggregate future maturities of debt for each of the next five years ending June 30, and thereafter are as follows:

2025		\$ 3,820,910
2026		4,556,918
2027		4,724,682
2028		4,922,811
2029		5,126,311
Thereafter		<u>204,184,234</u>
		<u>\$227,335,866</u>

The agreements require Aspire to comply with certain financial and nonfinancial covenants which Aspire was in compliance at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

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NOTE 8 – LEASES

Aspire leases buildings for administrative offices in Oakland, Huntington Park, and Stockton and leases land and buildings for school sites in Berkeley, East Palo Alto, Empire, Los Angeles, Modesto, Oakland, Sacramento, and Stockton under various operating leases. Aspire also leases copiers at various school sites. The operating lease agreements range from two to thirty-five years. For the year ended June 30, 2024, total operating lease costs were \$2,780,285, including variable lease costs totaling \$66,036. For the year ended June 30, 2023, total operating lease costs were \$4,484,358, including short-term lease costs totaling \$1,259,162 and variable lease costs totaling \$71,128. Aspire has one variable lease where the monthly rate is based upon the number of students served in the respective school year. Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of operating lease liabilities totaled \$2,726,427 and \$3,096,983 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Aspire has made an accounting policy election to use a risk-free rate in lieu of its incremental borrowing rate to discount future lease payments. The weighted-average discount rate applied to calculate lease liabilities as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, was 1.0% and .70%, respectively.

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the weighted-average remaining lease term for all operating leases was 14.04 and 13.62 years, respectively.

Future maturities on lease liabilities for the years ending June 30, are as follows:

2025		\$ 2,902,431
2026		1,646,544
2027		809,952
2028		637,529
2029		643,467
Thereafter		<u>8,381,812</u>
		15,021,735
Less present value discount		<u>(320,855)</u>
Total		<u>\$ 14,700,880</u>

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NOTE 9 – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions at June 30, 2024 and 2023 are restricted by donors for the following purposes:

	2024	2023
Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant	\$ 10,186,533	\$ 21,710,097
Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant	11,656,120	12,122,112
Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials	6,795,066	8,835,399
Construction of facilities	1,322,500	5,460,022
Educator Effectiveness Block Grant	719,717	1,708,683
Lottery: Instructional Materials	600,473	600,473
Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists	964,970	585,291
Kitchen infrastructure and equipment	92,101	504,202
A-G Completion Improvement Grant	154,929	325,647
School programs	5,364,931	1,089,725
	<u>\$ 37,857,340</u>	<u>\$ 52,941,651</u>

Net assets released for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose specified by the donors.

NOTE 10 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Legal Proceedings

Aspire is, from time to time, the subject of litigation, claims and assessments arising out of matters occurring in its normal business operations. Aspire has insurance coverage to provide protection against certain contingencies. In the opinion of management, resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Aspire's financial position or results of operations.

Examinations

Certain federal and state grants which Aspire administers and for which it receives reimbursements are subject to audit and final acceptance by federal and state granting agencies. The amount of expenditures that may be disallowed by the grantor, if any, cannot be determined at this time. Aspire expects that such amounts, if any, would not have a material impact on the financial position and cash flows of Aspire.

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NOTE 11 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

Qualified employees are covered under multiple-employer defined-benefit pension plans maintained by agencies of the State of California (the State). Academic employees are members of the State Teachers’ Retirement System (STRS), and classified employees are members of the Public Employees’ Retirement System.

The risks of participating in these multiple-employer defined-benefit pension plans are different from single-employer plans because: (a) assets contributed to the multiple-employer plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers, (b) the required member, employer and state contribution rates are set by the California Legislature and detailed in Teachers’ Retirement Law and the Public Employees’ Retirement Law, and (c) if Aspire-affiliated schools choose to stop participating in the multiple-employer plan, it may be required to pay a withdrawal liability to the plan. The Aspire-affiliated schools have no plans to withdraw from these multiple-employer plans.

Copies of the STRS annual financial report may be obtained from the STRS’s headquarter, 100 Waterfront Place, West Sacramento, California 95605 and www.calstrs.com.

Funding Policy

Active plan members hired on or before December 31, 2012 and on or after January 1, 2013 are required to contribute 9.20% and 8.56% of their salaries, respectively. The Aspire-affiliated schools are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The actuarial methods and assumptions used for determining the rate are those adopted by the STRS Teachers’ Retirement Board. The required employer contribution rate for fiscal years 2024 and 2023 was 18.48% and 19.10% of annual payroll, respectively. The contribution requirements of the plan members are established and may be amended by State statute.

Aspire-affiliated schools’ contributions to STRS for each of the last three years were as follows:

<u>Years Ended</u> <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Required</u> <u>Contribution</u>	<u>Employer</u> <u>Contribution</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Contributed</u>
2022	\$ 14,288,647	16.92%	100%
2023	\$ 18,185,920	19.10%	100%
2024	\$ 20,175,140	18.48%	100%

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NOTE 11 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS)

Plan Description

Aspire-affiliated schools contribute to the School Employer Pool under the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, public employee retirement system defined-benefit pension plan administered by CalPERS (Plan EIN 94-6207465). The plan provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State statutes, as legislatively amended, within the Public Employees’ Retirement Law. CalPERS issues a separate comprehensive annual financial report that includes required supplementary information. According to the most recently available Schools Pool Actuarial Valuation Report for the year ended June 30, 2023, the Schools Pool total plan assets are \$84.3 billion, the total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is \$150.8 billion, contributions from all employers totaled \$3.8 billion, and the plan is 67.5% funded. The Aspire-affiliated schools did not contribute more than 5% of the total contributions to the plan.

Copies of the CalPERS’ annual financial report may be obtained from the CalPERS Executive Office, 400 Q Street, Sacramento, California 95811 and www.calpers.ca.gov.

Funding Policy

Active plan members are required to contribute 8% of their salaries or 7% for Classic status; currently, the Aspire-affiliated schools contribute the employees’ portion for California School Employees Association and confidential staff members. The Aspire-affiliated schools are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The actuarial methods and assumptions used for determining the rate are those adopted by the CalPERS Board of Administration. The required employer contribution rate for fiscal years 2024 and 2023 was 26.68% and 25.37% of annual payroll, respectively.

The Aspire-affiliated schools’ contributions to CalPERS for each of the last three fiscal years were as follows:

<u>Years Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Required Contribution</u>	<u>Employer Contribution</u>	<u>Percent Contributed</u>
2022	\$ 6,369,996	22.91%	100%
2023	\$ 8,415,950	25.37%	100%
2024	\$ 10,162,270	26.68%	100%

The State of California may make additional direct payments for retirement benefits to STRS or CalPERS on behalf of all participating employers in the State. The revenue and expenditures associated with these payments, if any, have not been included in these financial statements.

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NOTE 11 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)

Defined-contribution Plan

Eligible employees of Aspire can participate in a 403(b) plan sponsored by Aspire. Participants can elect to contribute up to 5% of their pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, subject to Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code contribution limitations. Until December 2021, Aspire made a contribution of 5% of the participant's eligible salary. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, there were no matching contributions made by Aspire.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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June 30, 2024

	Bay Area Schools	Central Valley Schools	LA Schools	National Office	Total Schools	CFC, Inc.	Aspire Foundation	Eliminations	Total Consolidated
ASSETS									
Current assets									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,621,391	\$ 35,042,492	\$ 33,639,634	\$ 383,408	\$ 80,686,925	\$ -	\$ 3,381,505	\$ -	\$ 84,068,430
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	8,409,372	-	-	8,409,372
Grants and contracts receivable	20,240,614	19,837,068	15,694,419	783,511	56,555,612	25,012	-	(34,116)	56,546,508
Related party receivables	1,176,969	1,078,793	445,742	296,087	2,997,591	17,861,361	-	(20,858,952)	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets	190,175	996,650	564,199	1,233,325	2,984,349	-	4,638	-	2,988,987
Total current assets	33,229,149	56,955,003	50,343,994	2,696,331	143,224,477	26,295,745	3,386,143	(20,893,068)	152,013,297
Noncurrent assets									
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,322,500	-	-	-	1,322,500	22,326,463	-	-	23,648,963
Right-of-use assets	25,906,032	162,450,435	27,526,111	345,171	216,227,749	-	-	(202,496,416)	13,731,333
Property and equipment, net	13,144,047	13,952,695	27,874,909	177,940	55,149,591	188,182,451	39,470	(1,032,128)	242,339,384
Total noncurrent assets	40,372,579	176,403,130	55,401,020	523,111	272,699,840	210,508,914	39,470	(203,528,544)	279,719,680
Total assets	\$ 73,601,728	\$ 233,358,133	\$ 105,745,014	\$ 3,219,442	\$ 415,924,317	\$ 236,804,659	\$ 3,425,613	\$ (224,421,612)	\$ 431,732,977
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS									
Current liabilities									
Line of credit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,966,972	8,803,581	5,924,164	3,468,495	25,163,212	3,103,303	69,830	-	28,336,345
Refundable advances	453,712	3,857,664	322,215	-	4,633,591	-	-	-	4,633,591
Related party payables	1,818,953	11,341,525	5,868	-	13,166,346	-	1,824,588	(14,990,934)	-
Lease liabilities	754,808	3,000,776	665,758	(15,488)	4,405,854	-	-	(1,503,423)	2,902,431
Debt	142,456	174,636	548,818	-	865,910	2,955,000	-	-	3,820,910
Total current liabilities	10,136,901	27,178,182	7,466,823	18,453,007	63,234,913	6,058,303	1,894,418	(16,494,357)	54,693,277
Noncurrent liabilities									
Lease liabilities	25,136,976	165,461,801	27,874,102	369,957	218,842,836	-	-	(207,044,387)	11,798,449
Debt, net	4,801,544	2,421,180	12,357,232	-	19,579,956	216,233,757	-	-	235,813,713
Total noncurrent liabilities	29,938,520	167,882,981	40,231,334	369,957	238,422,792	216,233,757	-	(207,044,387)	247,612,162
Total liabilities	40,075,421	195,061,163	47,698,157	18,822,964	301,657,705	222,292,060	1,894,418	(223,538,744)	302,305,439
Net assets									
Without donor restrictions	25,699,360	25,122,953	42,247,079	(15,713,720)	77,355,672	14,512,599	584,795	(882,868)	91,570,198
With donor restrictions	7,826,947	13,174,017	15,799,778	110,198	36,910,940	-	946,400	-	37,857,340
Total net assets	33,526,307	38,296,970	58,046,857	(15,603,522)	114,266,612	14,512,599	1,531,195	(882,868)	129,427,538
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 73,601,728	\$ 233,358,133	\$ 105,745,014	\$ 3,219,442	\$ 415,924,317	\$ 236,804,659	\$ 3,425,613	\$ (224,421,612)	\$ 431,732,977

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Central Valley					CFC, Inc.	Aspire Foundation	Eliminations	Total Consolidated
	Bay Area Schools	Schools	LA Schools	National Office	Total Schools				
Revenue and support									
Federal revenue	\$ 9,774,107	\$ 14,513,179	\$ 13,782,743	\$ 774,501	\$ 38,844,530	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,844,530
State revenue	58,606,065	98,930,550	63,891,457	-	221,428,072	-	-	-	221,428,072
Local revenue	18,196,763	18,012,695	16,634,994	158,494	53,002,946	-	125,441	-	53,128,387
Grants and contributions	(358,864)	-	-	39,892	(318,972)	-	2,806,948	-	2,487,976
Interest income	-	92,718	-	2,530,569	2,623,287	1,686,058	9	-	4,309,354
Related party rent	-	-	-	-	-	13,920,363	-	(13,920,363)	-
Other income	70,468	483,306	99,371	642,767	1,295,912	-	-	-	1,295,912
Total revenue and support	86,288,539	132,032,448	94,408,565	4,146,223	316,875,775	15,606,421	2,932,398	(13,920,363)	321,494,231
Expenses									
Salaries and benefits	59,592,670	89,154,685	67,380,381	19,002,095	235,129,831	-	1,565,612	-	236,695,443
Professional fees and services	13,309,067	14,223,744	11,996,017	5,938,877	45,467,705	1,481	701,406	-	46,170,592
Books and supplies	3,218,908	6,414,273	4,235,516	1,317,271	15,185,968	-	613,917	-	15,799,885
Rent and occupancy	8,656,809	17,045,333	5,015,763	311,198	31,029,103	-	1,814	(13,920,363)	17,110,554
Depreciation and amortization	997,640	1,387,832	1,369,575	61,106	3,816,153	7,596,405	-	-	11,412,558
Interest	-	59,041	192,312	-	251,353	9,501,121	-	(149,260)	9,603,214
Travel and meetings	503,886	1,056,833	473,964	511,630	2,546,313	-	259,788	-	2,806,101
Other expenses	35,228	194,190	(14,429)	510,733	725,722	-	135,614	-	861,336
Cost allocations / transfers	5,404,716	10,693,363	7,158,157	(23,682,968)	(426,732)	-	426,732	-	-
Total expenses	91,718,924	140,229,294	97,807,256	3,969,942	333,725,416	17,099,007	3,704,883	(14,069,623)	340,459,683
Change in net assets	(5,430,385)	(8,196,846)	(3,398,691)	176,281	(16,849,641)	(1,492,586)	(772,485)	149,260	(18,965,452)
Net assets, beginning	38,956,692	46,493,816	61,445,548	(15,779,803)	131,116,253	16,005,185	2,303,680	(1,032,128)	148,392,990
Net assets, ending	\$ 33,526,307	\$ 38,296,970	\$ 58,046,857	\$ (15,603,522)	\$ 114,266,612	\$ 14,512,599	\$ 1,531,195	\$ (882,868)	\$ 129,427,538

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CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION – BAY AREA REGION
June 30, 2024

	Aspire Monarch Academy	Aspire Lionel Wilson College Prep Academy	Aspire East Palo Alto Charter School	Aspire Triumph Technology Academy	Aspire Berkley Maynard Academy	Aspire Richmond California Preparatory Academy	Aspire Richmond Technology Academy	Aspire Golden State College Preparatory Academy	Aspire College Academy	Bay Area Regional Office	Total Bay Area Region
ASSETS											
Current assets											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,392,780	\$ 1,894,731	\$ 1,567,376	\$ 215,793	\$ 1,216,520	\$ 1,029,425	\$ 186,737	\$ 1,841,129	\$ (61,925)	\$ 1,338,825	\$ 11,621,391
Grants and contracts receivable	1,469,832	2,156,650	3,152,026	2,182,472	2,439,441	2,684,112	2,645,359	2,080,977	1,423,534	6,211	20,240,614
Related party receivables	-	-	3,927	-	27,529	22,500	-	1,000,000	-	123,013	1,176,969
Prepaid expenses and other assets	49,509	(23,624)	60,571	35,774	(41,382)	6,688	40,180	7,017	37,895	17,547	190,175
Total current assets	3,912,121	4,027,757	4,783,900	2,434,039	3,642,108	3,742,725	2,872,276	4,929,123	1,399,504	1,485,596	33,229,149
Noncurrent assets											
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	661,250	-	-	-	-	661,250	-	1,322,500
Right-of-use assets	497,410	7,728,310	7,981,070	340,337	29,453	74,201	47,661	8,937,636	269,954	-	25,906,032
Property and equipment, net	249,393	1,279,580	201,765	78,789	8,629,954	138,457	543,850	2,000,695	21,564	-	13,144,047
Total noncurrent assets	746,803	9,007,890	8,182,835	1,080,376	8,659,407	212,658	591,511	10,938,331	952,768	-	40,372,579
Total assets	\$ 4,658,924	\$ 13,035,647	\$ 12,966,735	\$ 3,514,415	\$ 12,301,515	\$ 3,955,383	\$ 3,463,787	\$ 15,867,454	\$ 2,352,272	\$ 1,485,596	\$ 73,601,728
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS											
Current liabilities											
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 707,831	\$ 640,846	\$ 885,698	\$ 421,088	\$ 602,748	\$ 1,048,052	\$ 1,159,019	\$ 730,744	\$ 433,117	\$ 337,829	\$ 6,966,972
Refundable advances	-	111,226	-	4,769	-	-	-	-	-	337,717	453,712
Related party payables	-	-	-	441,453	-	-	877,500	-	500,000	-	1,818,953
Lease liabilities	91,804	195,415	89,608	64,274	12,941	11,223	3,419	234,265	51,859	-	754,808
Debt	-	-	-	-	142,456	-	-	-	-	-	142,456
Total current liabilities	799,635	947,487	975,306	931,584	758,145	1,059,275	2,039,938	965,009	984,976	675,546	10,136,901
Noncurrent liabilities											
Lease liabilities	466,579	7,464,558	7,916,624	315,039	16,512	62,977	44,807	8,599,120	250,760	-	25,136,976
Debt, net	-	-	-	-	4,801,544	-	-	-	-	-	4,801,544
Total noncurrent liabilities	466,579	7,464,558	7,916,624	315,039	4,818,056	62,977	44,807	8,599,120	250,760	-	29,938,520
Total liabilities	1,266,214	8,412,045	8,891,930	1,246,623	5,576,201	1,122,252	2,084,745	9,564,129	1,235,736	675,546	40,075,421
Net assets											
Without donor restrictions	1,917,321	3,970,493	2,674,872	687,595	6,022,343	2,529,392	1,021,349	5,517,470	548,475	810,050	25,699,360
With donor restrictions	1,475,389	653,109	1,399,933	1,580,197	702,971	303,739	357,693	785,855	568,061	-	7,826,947
Total net assets	3,392,710	4,623,602	4,074,805	2,267,792	6,725,314	2,833,131	1,379,042	6,303,325	1,116,536	810,050	33,526,307
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 4,658,924	\$ 13,035,647	\$ 12,966,735	\$ 3,514,415	\$ 12,301,515	\$ 3,955,383	\$ 3,463,787	\$ 15,867,454	\$ 2,352,272	\$ 1,485,596	\$ 73,601,728

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – BAY AREA REGION
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Aspire Monarch Academy	Aspire Lionel Wilson College Prep Academy	Aspire East Palo Alto Charter School	Aspire Triumph Technology Academy	Aspire Berkley Maynard Academy	Aspire Richmond California Preparatory Academy	Aspire Richmond Technology Academy	Aspire Golden State College Preparatory Academy	Aspire College Academy	Bay Area Regional Office	Total Bay Area Region
Revenue and support											
Federal revenue	\$ 1,442,122	\$ 1,480,015	\$ 1,134,540	\$ 1,085,458	\$ 1,076,322	\$ 727,416	\$ 1,033,393	\$ 955,369	\$ 839,472	\$ -	\$ 9,774,107
State revenue	6,681,996	5,993,663	7,009,489	5,164,251	6,907,144	7,761,506	8,237,273	6,466,085	4,013,251	371,407	58,606,065
Local revenue	1,502,824	2,116,512	4,173,555	885,825	1,855,727	2,475,180	2,260,256	2,152,361	768,312	6,211	18,196,763
Grants and contributions	-	-	(378,033)	-	-	-	-	-	3,070	16,099	(358,864)
Interest income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	3,488	3,634	26,959	2,471	4,942	8,140	3,924	11,975	2,762	2,173	70,468
Total revenue and support	9,630,430	9,593,824	11,966,510	7,138,005	9,844,135	10,972,242	11,534,846	9,585,790	5,626,867	395,890	86,288,539
Expenses											
Salaries and benefits	5,660,516	6,047,280	7,417,123	4,329,443	7,032,271	7,367,637	7,455,200	6,905,589	3,747,038	3,630,573	59,592,670
Professional fees and services	1,616,034	1,237,595	2,036,873	1,077,028	1,538,336	1,243,332	1,965,588	1,083,232	838,214	672,835	13,309,067
Books and supplies	268,012	312,008	297,901	248,904	336,256	277,903	381,442	411,306	227,166	458,010	3,218,908
Rent and occupancy	746,481	915,232	1,231,608	610,701	635,853	1,306,071	1,245,130	1,184,298	597,347	184,088	8,656,809
Depreciation and amortization	63,571	118,027	193,693	4,975	229,118	26,534	170,060	190,560	1,102	-	997,640
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel and meetings	6,764	50,821	27,511	23,988	42,042	64,585	12,651	53,054	60,026	162,444	503,886
Other expenses	393	133	167	(23)	(77)	(7,910)	36,956	1,744	1,516	2,329	35,228
Cost allocations / transfers	1,105,510	1,045,496	952,624	655,100	1,131,164	1,275,919	1,328,307	1,034,988	555,038	(3,679,430)	5,404,716
Total expenses	9,467,281	9,726,592	12,157,500	6,950,116	10,944,963	11,554,071	12,595,334	10,864,771	6,027,447	1,430,849	91,718,924
Change in net assets	163,149	(132,768)	(190,990)	187,889	(1,100,828)	(581,829)	(1,060,488)	(1,278,981)	(400,580)	(1,034,959)	(5,430,385)
Net assets, beginning	3,229,561	4,756,370	4,265,795	2,079,903	7,826,142	3,414,960	2,439,530	7,582,306	1,517,116	1,845,009	38,956,692
Net assets, ending	\$ 3,392,710	\$ 4,623,602	\$ 4,074,805	\$ 2,267,792	\$ 6,725,314	\$ 2,833,131	\$ 1,379,042	\$ 6,303,325	\$ 1,116,536	\$ 810,050	\$ 33,526,307

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION – CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
June 30, 2024

	Aspire Vincent Shalvey Academy	Aspire University Charter School	Aspire Summit Charter Academy	Aspire River Oaks Charter School	Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy	Aspire Benjamin Holt Middle School	Aspire Capitol Heights Academy	Aspire Rosa Parks Academy	Aspire Langston Hughes Academy
ASSETS									
Current assets									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,785,841	\$ 2,135,400	\$ 2,622,118	\$ 4,076,599	\$ 61,730	\$ 7,304,815	\$ (48,175)	\$ 3,730,811	\$ 4,603,349
Grants and contracts receivable	1,017,041	2,343,344	(77,639)	782,985	3,420,544	(1,744,482)	1,013,956	2,019,937	1,926,495
Related party receivables	-	-	-	-	482,942	450,000	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets	89,381	89,000	93,353	84,236	(24,319)	100,396	21,700	77,486	41,251
Total current assets	<u>2,892,263</u>	<u>4,567,744</u>	<u>2,637,832</u>	<u>4,943,820</u>	<u>3,940,897</u>	<u>6,110,729</u>	<u>987,481</u>	<u>5,828,234</u>	<u>6,571,095</u>
Noncurrent assets									
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Right-of-use assets	2,342,502	8,092,028	551,643	4,767,781	15,914,247	6,591,541	13,585,916	9,964	13,282,289
Property and equipment, net	859,453	164,263	218,714	428,138	1,143,249	404,024	120,110	7,617,669	368,217
Total noncurrent assets	<u>3,201,955</u>	<u>8,256,291</u>	<u>770,357</u>	<u>5,195,919</u>	<u>17,057,496</u>	<u>6,995,565</u>	<u>13,706,026</u>	<u>7,627,633</u>	<u>13,650,506</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,094,218</u>	<u>\$ 12,824,035</u>	<u>\$ 3,408,189</u>	<u>\$ 10,139,739</u>	<u>\$ 20,998,393</u>	<u>\$ 13,106,294</u>	<u>\$ 14,693,507</u>	<u>\$ 13,455,867</u>	<u>\$ 20,221,601</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS									
Current liabilities									
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 346,115	\$ 469,649	\$ 443,075	\$ 448,168	\$ 656,260	\$ 592,092	\$ 391,077	\$ 612,941	\$ 779,374
Refundable advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	(20,646)	-	-
Related party payables	-	4,310	-	-	-	-	3,369,227	-	97,512
Lease liabilities	10,736	258,679	11,969	111,354	330,040	190,711	-	4,487	346,005
Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	174,636	-
Total current liabilities	<u>356,851</u>	<u>732,638</u>	<u>455,044</u>	<u>559,522</u>	<u>986,300</u>	<u>782,803</u>	<u>3,739,658</u>	<u>792,064</u>	<u>1,222,891</u>
Noncurrent liabilities									
Lease liabilities	2,331,766	7,897,463	539,695	4,476,495	16,444,753	6,538,378	14,796,698	5,477	12,858,321
Debt, net	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,421,180	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>2,331,766</u>	<u>7,897,463</u>	<u>539,695</u>	<u>4,476,495</u>	<u>16,444,753</u>	<u>6,538,378</u>	<u>14,796,698</u>	<u>2,426,657</u>	<u>12,858,321</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,688,617</u>	<u>8,630,101</u>	<u>994,739</u>	<u>5,036,017</u>	<u>17,431,053</u>	<u>7,321,181</u>	<u>18,536,356</u>	<u>3,218,721</u>	<u>14,081,212</u>
Net assets									
Without donor restrictions	2,587,587	2,827,326	1,292,762	3,857,748	2,714,383	4,850,756	(4,307,551)	8,853,498	4,315,623
With donor restrictions	818,014	1,366,608	1,120,688	1,245,974	852,957	934,357	464,702	1,383,648	1,824,766
Total net assets	<u>3,405,601</u>	<u>4,193,934</u>	<u>2,413,450</u>	<u>5,103,722</u>	<u>3,567,340</u>	<u>5,785,113</u>	<u>(3,842,849)</u>	<u>10,237,146</u>	<u>6,140,389</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 6,094,218</u>	<u>\$ 12,824,035</u>	<u>\$ 3,408,189</u>	<u>\$ 10,139,739</u>	<u>\$ 20,998,393</u>	<u>\$ 13,106,294</u>	<u>\$ 14,693,507</u>	<u>\$ 13,455,867</u>	<u>\$ 20,221,601</u>

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION – CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
June 30, 2024

	Aspire Port City Academy	Aspire Vanguard College Preparatory Academy	Aspire Alexander Twilight College Preparatory Academy	Aspire Alexander Twilight Secondary Academy	Aspire APEX Academy	Aspire Arts & Sciences Academy	Aspire Stockton Secondary Academy	Central Valley Regional Office	Total Central Valley Region
ASSETS									
Current assets									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,513,641	\$ 1,117,181	\$ 1,009,896	\$ 1,814,071	\$ 190,877	\$ (4,604)	\$ (308,981)	\$ 3,437,923	\$ 35,042,492
Grants and contracts receivable	1,858,720	1,619,933	(95,166)	2,533,743	1,316,530	1,087,069	718,664	95,394	19,837,068
Related party receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	145,851	1,078,793
Prepaid expenses and other assets	77,019	57,097	82,775	49,211	69,221	34,198	41,121	13,524	996,650
Total current assets	<u>3,449,380</u>	<u>2,794,211</u>	<u>997,505</u>	<u>4,397,025</u>	<u>1,576,628</u>	<u>1,116,663</u>	<u>450,804</u>	<u>3,692,692</u>	<u>56,955,003</u>
Noncurrent assets									
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Right-of-use assets	7,329,066	12,107,513	6,674,352	10,690,393	16,025,904	18,456,962	25,839,046	189,288	162,450,435
Property and equipment, net	385,349	378,505	595,320	397,745	290,961	122,868	410,907	47,203	13,952,695
Total noncurrent assets	<u>7,714,415</u>	<u>12,486,018</u>	<u>7,269,672</u>	<u>11,088,138</u>	<u>16,316,865</u>	<u>18,579,830</u>	<u>26,249,953</u>	<u>236,491</u>	<u>176,403,130</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,163,795</u>	<u>\$ 15,280,229</u>	<u>\$ 8,267,177</u>	<u>\$ 15,485,163</u>	<u>\$ 17,893,493</u>	<u>\$ 19,696,493</u>	<u>\$ 26,700,757</u>	<u>\$ 3,929,183</u>	<u>\$ 233,358,133</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS									
Current liabilities									
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 456,513	\$ 720,339	\$ 707,793	\$ 744,518	\$ 255,905	\$ 172,115	\$ 496,885	\$ 510,762	\$ 8,803,581
Refundable advances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,878,310	3,857,664
Related party payables	6,302	201,209	174,976	1,256,613	1,512,128	2,069,140	2,650,108	-	11,341,525
Lease liabilities	191,952	352,919	176,460	255,733	164,624	270,515	265,428	59,164	3,000,776
Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	174,636
Total current liabilities	<u>654,767</u>	<u>1,274,467</u>	<u>1,059,229</u>	<u>2,256,864</u>	<u>1,932,657</u>	<u>2,511,770</u>	<u>3,412,421</u>	<u>4,448,236</u>	<u>27,178,182</u>
Noncurrent liabilities									
Lease liabilities	7,062,658	11,859,707	6,422,319	10,500,791	17,074,268	18,987,803	27,529,353	135,856	165,461,801
Debt, net	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,421,180
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>7,062,658</u>	<u>11,859,707</u>	<u>6,422,319</u>	<u>10,500,791</u>	<u>17,074,268</u>	<u>18,987,803</u>	<u>27,529,353</u>	<u>135,856</u>	<u>167,882,981</u>
Total liabilities	<u>7,717,425</u>	<u>13,134,174</u>	<u>7,481,548</u>	<u>12,757,655</u>	<u>19,006,925</u>	<u>21,499,573</u>	<u>30,941,774</u>	<u>4,584,092</u>	<u>195,061,163</u>
Net assets									
Without donor restrictions	3,100,670	1,406,432	14,866	2,194,591	(1,654,090)	(1,892,184)	(4,384,555)	(654,909)	25,122,953
With donor restrictions	345,700	739,623	770,763	532,917	540,658	89,104	143,538	-	13,174,017
Total net assets	<u>3,446,370</u>	<u>2,146,055</u>	<u>785,629</u>	<u>2,727,508</u>	<u>(1,113,432)</u>	<u>(1,803,080)</u>	<u>(4,241,017)</u>	<u>(654,909)</u>	<u>38,296,970</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 11,163,795</u>	<u>\$ 15,280,229</u>	<u>\$ 8,267,177</u>	<u>\$ 15,485,163</u>	<u>\$ 17,893,493</u>	<u>\$ 19,696,493</u>	<u>\$ 26,700,757</u>	<u>\$ 3,929,183</u>	<u>\$ 233,358,133</u>

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Aspire Vincent Shalvey Academy	Aspire University Charter School	Aspire Summit Charter Academy	Aspire River Oaks Charter School	Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy	Aspire Benjamin Holt Middle School	Aspire Capitol Heights Academy	Aspire Rosa Parks Academy	Aspire Langston Hughes Academy
Revenue and support									
Federal revenue	\$ 812,135	\$ 1,128,927	\$ 908,784	\$ 1,267,450	\$ 766,179	\$ 1,230,938	\$ 635,077	\$ 1,654,052	\$ 1,431,168
State revenue	5,164,278	6,947,584	6,855,961	6,654,681	8,472,077	5,932,430	3,405,061	6,330,554	9,983,422
Local revenue	1,241,702	645,508	505,531	1,271,724	2,006,318	1,651,504	649,577	885,799	1,710,943
Grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest income	6,557	9,372	12,023	7,797	8,910	6,931	-	7,649	10,611
Other income	20,077	2,613	25,522	27,378	72,633	31,682	2,907	23,727	9,069
Total revenue and support	7,244,749	8,734,004	8,307,821	9,229,030	11,326,117	8,853,485	4,692,622	8,901,781	13,145,213
Expenses									
Salaries and benefits	4,600,360	5,315,294	5,715,772	5,094,170	7,082,793	4,903,414	3,297,284	4,770,956	8,270,563
Professional fees and services	593,028	745,365	1,096,384	714,909	842,205	558,260	621,794	689,878	848,074
Books and supplies	247,905	340,917	354,871	289,752	360,763	214,836	361,744	680,820	641,829
Rent and occupancy	520,009	837,119	574,340	812,851	1,585,193	784,388	1,232,420	344,787	1,397,946
Depreciation and amortization	80,683	33,800	48,937	78,339	118,123	50,328	35,067	480,868	76,868
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,041	-
Travel and meetings	23,447	22,837	25,879	14,041	36,138	10,263	23,860	14,805	96,646
Other expenses	78	39	5	406	23	23	18,205	796	5
Cost allocations / transfers	976,090	1,097,341	997,347	1,157,530	1,445,638	1,175,229	511,499	1,147,254	1,660,819
Total expenses	7,041,600	8,392,712	8,813,535	8,161,998	11,470,876	7,696,741	6,101,873	8,189,205	12,992,750
Change in net assets	203,149	341,292	(505,714)	1,067,032	(144,759)	1,156,744	(1,409,251)	712,576	152,463
Net assets, beginning	3,202,452	3,852,642	2,919,164	4,036,690	3,712,099	4,628,369	(2,433,598)	9,524,570	5,987,926
Net assets, ending	\$ 3,405,601	\$ 4,193,934	\$ 2,413,450	\$ 5,103,722	\$ 3,567,340	\$ 5,785,113	\$ (3,842,849)	\$ 10,237,146	\$ 6,140,389

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Aspire Port City Academy	Aspire Vanguard College Preparatory Academy	Aspire Alexander Twilight College Preparatory Academy	Aspire Alexander Twilight Secondary Academy	Aspire APEX Academy	Aspire Arts & Sciences Academy	Aspire Stockton Secondary Academy	Central Valley Regional Office	Total Central Valley Region
Revenue and support									
Federal revenue	\$ 693,103	\$ 862,030	\$ 598,548	\$ 1,062,252	\$ 905,650	\$ 244,825	\$ 312,061	\$ -	\$ 14,513,179
State revenue	6,527,841	7,352,231	5,740,294	5,960,577	4,836,607	4,296,197	3,425,730	1,045,025	98,930,550
Local revenue	984,729	2,106,645	1,285,639	1,429,637	657,136	546,228	425,276	8,799	18,012,695
Grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest income	7,222	9,903	-	-	2,558	1,723	1,462	-	92,718
Other income	56,347	60,168	34,041	92,255	14,601	8,113	-	2,173	483,306
Total revenue and support	8,269,242	10,390,977	7,658,522	8,544,721	6,416,552	5,097,086	4,164,529	1,055,997	132,032,448
Expenses									
Salaries and benefits	5,749,148	7,170,778	5,576,988	5,915,428	4,630,889	3,553,922	2,724,422	4,782,504	89,154,685
Professional fees and services	514,459	912,533	1,442,262	784,344	845,476	461,736	488,788	2,064,249	14,223,744
Books and supplies	393,170	609,153	308,091	419,935	(2,666)	100,531	377,309	715,313	6,414,273
Rent and occupancy	881,541	1,126,289	861,831	976,778	1,379,105	1,382,530	2,119,035	229,171	17,045,333
Depreciation and amortization	49,081	68,050	56,140	44,395	101,529	24,637	29,103	11,884	1,387,832
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,041
Travel and meetings	33,023	107,365	93,142	65,117	15,423	20,979	25,596	428,272	1,056,833
Other expenses	-	3,998	-	9	363	78	-	170,162	194,190
Cost allocations / transfers	1,034,866	1,353,573	975,743	1,085,492	736,512	657,725	506,039	(5,825,334)	10,693,363
Total expenses	8,655,288	11,351,739	9,314,197	9,291,498	7,706,631	6,202,138	6,270,292	2,576,221	140,229,294
Change in net assets	(386,046)	(960,762)	(1,655,675)	(746,777)	(1,290,079)	(1,105,052)	(2,105,763)	(1,520,224)	(8,196,846)
Net assets, beginning	3,832,416	3,106,817	2,441,304	3,474,285	176,647	(698,028)	(2,135,254)	865,315	46,493,816
Net assets, ending	\$ 3,446,370	\$ 2,146,055	\$ 785,629	\$ 2,727,508	\$ (1,113,432)	\$ (1,803,080)	\$ (4,241,017)	\$ (654,909)	\$ 38,296,970

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION – LA REGION
June 30, 2024

	Aspire Antonio Maria Lugo Academy	Aspire Ollin University Preparatory Academy	Aspire Junior Collegiate Academy	Aspire Titan Academy	Aspire Pacific Academy	Aspire Firestone Academy	Aspire Gateway Academy
ASSETS							
Current assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,513,055	\$ 2,569,564	\$ 3,585,423	\$ 2,352,453	\$ 3,139,095	\$ 1,569,475	\$ 2,620,618
Grants and contracts receivable	1,330,357	3,102,891	825,356	1,729,707	2,135,591	1,798,608	1,673,656
Related party receivables	21,451	305,652	-	-	9,013	16,205	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets	50,917	2,633	133,890	27,213	33,863	60,316	60,047
Total current assets	<u>2,915,780</u>	<u>5,980,740</u>	<u>4,544,669</u>	<u>4,109,373</u>	<u>5,317,562</u>	<u>3,444,604</u>	<u>4,354,321</u>
Noncurrent assets							
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Right-of-use assets	12,297	12,679	4,973,485	5,088,292	9,023,372	-	-
Property and equipment, net	12,736,533	13,435,148	392,178	246,653	345,446	92,359	92,290
Total noncurrent assets	<u>12,748,830</u>	<u>13,447,827</u>	<u>5,365,663</u>	<u>5,334,945</u>	<u>9,368,818</u>	<u>92,359</u>	<u>92,290</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 15,664,610</u>	<u>\$ 19,428,567</u>	<u>\$ 9,910,332</u>	<u>\$ 9,444,318</u>	<u>\$ 14,686,380</u>	<u>\$ 3,536,963</u>	<u>\$ 4,446,611</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS							
Current liabilities							
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 398,953	\$ 493,072	\$ 452,967	\$ 426,762	\$ 646,238	\$ 538,620	\$ 499,632
Refundable advances	7,503	-	-	-	-	-	1,114
Related party payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,218
Lease liabilities	5,537	9,276	133,631	131,226	234,412	-	-
Debt	242,927	305,891	-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	<u>654,920</u>	<u>808,239</u>	<u>586,598</u>	<u>557,988</u>	<u>880,650</u>	<u>538,620</u>	<u>504,964</u>
Noncurrent liabilities							
Lease liabilities	6,760	3,403	4,776,703	4,892,346	8,950,034	-	-
Debt, net	6,113,298	6,243,934	-	-	-	-	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>6,120,058</u>	<u>6,247,337</u>	<u>4,776,703</u>	<u>4,892,346</u>	<u>8,950,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>6,774,978</u>	<u>7,055,576</u>	<u>5,363,301</u>	<u>5,450,334</u>	<u>9,830,684</u>	<u>538,620</u>	<u>504,964</u>
Net assets							
Without donor restrictions	7,092,456	10,666,621	2,857,298	2,338,664	4,055,314	2,107,444	2,566,456
With donor restrictions	1,797,176	1,706,370	1,689,733	1,655,320	800,382	890,899	1,375,191
Total net assets	<u>8,889,632</u>	<u>12,372,991</u>	<u>4,547,031</u>	<u>3,993,984</u>	<u>4,855,696</u>	<u>2,998,343</u>	<u>3,941,647</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 15,664,610</u>	<u>\$ 19,428,567</u>	<u>\$ 9,910,332</u>	<u>\$ 9,444,318</u>	<u>\$ 14,686,380</u>	<u>\$ 3,536,963</u>	<u>\$ 4,446,611</u>

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CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION – LA REGION
June 30, 2024

	Aspire Tate Academy	Aspire Inkeep Academy	Aspire Slauson Academy	Aspire Centennial College Preparatory Academy	LA Regional Office	Total LA Region
ASSETS						
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,962,579	\$ 2,519,830	\$ 2,673,431	\$ 5,168,771	\$ 2,965,340	\$ 33,639,634
Grants and contracts receivable	561,990	682,758	1,178,591	530,910	144,004	15,694,419
Related party receivables	48,170	-	-	-	45,251	445,742
Prepaid expenses and other assets	54,990	38,800	51,593	37,121	12,816	564,199
Total current assets	<u>3,627,729</u>	<u>3,241,388</u>	<u>3,903,615</u>	<u>5,736,802</u>	<u>3,167,411</u>	<u>50,343,994</u>
Noncurrent assets						
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	-
Right-of-use assets	-	3,083	3,083	8,095,481	314,339	27,526,111
Property and equipment, net	124,129	81,076	37,435	291,294	368	27,874,909
Total noncurrent assets	<u>124,129</u>	<u>84,159</u>	<u>40,518</u>	<u>8,386,775</u>	<u>314,707</u>	<u>55,401,020</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,751,858</u>	<u>\$ 3,325,547</u>	<u>\$ 3,944,133</u>	<u>\$ 14,123,577</u>	<u>\$ 3,482,118</u>	<u>\$ 105,745,014</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
Current liabilities						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 567,296	\$ 496,295	\$ 524,158	\$ 688,714	\$ 191,457	\$ 5,924,164
Refundable advances	-	-	-	-	313,598	322,215
Related party payables	-	1,650	-	-	-	5,868
Lease liabilities	-	3,083	3,083	21,932	123,578	665,758
Debt	-	-	-	-	-	548,818
Total current liabilities	<u>567,296</u>	<u>501,028</u>	<u>527,241</u>	<u>710,646</u>	<u>628,633</u>	<u>7,466,823</u>
Noncurrent liabilities						
Lease liabilities	-	-	-	9,037,771	207,085	27,874,102
Debt, net	-	-	-	-	-	12,357,232
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,037,771</u>	<u>207,085</u>	<u>40,231,334</u>
Total liabilities	<u>567,296</u>	<u>501,028</u>	<u>527,241</u>	<u>9,748,417</u>	<u>835,718</u>	<u>47,698,157</u>
Net assets						
Without donor restrictions	1,427,563	1,538,574	1,872,551	3,077,738	2,646,400	42,247,079
With donor restrictions	1,756,999	1,285,945	1,544,341	1,297,422	-	15,799,778
Total net assets	<u>3,184,562</u>	<u>2,824,519</u>	<u>3,416,892</u>	<u>4,375,160</u>	<u>2,646,400</u>	<u>58,046,857</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 3,751,858</u>	<u>\$ 3,325,547</u>	<u>\$ 3,944,133</u>	<u>\$ 14,123,577</u>	<u>\$ 3,482,118</u>	<u>\$ 105,745,014</u>

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CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – LA REGION
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Aspire Antonio Maria Lugo Academy	Aspire Ollin University Preparatory Academy	Aspire Junior Collegiate Academy	Aspire Titan Academy	Aspire Pacific Academy	Aspire Firestone Academy	Aspire Gateway Academy
Revenue and support							
Federal revenue	\$ 1,463,112	\$ 2,017,803	\$ 1,344,839	\$ 1,074,034	\$ 1,282,411	\$ 1,099,000	\$ 1,017,936
State revenue	5,961,341	7,975,412	4,778,822	5,470,034	7,938,786	5,501,875	5,082,803
Local revenue	1,541,357	2,115,392	1,248,910	1,224,900	2,073,235	1,344,326	1,311,361
Grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	10,479	14,015	(31,975)	9,462	12,953	14,116	8,447
Total revenue and support	<u>8,976,289</u>	<u>12,122,622</u>	<u>7,340,596</u>	<u>7,778,430</u>	<u>11,307,385</u>	<u>7,959,317</u>	<u>7,420,547</u>
Expenses							
Salaries and benefits	6,089,226	7,782,390	4,318,952	4,784,873	7,992,300	6,007,141	5,344,849
Professional fees and services	935,088	1,125,521	807,841	1,053,373	1,107,967	962,021	956,746
Books and supplies	314,186	414,158	348,907	238,024	454,506	240,311	284,070
Rent and occupancy	190,245	267,699	590,227	579,015	1,002,847	312,356	298,019
Depreciation and amortization	513,795	599,143	77,551	27,227	41,599	7,522	7,905
Interest	129,754	62,558	-	-	-	-	-
Travel and meetings	8,887	22,391	19,160	20,960	28,195	10,510	6,708
Other expenses	(4,059)	8,851	(9,198)	(8,021)	-	-	-
Cost allocations / transfers	1,097,828	1,464,525	895,379	864,079	1,340,622	881,948	862,519
Total expenses	<u>9,274,950</u>	<u>11,747,236</u>	<u>7,048,819</u>	<u>7,559,530</u>	<u>11,968,036</u>	<u>8,421,809</u>	<u>7,760,816</u>
Change in net assets	(298,661)	375,386	291,777	218,900	(660,651)	(462,492)	(340,269)
Net assets, beginning	<u>9,188,293</u>	<u>11,997,605</u>	<u>4,255,254</u>	<u>3,775,084</u>	<u>5,516,347</u>	<u>3,460,835</u>	<u>4,281,916</u>
Net assets, ending	<u>\$ 8,889,632</u>	<u>\$ 12,372,991</u>	<u>\$ 4,547,031</u>	<u>\$ 3,993,984</u>	<u>\$ 4,855,696</u>	<u>\$ 2,998,343</u>	<u>\$ 3,941,647</u>

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Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Aspire Tate Academy	Aspire Inkeep Academy	Aspire Slauson Academy	Aspire Centennial College Preparatory Academy	LA Regional Office	Total LA Region
Revenue and support						
Federal revenue	\$ 930,468	\$ 1,221,436	\$ 893,347	\$ 1,438,357	\$ -	\$ 13,782,743
State revenue	4,728,638	4,622,693	5,012,520	6,003,967	814,566	63,891,457
Local revenue	1,296,051	1,294,406	1,246,341	1,931,123	7,592	16,634,994
Grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	22,532	9,704	8,248	12,809	8,581	99,371
Total revenue and support	<u>6,977,689</u>	<u>7,148,239</u>	<u>7,160,456</u>	<u>9,386,256</u>	<u>830,739</u>	<u>94,408,565</u>
Expenses						
Salaries and benefits	5,078,293	5,119,178	4,702,276	6,395,242	3,765,661	67,380,381
Professional fees and services	1,020,413	893,324	1,183,922	789,453	1,160,348	11,996,017
Books and supplies	408,101	445,185	441,106	366,516	280,446	4,235,516
Rent and occupancy	281,339	277,584	275,760	687,874	252,798	5,015,763
Depreciation and amortization	16,637	18,425	11,424	47,611	736	1,369,575
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	192,312
Travel and meetings	15,091	59,198	22,920	23,842	236,102	473,964
Other expenses	-	381	-	(6)	(2,377)	(14,429)
Cost allocations / transfers	883,825	887,997	825,198	1,209,187	(4,054,950)	7,158,157
Total expenses	<u>7,703,699</u>	<u>7,701,272</u>	<u>7,462,606</u>	<u>9,519,719</u>	<u>1,638,764</u>	<u>97,807,256</u>
Change in net assets	(726,010)	(553,033)	(302,150)	(133,463)	(808,025)	(3,398,691)
Net assets, beginning	<u>3,910,572</u>	<u>3,377,552</u>	<u>3,719,042</u>	<u>4,508,623</u>	<u>3,454,425</u>	<u>61,445,548</u>
Net assets, ending	<u>\$ 3,184,562</u>	<u>\$ 2,824,519</u>	<u>\$ 3,416,892</u>	<u>\$ 4,375,160</u>	<u>\$ 2,646,400</u>	<u>\$ 58,046,857</u>

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LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
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Organization

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Governing Board

Name	Title	Term Expires
Beth Hunkapiller	Board Chair	June 30, 2027
Anthony Barkett	Member	June 30, 2027
Carol J. Ornelas	Member	June 30, 2027
Ay'Anna Moody	Member	June 30, 2027
Lorea Martinez	Member	June 30, 2027
Christina Laster	Member	June 30, 2027
Veleta Savannah	Member	June 30, 2027

Administrators

Mala Batra, Chief Executive Officer
Mary Cha-Caswell, Chief Operating Officer
Michael Wimbish, Chief Financial Officer

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Charter School Name	Charter Number	Sponsoring District	Charter Granted/ Renewed
Aspire Alexander Twilight College Preparatory Academy	1554	San Juan Unified	Nov. 2015
Aspire Alexander Twilight Secondary Academy	1555	San Juan Unified	Nov. 2015
Aspire Antonio Maria Lugo Academy	694	LA County Office of Education	April 2019
Aspire APEX Academy	1552	Stockton Unified	Jan. 2018
Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy	565	Lodi Unified	Oct. 2017
Aspire Benjamin Holt Middle School	1782	Lodi Unified	Nov. 2015
Aspire Berkley Maynard Academy	726	Oakland Unified	Jan. 2015
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy	598	Sacramento City Unified	April 2018
Aspire Centennial College Preparatory Academy	1436	LA Unified	Nov. 2017
Aspire College Academy	1577	Oakland Unified	Jan. 2018
Aspire East Palo Alto Charter	125	Ravenswood City	Aug. 2018
Aspire Firestone Academy	1214	LA Unified	Oct. 2014
Aspire Gateway Academy	1213	LA Unified	Oct. 2014
Aspire Golden State College Preparatory Academy	1023	Oakland Unified	Jan. 2018
Aspire Inskeep Academy	1332	LA Unified	Oct. 2015
Aspire Junior Collegiate Academy	1551	LA Unified	Nov. 2017
Aspire Langston Hughes Academy	1048	Stockton Unified	Jan. 2018
Aspire Lionel Wilson College Preparatory Academy	465	Oakland Unified	Dec. 2016
Aspire Monarch Academy	252	Oakland Unified	Nov. 2018
Aspire Ollin University Preparatory Academy	693	LA County Office of Education	April 2019
Aspire Pacific Academy	1230	LA Unified	Oct. 2014
Aspire Port City Academy	1553	Stockton Unified	Jan. 2018
Aspire Richmond California Preparatory Academy	1739	West Contra Costa Unified	June 2019
Aspire Richmond Technology Academy	1740	West Contra Costa Unified	Dec. 2019
Aspire River Oaks Charter School	364	Lodi Unified	Feb. 2016
Aspire Stockton Secondary Academy	2064	Stockton Unified	Aug. 2020
Aspire Arts & Sciences Academy	2063	Stockton Unified	Aug. 2020
Aspire Rosa Parks Academy	554	Stockton Unified	Jan. 2015
Aspire Slauson Academy	1330	LA Unified	Oct. 2015
Aspire Summit Charter Academy	812	Ceres Unified	Jan. 2016
Aspire Tate Academy	1331	LA Unified	Oct. 2015
Aspire Titan Academy	1550	LA Unified	Nov. 2017
Aspire Triumph Technology	1663	Oakland Unified	Nov. 2018
Aspire University Charter School	1963	Modesto City Schools	Jan. 2018
Aspire Vanguard College Preparatory Academy	1125	Modesto City Schools	July 2018
Aspire Vincent Shalvey Academy	178	Lodi Unified	Dec. 2018

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SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE
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	Classroom-based ADA	
	Second	
	Period Report	Annual Report
Aspire Monarch Academy		
Grades K through 3	250.12	252.20
Grades 4 through 6	120.83	119.46
Total	370.95	371.66
Aspire Lionel Wilson College Preparatory Academy		
Grade 6	41.65	41.76
Grades 7 and 8	106.73	107.42
Grades 9 through 12	221.05	222.25
Total	369.43	371.43
Aspire East Palo Alto Charter School		
Grades K through 3	220.49	219.49
Grades 4 through 6	185.23	184.21
Grades 7 and 8	111.42	111.07
Total	517.14	514.77
Aspire Triumph Technology Academy		
Grades K through 3	145.22	144.02
Grades 4 through 6	68.96	68.74
Total	214.18	212.76
Aspire Berkley Maynard Academy		
Grades K through 3	211.66	210.55
Grades 4 through 6	150.83	149.91
Grades 7 and 8	89.94	90.31
Total	452.43	450.77
Aspire Richmond California College Preparatory Academy		
Grade 6	90.95	91.03
Grades 7 and 8	178.45	180.57
Grades 9 through 12	292.33	295.17
Total	561.73	566.77
Aspire Richmond Technology Academy		
Grades K through 3	363.95	363.52
Grades 4 through 6	154.45	153.85
Total	518.40	517.37

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	Classroom-based ADA	
	Second	
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Aspire Golden State College Preparatory Academy		
Grades 4 through 6	59.50	58.51
Grades 7 and 8	102.49	101.53
Grades 9 through 12	233.16	230.55
Total	395.15	390.59
Aspire College Academy		
Grades K through 3	115.48	115.02
Grades 4 through 6	70.74	70.57
Total	186.22	185.59
Aspire Vincent Shalvey Academy		
Grades K through 3	294.19	293.78
Grades 4 through 6	127.79	127.20
Total	421.98	420.98
Aspire University Charter School		
Grades K through 3	275.31	274.22
Grades 4 through 6	116.38	116.65
Total	391.69	390.87
Aspire Summit Charter Academy		
Grades K through 3	241.05	238.24
Grades 4 through 6	110.26	108.57
Total	351.31	346.81
Aspire River Oaks Charter School		
Grades K through 3	292.07	292.16
Grades 4 through 6	132.83	132.73
Total	424.90	424.89
Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy		
Grades 9 through 12	652.78	649.97
Aspire Benjamin Holt Middle School		
Grades 4 through 6	182.25	181.77
Grades 7 and 8	359.57	358.58
Total	541.82	540.35

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	Classroom-based ADA	
	Second	
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Aspire Capitol Heights Academy		
Grades K through 3	83.28	83.10
Grades 4 through 6	59.44	58.68
Grades 7 through 8	44.76	43.71
Total	187.48	185.49
Aspire Rosa Parks Academy		
Grades K through 3	256.55	255.29
Grades 4 through 6	111.92	110.70
Total	368.47	365.99
Aspire Langston Hughes Academy		
Grades 4 through 6	111.07	111.13
Grades 7 and 8	217.41	216.64
Grades 9 through 12	369.51	368.40
Total	697.99	696.17
Aspire Port City Academy		
Grades K through 3	289.40	288.31
Grades 4 through 6	125.21	124.27
Total	414.61	412.58
Aspire Vanguard College Preparatory Academy		
Grades 4 through 6	112.83	111.92
Grades 7 and 8	201.98	199.66
Grades 9 through 12	253.57	248.98
Total	568.38	560.56
Aspire Alexander Twilight College Preparatory Academy		
Grades K through 3	276.56	273.72
Grades 4 through 6	116.44	115.17
Total	393.00	388.89
Aspire Alexander Twilight Secondary Academy		
Grades 4 through 6	67.54	68.28
Grades 7 and 8	165.65	165.74
Grades 9 through 12	196.02	194.34
Total	429.21	428.36

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	Classroom-based ADA	
	Second	
	Period Report	Annual Report
Aspire APEX Academy		
Grades K through 3	189.92	190.16
Grades 4 through 6	95.95	96.39
Total	285.87	286.55
Aspire Arts & Sciences Academy		
Grades K through 3	268.25	266.69
Aspire Stockton Secondary Academy		
Grades 4 through 6	49.83	50.00
Grades 7 through 8	108.17	108.23
Grades 9 through 12	50.85	49.81
Total	208.85	208.04
Aspire Antonio Maria Lugo Academy		
Grades K through 3	238.31	239.37
Grades 4 through 6	129.16	129.30
Total	367.47	368.67
Aspire Ollin University Preparatory Academy		
Grade 6	68.04	67.99
Grades 7 and 8	134.43	134.25
Grades 9 through 12	312.50	311.35
Total	514.97	513.59
Aspire Junior Collegiate Academy		
Grades K through 3	196.66	197.17
Grades 4 through 6	103.22	103.94
Total	299.88	301.11
Aspire Titan Academy		
Grades K through 3	183.67	183.64
Grades 4 through 6	111.25	110.76
Total	294.92	294.40

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	Classroom-based ADA	
	Second	
	Period Report	Annual Report
Aspire Pacific Academy		
Grades 4 through 6	58.81	58.65
Grades 7 and 8	167.42	167.68
Grades 9 through 12	279.81	281.49
Total	506.04	507.82
Aspire Firestone Academy		
Grades K through 3	198.38	197.96
Grades 4 through 6	119.59	120.01
Total	317.97	317.97
Aspire Gateway Academy		
Grades K through 3	212.06	211.89
Grades 4 through 6	107.06	107.07
Total	319.12	318.96
Aspire Tate Academy		
Grades K through 3	165.41	166.54
Grades 4 through 6	145.21	145.01
Total	310.62	311.55
Aspire Inskeep Academy		
Grades K through 3	157.76	159.29
Grades 4 through 6	147.67	146.99
Total	305.43	306.28
Aspire Slauson Academy		
Grades K through 3	174.71	174.26
Grades 4 through 6	123.59	124.88
Total	298.30	299.14
Aspire Centennial College Preparatory Academy		
Grades 4 through 6	125.96	125.49
Grades 7 through 8	350.45	347.86
Total	476.41	473.35

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTION TIME
Year Ended June 30, 2024

The actual minutes provided during the year ended June 30, 2024, as reported below, are in compliance with the instructional minutes' and days' provisions and are provided based on a traditional calendar of days.

	<u>Minutes Requirement</u>	<u>Minutes Offered</u>	<u>Days Offered</u>
Aspire Monarch Academy			
Grade K	36,000	50,860	190
Grade 1	50,400	52,060	190
Grades 2 – 3	50,400	55,810	190
Grades 4 – 6	54,000	55,810	190
Aspire Lionel Wilson College Preparatory Academy			
Grades 6 - 8	54,000	59,490	180
Grades 9 - 12	64,800	67,030	180
Aspire East Palo Alto Charter School			
Grade K	36,000	52,660	180
Grades 1 - 2	50,400	52,660	180
Grade 3	50,400	54,370	180
Grades 4 - 5	54,000	54,370	180
Grades 6 - 8	54,000	56,600	180
Aspire Triumph Technology Academy			
Grade K	36,000	55,605	180
Grade 1	50,400	54,525	180
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	54,555	180
Grades 4 - 5	54,000	55,455	180
Aspire Berkley Maynard Academy			
Grade K	36,000	50,740	180
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	52,660	180
Grades 4 - 5	54,000	54,740	180
Grades 6 - 8	54,000	54,082	180

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	Minutes Requirement	Minutes Offered	Days Offered
Aspire Richmond California College Preparatory Academy			
Grades 6 - 8	54,000	59,970	180
Grades 9 - 12	64,800	65,135	180
Aspire Richmond Technology Academy			
Grade K	36,000	50,145	180
Grade 1	50,400	51,405	180
Grade 2	50,400	54,400	180
Grade 3	50,400	54,695	180
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	54,695	180
Aspire Golden State College Preparatory Academy			
Grades 6 - 8	54,000	60,360	180
Grades 9 - 12	64,800	66,064	181
Aspire College Academy			
Grade K	36,000	56,300	180
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	58,060	180
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	58,060	180
Aspire Vincent Shalvey Academy			
Grade K	36,000	59,040	184
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	59,880	184
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	59,880	184
Aspire University Charter School			
Grade K	36,000	57,395	184
Grade 1	50,400	58,635	184
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	58,910	184
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	58,910	184

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTION TIME
Year Ended June 30, 2024

The actual minutes provided during the year ended June 30, 2024, as reported below, are in compliance with the instructional minutes' and days' provisions and are provided based on a traditional calendar of days.

	Minutes Requirement	Minutes Offered	Days Offered
Aspire Summit Charter Academy			
Grade K	36,000	57,880	184
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	58,840	184
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	58,840	184
Aspire River Oaks Charter School			
Grade K	36,000	55,915	184
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	58,890	184
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	58,890	184
Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy			
Grades 9 - 12	64,800	65,415	184
Aspire Benjamin Holt Middle School			
Grades 4 - 8	54,000	65,010	184
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy			
Grade K	36,000	55,980	180
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	59,200	180
Grades 4 - 5	54,000	61,430	180
Grades 4 - 8	54,000	62,525	180
Aspire Rosa Parks Academy			
Grade K	36,000	54,680	184
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	57,380	184
Grades 4 - 8	54,000	57,380	184
Aspire Langston Hughes Academy			
Grades 4 - 8	54,000	63,008	184
Grades 9 - 12	64,800	66,519	184

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTION TIME
Year Ended June 30, 2024

The actual minutes provided during the year ended June 30, 2024, as reported below, are in compliance with the instructional minutes' and days' provisions and are provided based on a traditional calendar of days.

	Minutes Requirement	Minutes Offered	Days Offered
Aspire Port City Academy			
Grade K	36,000	58,090	184
Grade 1	50,400	58,090	184
Grades 2 - 3	50,400	60,115	184
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	60,360	184
Aspire Vanguard College Preparatory Academy			
Grades 4 - 8	54,000	63,536	184
Grades 9 - 12	64,800	65,680	184
Aspire Alexander Twilight College Preparatory Academy			
Grade K	36,000	58,190	182
Grade 1	50,400	59,990	182
Grades 2 - 3	50,400	60,900	182
Grades 4 - 5	54,000	63,035	182
Aspire Alexander Twilight Secondary Academy			
Grades 6 - 8	54,000	64,760	184
Grades 9 - 12	64,800	64,810	184
Aspire APEX Academy			
Grade K	36,000	54,625	175
Grade 1	50,400	56,875	175
Grades 2 - 3	50,400	58,135	175
Grades 4 - 5	54,000	56,875	175
Aspire Arts & Sciences Academy			
Grade K	36,000	57,400	184
Grades 1 - 2	50,400	59,820	184
Grade 3	50,400	60,660	184

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTION TIME
Year Ended June 30, 2024

The actual minutes provided during the year ended June 30, 2024, as reported below, are in compliance with the instructional minutes' and days' provisions and are provided based on a traditional calendar of days.

	Minutes Requirement	Minutes Offered	Days Offered
Aspire Stockton Secondary Academy			
Grades 6 - 8	54,000	60,565	175
Grade 9 - Cohort A	64,800	65,000	180
Grade 9 - Cohort B	64,800	65,740	180
Aspire Antonio Maria Lugo Academy			
Grade K	36,000	56,865	180
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	56,865	180
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	56,865	180
Aspire Ollin University Preparatory Academy			
Grades 6 - 8	54,000	64,800	180
Grades 9 - 12	64,800	64,800	180
Aspire Junior Collegiate Academy			
Grade K	36,000	55,945	180
Grade 1	50,400	57,600	180
Grades 2 - 3	50,400	60,000	180
Grades 4 - 5	54,000	60,000	180
Aspire Titan Academy			
Grade K	36,000	54,355	180
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	58,200	180
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	58,200	180
Aspire Pacific Academy			
Grades 6 - 8	54,000	64,845	180
Grades 9 - 12	64,800	64,845	180

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTION TIME
Year Ended June 30, 2024

The actual minutes provided during the year ended June 30, 2024, as reported below, are in compliance with the instructional minutes' and days' provisions and are provided based on a traditional calendar of days.

	Minutes Requirement	Minutes Offered	Days Offered
Aspire Firestone Academy			
Grade K	36,000	56,400	180
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	57,600	180
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	57,600	180
Aspire Gateway Academy			
Grade K	36,000	56,400	180
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	57,600	180
Grades 4 - 5	54,000	57,600	180
Aspire Tate Academy			
Grade K	36,000	50,100	180
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	54,000	180
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	54,000	180
Aspire Inskeep Academy			
Grade K	36,000	51,840	180
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	54,000	180
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	54,000	180
Aspire Slauson Academy			
Grade K	36,000	50,100	180
Grades 1 - 3	50,400	54,000	180
Grades 4 - 6	54,000	54,000	180
Aspire Centennial College Preparatory Academy			
Grades 6 - 7	54,000	59,484	180
Grade 8	54,000	59,676	180

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ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Education			
<i>California Department of Education</i>			
Education Stabilization Fund			
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER)	84.425U	15559, 10155, 15621, 15650, 15752	\$ 19,658,436
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	14329	6,752,234
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	14346	531,052
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	14349	654,753
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424F	15396	353,942
Special Education Grant to States	84.027	13379	<u>2,818,461</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>30,768,878</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
<i>California Department of Education</i>			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	13390, 13525 - 6	4,813,452
National School Lunch Program	10.555	13396, 13391	1,056,611
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	13004	<u>140,671</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>6,010,734</u>
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	13666	<u>1,329,195</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>7,339,929</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 38,108,807</u>

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Aspire Public Schools (Aspire) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Aspire, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Aspire.

NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 3 – INDIRECT COST RATE

Aspire has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**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**

Board of Directors
Aspire Public Schools

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 consolidated financial statements of Aspire Public Schools and its affiliates (Aspire), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements (collectively, the financial statements), and have issued our report thereon dated December 13, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-001 and 2024-002 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Aspire's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-002.

Aspire's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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 Aspire's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Aspire's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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December 13, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE;
AS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Board of Directors
Aspire Public Schools

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on each Major Federal Program

We have audited Aspire Public Schools and its affiliates’ (Aspire) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Aspire’s major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Aspire’s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Aspire complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis of Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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

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December 13, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON STATE COMPLIANCE AND ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE FOR STATE PROGRAMS**

Board of Directors
Aspire Public Schools

Report on State Compliance

Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited Aspire Public Schools' (Aspire) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *2023-24 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, published by the Education Audit Appeals Panel identified in the schedule below for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Qualified Opinion on Transitional Kindergarten

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, Aspire complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements that are applicable to the laws and regulations of the state programs noted in the table below for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Unmodified Opinion on Each of the Other State Programs

In our opinion, Aspire complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements that are applicable to the laws and regulations of the state programs noted in the table below for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of the *2023-24 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*. Our responsibilities under those standards, and the *2023-24 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting* are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on Transitional Kindergarten

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, Aspire did not comply with requirements regarding Transitional Kindergarten as described in finding number 2024-003 for maximum pupil enrollment. Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for Aspire to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grants agreements applicable to Aspire's state programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Aspire's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the *2023-24 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting* will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Aspire's compliance with the requirements of the state programs as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Audit Guide, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Aspire's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Aspire's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the *2023-24 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Aspire's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we express no such opinion; and

- Select and test transactions and records to determine Aspire's compliance with the state laws and regulations applicable to the following items:

<u>For Charter Schools</u>	<u>Procedures Performed</u>
Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools	Yes
After/Before School Education and Safety Program	Yes
Proper Expenditure of Education Protection Account Funds	Yes
Unduplicated Local Control Funding Formula Pupil Counts	Yes
Local Control and Accountability Plan	Yes
Independent Study – Course Based	N/A
Immunizations	N/A
Educator Effectiveness	Yes
Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant (ELO-G)	N/A
Career Technical Education Incentive Grant	N/A
Expanded Learning Opportunity Program	Yes
Transitional Kindergarten	Yes
Attendance	Yes
Mode of Instruction	Yes
Nonclassroom-Based Instruction/Independent Study	N/A
Determination of Funding for Nonclassroom-Based Instruction	N/A
Annual Instructional Minutes – Classroom Based	Yes
Charter School Facility Grant Program	Yes

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

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance, which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2024-03. *Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Aspire's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Aspire's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the *2023-24 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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December 13, 2024

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor’s report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? X Yes No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes X None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes X None Reported

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major federal programs Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? Yes X No

Identification of Major Federal Programs

<u>Federal Assistance Listing Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.558	Child and Adult Care Food Program
84.425 U	Education Stabilization Fund

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs \$1,143,264

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes X No

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS (Continued)

State Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ Yes X None Reported

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for state programs Modified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Audits of California K-12 Local Education Agencies? X Yes _____ No

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2024–001 Financial Management

Finding Type: Material Weakness in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

Criteria: Title 2 CFR Section 200.302 requires non-federal entity’s financial management systems, including records documenting compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award, must be sufficient to permit the preparation of reports required by general and program-specific terms and conditions; and the tracing of funds to a level of expenditures adequate to establish that such funds have been used according to the federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. The records should identify adequately the source and application of funds for federally funded activities. These records must contain information pertaining to federal awards, authorizations, financial obligations, unobligated balances, assets, expenditures, income and interest and be supported by source documentation.

Condition/Context: During our audit, we identified audit adjustments of approximately \$2.6 million which overstated prepaid expenses and accrued liabilities and had a material impact on the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Cause: Aspire’s existing internal controls were not effective to detect the error.

Effect: Account balances for prepaid expenses and accounts payable were overstated.

Repeat finding: No

Recommendation: We recommend Aspire enhance its close process to ensure all transactions are accounted for in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: Management concurs with the finding and recommendation. Please see attached corrective action plan.

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2024-002 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Completeness and Accuracy

Finding Type: Material Weakness in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting and noncompliance

Criteria: According to Title 2 CFR Section 200.510 (b) Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, the auditee must prepare a schedule of expenditures of federal awards for the period covered by auditee’s financial statements which must include the total federal awards expended as determined in accordance with Title 2 CFR Section 200.502.

Condition/Context: The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards prepared by Aspire was incomplete and inaccurately reported expenditures of federal awards. Once the corrections were made, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards increased by \$2,873,737. Furthermore, there was no evidence that the schedule was reviewed by a member of management not involved with the preparation of the schedule.

Cause: Aspire had an ineffective control system over the identification of federal awards on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Effect: The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards was inaccurate.

Repeat Finding: No.

Recommendation: We recommend Aspire implement procedures to accurately capture all federal award expenditures expended during the period covered by the financial statements.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: Management concurs with the finding and recommendation. Please see attached corrective action plan.

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no findings for the year ended June 30, 2024.

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR STATE COMPLIANCE

2024-003 Transitional Kindergarten – CDDC #40000

Finding Type: Noncompliance

Criteria: According to Education Code (EC) Section 48000 (g)(1), a condition of receiving apportionment for pupils in a transitional kindergarten (TK) program pursuant to Education Code Section 46300 is the maintenance of an average transitional kindergarten class enrollment of no more than 24 pupils for each school site.

Condition: During our testing of transitional kindergarten, the transitional kindergarten average class enrollment at Aspire Port City Academy exceeded 24 pupils per class.

Cause: The school site did not have sufficient procedures in place to ensure compliance of transitional kindergarten average class enrollment requirements.

Effect/Questioned Cost: Per (EC) Section 48000(C), the penalty for an excess of 24 pupils per class for transitional kindergarten is the loss of the kindergarten through grade 3 Local Control Funding Formula grade span adjustment for all transitional kindergarten average daily attendance in the local educational agency.

The second principal apportionment transitional kindergarten average daily attendance for Aspire Port City Academy was 23.56, resulting in a loss of apportionment of \$24,313.92.

Repeat Finding: Yes, similar condition was noted in the prior year, see finding 2023-001.

Recommendation: The school site should ensure procedures are in place to ensure transitional kindergarten average class enrollment does not exceed statutory maximums. We recommend that active enrollment is reviewed on a monthly basis.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: Management concurs with the finding and recommendation. Please see attached corrective action plan.

**Management's Corrective Action Plan and
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings**

June 30, 2024



**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

2024-001 Financial Management

Finding Type: Material Weakness in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

Criteria: Title 2 CFR Section 200.302 requires non-federal entity's financial management systems, including records documenting compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award, must be sufficient to permit the preparation of reports required by general and program-specific terms and conditions; and the tracing of funds to a level of expenditures adequate to establish that such funds have been used according to the federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. The records should identify adequately the source and application of funds for federally funded activities. These records must contain information pertaining to federal awards, authorizations, financial obligations, unobligated balances, assets, expenditures, income and interest and be supported by source documentation.

Condition/Context: During our audit, we identified audit adjustments of \$2.6 million which had a material impact on the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Cause: Aspire has an ineffective control system to ensure the financial information is reported timely and in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Effect: Account balances for prepaid expenses and accounts payable were misstated resulting in material adjustments to the financial statements.

Repeat finding: No

Recommendation: We recommend Aspire enhance its close process to ensure all transactions are accounted for in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Corrective Actions Taken or Planned: In order to address the criteria under "**Title 2 CFR Section 200.302**, we are adding an additional check and review step to our regular pre-paid expense review process to ensure that we correctly account for the timing of pre-paid expenses entries, especially as it pertains to year-end timing. We will implement this plan by March 31st, 2025. Please note that the items highlighted above had an immaterial impact on net assets (~\$24K). The names, titles, and contact information of the people responsible for this corrective action are listed below:

- Michael Wimbish – Chief Financial Officer
 - Contact Information: (510) 434-5000 or Michael.Wimbish@aspirepublicschools.org
- Yalun Xi – Controller
 - Contact Information: (510) 434-5000 or Yalun.Xi@aspirepublicschools.org
- James Linscheid – Assistant Controller
 - Contact Information: (510) 434-5000 or James.Linscheid@aspirepublicschools.org

2024-002 **Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Completeness and Accuracy**

Finding Type: Material Weakness in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting and noncompliance

Criteria: According to Title 2 CFR Section 200.510 (b) Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, the auditee must prepare a schedule of expenditures of federal awards for the period covered by auditee's financial statements which must include the total federal awards expended as determined in accordance with Title 2 CFR Section 200.502.

Condition/Context: The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards prepared by Aspire was incomplete and inaccurately reported expenditures of federal awards. Once the corrections were made, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards increased by \$2,873,737. Furthermore, there was no evidence that the schedule was reviewed by a member of management.

Cause: Aspire had an ineffective control system over the identification of federal awards on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Effect: The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards was inaccurate.

Repeat Finding: No.

Recommendation: We recommend Aspire implement procedures to accurately capture all federal award expenditures expended during the period covered by the financial statements.

Corrective Actions Taken or Planned: Please note that expenses were accurately coded and allocated in our system at a resource code level, as well as at a State and Federal level. The mix-up was entirely related to the manual preparation of The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

In order to address the criteria under "**Title 2 CFR Section 200.510(b)**", we will clearly tag the funding source of resources codes in our financial system of record in a way that allows us to pull the schedule together in a more automated fashion. We will implement this plan by March 31st, 2025. The names and titles of the people responsible for this corrective action are listed below:

- Michael Wimbish – Chief Financial Officer
 - Contact Information: (510) 434-5000 or Michael.Wimbish@aspirepublicschools.org
- Yalun Xi – Controller
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2024-003 Transitional Kindergarten – CDDC #40000

Finding Type: Noncompliance

Criteria: According to Education Code (EC) Section 48000 (g)(1) a condition of receiving apportionment for pupils in a transitional kindergarten (TK) program pursuant to Education Code Section 46300 is the maintenance of an average transitional kindergarten class enrollment of no more than 24 pupils for each school site.

Condition: During our testing of transitional kindergarten, the transitional kindergarten average class enrollment at Aspire Port City Academy exceeded 24 pupils per class.

Cause: The school site did not have sufficient procedures in place to ensure compliance of transitional kindergarten average class enrollment requirements.

Effect/Questioned Cost: Per (EC) Section 48000(C) the penalty for an excess of 24 pupils per class for transitional kindergarten is the loss of the kindergarten through grade 3 Local Control Funding Formula grade span adjustment for all transitional kindergarten average daily attendance in the local educational agency.

The second principal apportionment transitional kindergarten average daily attendance for Aspire Port City Academy was 23.56, resulting in a loss of apportionment of \$24,313.92.

Repeat Finding: Yes, see finding 2023-001

Recommendation: The school site should ensure procedures are in place to ensure transitional kindergarten average class enrollment does not exceed statutory maximums. We recommend that active enrollment is reviewed on a monthly basis.

Corrective Actions Taken or Planned: Please note, that because this item was highlighted after the start of the 23-24 school year, compliance would have required us to disenroll families during the middle of the school year. Taking this action would have been extremely disruptive for our impacted students and families. As a temporary workaround, we added an additional adult to the classroom to ensure that our adult-to-student ratio was well below the 12-to-1 requirement.

Moving forward, we will cap TK enrollment at 24 students for beginning of the year lottery drawings. We previously implemented the corrective action plan to address “**Education Code (EC) Section 48000**” as part of the 24-25 school year lottery process (Spring 2024)



**Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

2023-001: Transitional Kindergarten- CDDC#40000

Criteria: According to Education Code (EC) Section 48000 (g)(1) a condition of receiving apportionment for pupils in a transitional kindergarten (TK) program pursuant to Education Code Section 46300 is the maintenance of an average transitional kindergarten class enrollment of no more than 24 pupils for each school site.

Condition: During our testing of transitional kindergarten, we found the TK average class enrollment at Aspire Port City Academy exceeded 24 pupils per class.

Cause:

The Organization did not have sufficient procedures in place to ensure the compliance of TK average class enrollment requirements.

Effect/Questioned Cost: Per (EC) Section 48000(C) the penalty for an excess of 24 pupils per class for TK is the loss of the kindergarten through grade 3 Local Control Funding Formula grade span adjustment for all TK ADA in the local educational agency. The second principal apportionments TK ADA for Aspire Port City Academy was 21.14 ADA resulting in a loss of apportionment of \$20,146.42.

Recommendation: The Organization should ensure procedures are in place to ensure TK average class enrollment does not exceed statutory maximums. We recommend that active enrollment is reviewed on a monthly basis.

Status: Similar finding was noted during the year, see finding 2024-003

2023-002. AFTER SCHOOL AND EDUCATION SAFETY PROGRAM (ASES)– CDDC # 40000

Criteria: California Education Code Section 8482-8484.6 8483 (a)(1) and (2) Elementary school and middle school or junior high school pupils must participate in the full day of the program, except as allowed by the early release policy. Reported number of pupils served should be supported by written records.

Condition: Supporting documents for daily attendance records selected as part of our sample did not support the number of students served as reported to the CDE in 6 of 145 sampled days at the following sites: Aspire Langston Hughes Academy and Aspire Alexander Twilight College Preparatory Academy. Additionally, the January 2023-June 2023 monthly attendance records did not support the attendance reported to the California Department of Education for the time period January 2023-June 2023 at the following sites: Aspire Antonio Maria Lugo Academy, Aspire Berkley Maynard Academy, Aspire Richmond California College Preparatory Academy, Aspire Port City Academy, Aspire Titan Academy, Aspire Golden State Preparatory Academy, Aspire Triumph Technology Academy, Aspire East Palo Alto Charter School, Aspire Langston Hughes Academy, Aspire Gateway Academy, Aspire Alexander Twilight College Preparatory Academy, Aspire, Aspire River Oaks Charter School, Aspire Firestone Academy, Aspire Alexander Twilight Secondary Academy, Aspire Ollin University Preparatory Academy, Aspire Rosa Parks Academy, Aspire APEX Academy, Aspire Inskeep Academy, Aspire College Academy, Aspire Centennial College Preparatory Academy, Aspire Slauson Academy, Aspire Pacific Academy, and Aspire Richmond California College Preparatory Academy.

Effect: The number of students who were claimed for attendance in 6 of 145 sampled days were not accurately supported. Attendance claimed over a six month period was not supported by monthly attendance reports.

Cause: Manual errors in underlying data for reported program attendance resulted in errors in data submitted for program attendance.

Questioned Cost: Questioned costs could not be calculated since the funding for this program is based on a preapproved 3 year grant cycle and is not based on a per-ADA rate.

Recommendation: This is a repeat of a finding in the previous year audit. We recommend that the Organization adequately train ASES program providers to ensure that reported attendance data is accurate and sufficiently supported. Furthermore, we recommend the Organization perform a secondary review to ensure there are no differences between the recorded attendance data and the supporting records.

Status: The corrective action related to this finding was implemented and the finding has been corrected in the current year.