Financial Statements and Supplementary Information Together with Reports of Independent Certified Public Accountants

HARLEM CHILDREN'S ZONE PROMISE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

For the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Trustees of

Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy Charter School:

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

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

Auditor's responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Supplementary information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Schedules of Functional Expenses for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such supplementary 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 audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures. These additional procedures included comparing and reconciling the information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other reporting required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report, dated October 30, 2018, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Grant Thornton LLP New York, New York

October 30, 2018

Statements of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2018 and 2017

ASSETS	2018	2017
Cash	\$ 304,283	\$ 585,447
Restricted cash	70,755	70,720
Contributions receivable	625,000	-
Government grants and contracts receivable	1,031,194	926,921
Due from related parties	2,229,609	992,178
Due from <i>Harlem Children's Zone</i> - 457(f) plan	5,690,673	5,503,083
Property and equipment, net	1,029	5,208
Other assets	64,248	125,821
Contribution receivable - contributed space	65,951,246	67,783,225
Total assets	\$ 75,968,037	\$ 75,992,603
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 2,027,148	\$ 1,815,523
457(f) plan liability	4,205,622	3,705,162
Total liabilities	6,232,770	5,520,685
CONTINGENCIES		
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	3,784,021	2,688,693
Temporarily restricted	65,951,246	67,783,225
Total net assets	69,735,267	70,471,918
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 75,968,037	\$ 75,992,603

Statement of Activities

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT			
Revenue:			
Government grants and contracts	\$ 19,961,649	\$ -	\$ 19,961,649
Other income	10,964		10,964
Total revenue	19,972,613		19,972,613
Support:			
Contributions:			
Related parties	2,282,201	-	2,282,201
Others	1,265,720	-	1,265,720
Contributed services - related party	529,733		529,733
Total support	4,077,654	-	4,077,654
Net assets released from restrictions	1,831,979	(1,831,979)	
Total revenue and support	25,882,246	(1,831,979)	24,050,267
EXPENSES			
Program services:			
Regular education	20,498,115	-	20,498,115
Special education	3,277,656		3,277,656
Total program services	23,775,771	-	23,775,771
Management and general	1,011,147		1,011,147
Total expenses	24,786,918		24,786,918
Change in net assets	1,095,328	(1,831,979)	(736,651)
Net assets, beginning of year	2,688,693	67,783,225	70,471,918
Net assets, end of year	\$ 3,784,021	\$ 65,951,246	\$ 69,735,267

Statement of Activities

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT			
Revenue:			
Government grants and contracts	\$ 18,718,392	\$ -	\$ 18,718,392
Other income	25,611		25,611
Total revenue	18,744,003	<u> </u>	18,744,003
Support:			
Contributions:			
Related parties	3,452,431	-	3,452,431
Others	66,155	-	66,155
Contributed services - related party	459,497		459,497
Total support	3,978,083	-	3,978,083
Net assets released from restrictions	1,831,979	(1,831,979)	
Total revenue and support	24,554,065	(1,831,979)	22,722,086
EXPENSES			
Program services:			
Regular education	19,957,433	-	19,957,433
Special education	3,042,050		3,042,050
Total program services	22,999,483	-	22,999,483
Management and general	1,053,644	<u> </u>	1,053,644
Total expenses	24,053,127		24,053,127
Change in net assets	500,938	(1,831,979)	(1,331,041)
Net assets, beginning of year	2,187,755	69,615,204	71,802,959
Net assets, end of year	\$ 2,688,693	\$ 67,783,225	\$ 70,471,918

Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

	2018	2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ (736,651)	\$ (1,331,041)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in	(,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	¢ (1,001,0.1)
operating activities:		
Depreciation	4,179	43,779
Change in contribution receivable - contributed space	1,831,979	1,831,979
Changes in assets and liabilities:	-,,-	-,,-
Increase in contributions receivable	(625,000)	_
Increase in government grants and contracts receivable	(104,273)	(360,554)
Increase in due from related parties	(1,237,431)	(286,897)
(Increase) decrease in due from <i>Harlem Children's Zone - 457</i> (f) plan	(187,590)	827,450
Decrease in other assets	61,573	94,028
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	211,625	(407,176)
Increase (decrease) in 457(f) plan liability	500,460	(976,273)
Net cash used in operating activities	(281,129)	(564,705)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Change in restricted cash	(35)	(35)
Net decrease in cash	(281,164)	(564,740)
Cash, beginning of year	585,447	1,150,187
Cash, end of year	\$ 304,283	\$ 585,447

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2018 and 2017

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy Charter School (the "School") is a public charter school that is open to all New York City public school children via a lottery. Opened in 2004, the School features small class sizes, an extended day and year, high expectations, and access to an extended support system through its Institutional Partner, Harlem Children's Zone, Inc. ("HCZ").

HCZ is a not-for-profit organization that offers a wide array of education and social programs to the children and families of Harlem. Created in 1970 as a truancy prevention agency (then called "Rheedlen Centers for Children and Families"), HCZ has expanded its services to address the needs of children from birth through college, and as part of that mission, it also works to strengthen families and the surrounding community.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP").

The financial statement presentation conforms with US GAAP for non-profit organizations, which requires that the School report information regarding its financial position and changes in net assets according to three classes of net assets, as follows:

Unrestricted net assets

Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations and are, therefore, available for the general operations of the School.

Temporarily restricted net assets

Net assets which include resources that have been limited by donor-imposed stipulations that either expire with the passage of time and/or can be fulfilled by the actions of the School pursuant to those stipulations.

Permanently restricted net assets

Net assets which include funds whereby the donors have stipulated that the principal contributed be invested and maintained in perpetuity. Income earned from these investments is available for expenditures according to restrictions, if any, imposed by donors. At June 30, 2018 and 2017, the School did not possess any permanently restricted net assets.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment purchased for a value greater than \$5,000 and with depreciable lives greater than one year are carried at cost, net of depreciation. Significant additions or improvements extending asset lives are capitalized; normal maintenance and repair costs are expensed as incurred. Leasehold improvements are amortized based on the lesser of the estimated useful life or remaining lease term.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2018 and 2017

Property and equipment used in operations are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method, as follows:

Useful Life (Years)

Furniture, fixtures, and equipment Leasehold improvements

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Revenue

The School derives its revenue principally from the New York State and New York City governments, through the New York City Department of Education ("DOE") Office of Charter Schools, based on pupil enrollment for regular and special education. The balance of the revenue and support is derived from contributions and other government grants and contracts.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the related assets is limited by explicit donor-imposed restrictions. Revenues based on pupil enrollment are recognized over the period earned. Revenue from grants and contracts is recognized as the related expenses are incurred, or services performed, in accordance with the terms of the respective grant or contract agreement. Amounts received in advance are reported as deferred revenue.

The School records contributions of cash and other assets when an unconditional promise to give such assets is received from a donor. Contributions are recorded at the fair market value of the assets received and are classified as either unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted support, depending on whether the donor has imposed a restriction on the use of such assets. When a donor restriction expires (i.e., when a stipulated time restriction ends and/or a purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Receivables

Receivables contain some level of uncertainty surrounding timing and amount at collection. Therefore, management provides an allowance for doubtful accounts based on the consideration of the type of receivable, responsible party, the known financial condition of the respective party, historical collection patterns and comparative aging. These allowances are maintained at a level management considers adequate to provide for subsequent adjustments and potential uncollectible accounts. These estimates are reviewed periodically and, if the financial condition of a party changes significantly, management will evaluate the recoverability of any receivables from that organization and write off any amounts that are no longer considered to be recoverable. Any payments subsequently collected on such written-off receivables are recorded as income in the period received. As of June 30, 2018 and 2017, no allowance for doubtful accounts was required.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2018 and 2017

Accounting for Income Taxes

The School recognizes the tax effects from an uncertain tax position in the financial statements only if the position is "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained if the position were to be challenged by a taxing authority. The assessment of the tax position is based solely on the technical merits of the position, without regard to the likelihood that the tax position may be challenged.

The School is exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") section 501(c)(3), though it is subject to tax on income unrelated to its exempt purpose, unless that income is otherwise excluded by the IRC. The School has processes presently in place to ensure the maintenance of its tax-exempt status; to identify and report unrelated income; to determine its filing and tax obligations in jurisdictions for which it was nexus; and to identify and evaluate other matters that may be considered tax positions. The School has determined that there are no material uncertain tax positions that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2018 or 2017.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications

Certain items in the 2017 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications did not have any effect on total assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues or expenses.

3. CASH

The School maintains cash balances in financial institutions, which generally exceed the amount insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and subject the School to credit risk. The School monitors this risk on a regular basis and has not experienced, nor does it anticipate, nonperformance by any of these financial institutions.

4. RESTRICTED CASH

Pursuant to an addendum to the Charter Agreement dated August 4, 2008, with the DOE, the School is required to set up an escrow of at least \$70,000. In the event of termination of the Charter, whether prematurely or otherwise, the School shall establish and follow procedures consistent with those required by Section 2851(2)(t) of the New York State Education Law in its use of the escrow.

5. PUPIL ENROLLMENT AND OTHER REVENUES FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Under the School's Charter Agreement and the Charter Schools Act, the School is entitled to receive funding from state and federal sources that are available to public schools. These funds include New York

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2018 and 2017

City pupil enrollment funds, federal food subsidies, and Title I and Title II funds. The calculation of the amounts to be paid to the School under these programs is determined by the State and is based on complex laws and regulations, enrollment levels, and economic information related to the home school districts of the children enrolled in the School. If these regulations, some of which are relatively new in the State of New York, were to change, or other factors included in the calculations were to change, the level of funding that the School receives could vary significantly.

The amounts received and receivable from government agencies and included as revenue in the financial statements consisted of the following as of and for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

	2018		2017	
	Revenues	Receivable	Revenues	Receivable
City of New York (Pupil enrollment)	\$ 18,338,938	\$ 408,275	\$ 17,451,139	\$ 508,947
Outside the City of New York				
(Pupil enrollment)	38,943	38,943	55,015	4,469
Title I	516,104	325,989	435,050	239,240
Title II	125,745	90,544	24,479	19,584
E-rate	144,746	15,343	49,124	11,673
Food Service - Federal and State of New York	797,173	152,100	703,585	143,008
Total grants and contracts from				
government sources	\$ 19,961,649	\$ 1,031,194	\$ 18,718,392	\$ 926,921

6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

At June 30, 2018 and 2017, property and equipment consisted of the following:

	2018	2017
Equipment Furniture and fixtures	\$ 348,297 19,577	\$ 348,297 19,577
	367,874	367,874
Less: accumulated depreciation	 (366,845)	 (362,666)
Total	\$ 1,029	\$ 5,208

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 amounted to \$4,179 and \$43,779, respectively.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2018 and 2017

7. RETIREMENT PLAN

The School maintains the Alerus Tax Deferred Annuity Plan (the "Plan") with Alerus Retirement Solutions for all eligible employees. The Plan is non-contributory and employees become eligible once they have reached age 21 and have completed one year of service. Employees participating in the Plan will be fully vested after completing six years of service. Employer contributions made to the Plan are discretionary. For the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, contributions made to the Plan amounted to \$354,484 and \$139,528, respectively.

8. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Contributions

457(f) Plan

HCZ maintains a discretionary 457(f) plan for certain eligible employees of the School. Employees become eligible to participate in this plan based solely at the discretion of the School's Board of Trustees. Prior to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, amounts contributed to the Plan became vested five years after the date of the initial contribution for all eligible employees. Beginning July 1, 2016, the vesting period became bifurcated between teachers and administrative staff, such that amounts contributed to the Plan now vest three and five years after the date of the initial contribution for eligible teachers and administrative staff, respectively. Amounts contributed to the Plan are paid to eligible employees when vested. Terminated employees become vested immediately at the date of their termination. HCZ provides the School with an annual subsidy to cover this cost by contributing to a HCZ investment account. During fiscal 2018 and 2017, HCZ provided a net subsidy of \$1,195,126 and \$1,275,231, respectively, for contributions to the 457(f) plan. These amounts are recorded within contributions – related parties and a corresponding expense on the accompanying statements of activities. The cumulative amount due from HCZ relating to the 457(f) plan totaled \$5,690,673 and \$5,503,083 at June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The cumulative amount due to eligible employees totaled \$4,205,622 and \$3,705,162 at June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Amounts due from HCZ in excess of amounts due to eligible employees represents reimbursements of amounts already paid by the School in advance of receiving the funds from HCZ.

Other

Certain expenses are shared amongst the School, HCZ and Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy II Charter School ("PA II"). Shared expenses primarily relate to prorated salaries and other expenses that are allocated amongst the School, HCZ and PA II. Amounts may also be received by the School on behalf of HCZ or PA II, and amounts may also be granted to the School from HCZ. At June 30, 2018 and 2017, due from related parties totaled \$2,229,609 and \$992,178, respectively, pertaining to these related party transactions.

HCZ also provided the School with grants in the amounts of \$1,086,550 and \$2,177,200 in fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively, which are included in contributions – related parties on the accompanying statements of activities.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2018 and 2017

Contributed Services

HCZ provides the School with certain services at no cost. For the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, the School recognized revenues and corresponding expenses for contributed services of \$529,733 and \$459,497, respectively.

Contribution receivable - contributed space

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, HCZ entered into agreements for the construction of a new charter school (the "School Project"). The agreements provided that the New York School Construction Authority (the "SCA") contribute up to \$60,000,000 towards the School Project, with the estimated balance of approximately \$40,000,000, to be contributed by HCZ or other donors. After completion of construction and issuance of the certificate of occupancy, title to the School Project was transferred to the DOE, leased back to HCZ, and portions of the premises sub-leased to the School. The lease agreement designates HCZ and the School as initial users of the premises.

Upon execution of the sublease agreement in fiscal 2015, the School recorded \$73,279,162 as a contribution receivable - contributed space, and recognized temporarily restricted contribution revenue, which represents the imputed fair value of the space under the lease. The receivable is being amortized to rent expense, and the related temporarily restricted net assets are released from restrictions, over the term of the lease. For each of the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, amortization expense totaled \$1,831,979. The sub-lease is for a period of 40 years and will expire in August 2054. Under the terms of the lease, the School is not required to pay any consideration for use of the space.

9. CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The School is dependent on various government agencies for funding and is responsible for meeting the requirements of such agencies. If the School were to lose students or the related government funding, it could have a substantial effect on the School's ability to continue operations.

As discussed in Note 8, HCZ makes contributions to the School and donates services. If this relationship were to change or cease, such change could have a substantial effect on the School's ability to continue operations.

10. CONTINGENCIES

Government Agency Audits

The School participates in a number of federal and state programs. These programs require that the School comply with certain requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements applicable to the programs in which it participates. All funds expended in connection with government grants and contracts are subject to audit by government agencies. While the ultimate liability, if any, from any such audits of government contracts by government agencies is presently not determinable, it should not, in the opinion of management, have a material effect on the School's financial position or change in net assets. Accordingly, no provision for any such liability that may result has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

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Litigation

The School, in the normal course of its operations, is a party to various legal proceedings and claims. While it is not feasible to predict the ultimate outcomes of such matters, management of the School is not aware of any claims or contingencies that would have a material adverse effect on the School's financial position or change in net assets.

11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The School evaluated its June 30, 2018 financial statements for subsequent events through October 30, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The School is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.



Schedule of Functional Expenses

	Regular Education	Special Education	Management and General	Total
Salaries	\$ 11,471,576	\$ 1,834,310	\$ 626,979	\$ 13,932,865
Payroll taxes	1,027,568	164,308	56,162	1,248,038
Employee benefits	2,004,498	320,520	109,556	2,434,574
Retirement plan contribution	291,863	46,669	15,952	354,484
Total personnel services	14,795,505	2,365,807	808,649	17,969,961
Admissions	42,027	6,720	2,297	51,044
Classroom supplies	127,946	20,459	-	148,405
Contracted services	702,586	112,344	38,400	853,330
Depreciation	3,441	550	188	4,179
Equipment rental and maintenance	172,209	27,536	9,412	209,157
Food	1,002,920	160,367	-	1,163,287
Hardware/software/software maintenance	185,845	29,717	10,157	225,719
Insurance	92,734	14,828	5,068	112,630
Occupancy	2,004,047	320,448	109,531	2,434,026
Office supplies and furniture	211,533	33,824	11,561	256,918
Printing, publications, and memberships	62,887	10,056	3,437	76,380
Special services/incentives	481,563	77,002	-	558,565
Staff travel	18,002	2,879	984	21,865
Student travel	284,616	45,510	-	330,126
Telephone and internet	41,866	6,694	2,288	50,848
Training	136,117	21,765	7,439	165,321
Uniforms	100,495	16,069	-	116,564
Miscellaneous	31,776	5,081	1,736	38,593
Total other than personnel services	5,702,610	911,849	202,498	6,816,957
Total expenses	\$ 20,498,115	\$ 3,277,656	\$ 1,011,147	\$ 24,786,918

Schedule of Functional Expenses

	Regular Education	Special Education	Management and General	Total
Salaries	\$ 11,385,301	\$ 1,735,426	\$ 661,549	\$ 13,782,276
Payroll taxes	1,030,764	157,116	59,893	1,247,773
Employee benefits	2,094,148	319,204	121,682	2,535,034
Retirement plan contribution	115,262	17,569	6,697	139,528
Retirement plan contribution		17,505	0,077	137,320
Total personnel services	14,625,475	2,229,315	849,821	17,704,611
Admissions	69,587	10,607	4,043	84,237
Classroom supplies	176,575	26,915	-	203,490
Contracted services	425,987	64,932	24,752	515,671
Depreciation	36,165	5,513	2,101	43,779
Equipment rental and maintenance	209,695	31,963	12,184	253,842
Food	910,714	138,817	-	1,049,531
Hardware/software maintenance	135,812	20,701	7,891	164,404
Insurance	102,096	15,562	5,932	123,590
Occupancy	1,960,283	298,800	113,903	2,372,986
Office supplies and furniture	78,639	11,987	4,569	95,195
Printing, publications, and memberships	77,598	11,828	4,509	93,935
Special services/incentives	422,462	64,395	-	486,857
Staff travel	33,040	5,036	1,920	39,996
Student travel	222,744	33,952	-	256,696
Telephone and internet	106,560	16,243	6,192	128,995
Training	265,236	40,429	15,412	321,077
Uniforms	91,616	13,965	-	105,581
Miscellaneous	7,149	1,090	415	8,654
Total other than personnel services	5,331,958	812,735	203,823	6,348,516
Total expenses	\$ 19,957,433	\$ 3,042,050	\$ 1,053,644	\$ 24,053,127



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Trustees of

Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy Charter School:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2018, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2018.

Internal control over financial reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") to design 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 internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control.

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

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

Compliance and other matters

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

Intended purpose

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

New York, New York October 30, 2018

Grant Thornton LLP

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the year ended June 30, 2018

None noted.