

WAY MICHIGAN

**FINANCIAL REPORT
WITH
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
WAY Michigan
Detroit, Michigan

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of WAY Michigan (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of the Academy, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 the Academy, 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 opinions.

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 the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

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 opinions. 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 generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy'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 the Academy'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.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 31, 2023 on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of law, 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 the Academy'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 the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Alan C. Young & Assoc.

Detroit, Michigan
October 31, 2023

WAY Michigan is a grade 6-12 statewide cyber Public School Academy located in Detroit, Michigan. This Management's Discussion and Analysis, a requirement of GASB 34, is intended to be the Academy administration's discussion and analysis of the financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) according to GASB 34 requires the reporting of two types of financial statements: Academy-wide Financial Statements and Fund Financial Statements.

Fund Financial Statements:

The fund level statements are reported on a modified accrual basis. Only those assets that are "measurable" and "currently available" are reported. Liabilities are recognized to the extent they are normally expected to be paid with current financial resources.

The fund statements are formatted to comply with the legal requirements of the Michigan Department of Education's "Accounting Manual." In the State of Michigan, the Academy's major instruction and instructional support activities are reported in the general fund. Additional governmental activities would be reported in their relevant special revenue funds. WAY Michigan does not currently have any special revenue funds.

In the fund financial statements, capital assets purchased are reported as expenditures in the year of acquisition. No asset is reported. The issuance of debt is recorded as a financial resource. Payments of principal and interest on long-term obligations are recorded as expenditures. Future year's debt obligations are not recorded.

Academy-wide Financial Statements:

The Academy-wide financial statements are maintained using the "full accrual" basis. They report all the Academy's assets and liabilities, both short and long term, regardless if they are "currently available" or not. Capital assets and long-term obligations of the Academy are reported in the Statement of Net Position of the Academy-wide financial statements. The Academy has no capital assets or long-term obligations as of the end of the fiscal year.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) (Continued) June 30, 2023

ACADEMY-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

2022-2023 was WAY Michigan's ninth year of operation. Actual enrollment was lower than previously projected, much the same as most Michigan School Districts. However, enrollment has leveled off going into its tenth year. The following represents a summary of the Academy's net position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 164,210	\$ 331,576
Due From Other Governmental Units	315,648	375,982
Security Deposits	2,436	2,436
Prepaid Expenses	2,179	21,229
Total Assets	<u>484,473</u>	<u>731,223</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	127,403	32,580
Accrued Payroll	79,437	159,080
State Aid Note Payable	39,223	51,273
Unearned Revenue	-	6,926
Total Liabilities	<u>246,063</u>	<u>249,859</u>
Net Position		
Unrestricted	238,410	481,364
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 238,410</u>	<u>\$ 481,364</u>

The \$238,410 in unrestricted net position of governmental activities represents Academy funds that have not been committed contractually or for debt obligations and are available for future use. Total net position decreased \$242,954 in 2022-23.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) (Continued) June 30, 2023

The results of the year's operations for the Academy as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities. The summaries of the academy-wide results of operations for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenue		
Operating Grants & Contributions - Instruction	\$ 422,073	\$ 568,714
Operating Grants & Contributions - Support	154,992	109,496
State School Aid - Unrestricted	1,338,743	1,594,980
Miscellaneous	56,131	26,903
Total Revenues	<u>1,971,939</u>	<u>2,300,093</u>
Functions/Program Expenses		
Instruction	1,151,001	1,370,717
Instruction Support Services	1,063,892	749,922
Total Expenses	<u>2,214,893</u>	<u>2,120,639</u>
Change in Net Position	(242,954)	179,454
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>481,364</u>	<u>301,910</u>
Net Position - End of the Year	<u>\$ 238,410</u>	<u>\$ 481,364</u>

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ACADEMY'S FUNDS

Factors affecting the change in net position during the year are discussed below: 2022-2023 was the ninth year of operations for WAY Michigan.

A. Unrestricted State Aid

State aid revenue is determined by the following variables:

- Per Student, Foundation Allowance: Annually, the State of Michigan sets the per student foundation allowance. The WAY Michigan foundation allowance was \$9,150 per pupil.
- Student Enrollment: The Academy's student enrollment for the fall count of 2022-2023 was 141 students. To calculate total state aid to be provided by the foundation allowance, a blend of 90% of the fall count and 10% of the previous February count is multiplied by the Academy's foundation allowance.
- Subsequent to year-end June 30, 2023, preliminary student enrollments for 2022 - 2023 indicate that the 2023 fall student enrollment will remain stable, with a slight decline.

B. General Fund Budgetary Highlights**Original vs. Final Budget**

The Uniform Budget Act of the State of Michigan requires that the local Board of Education approve the original budget for the upcoming fiscal year prior to July 1 of the start of the fiscal year.

As a matter of practice, WAY Michigan amends its budget periodically as needed during the school year. For the fiscal year 2022-2023, the budget was amended during the year. The June 30, 2023 budget amendment was the final budget for the fiscal year. The WAY Michigan Board does not budget for expenditures covered by grants or for the grant revenue until an award is received. The general fund does budget for capital outlays in the original budget.

Variance between Final Budget and Actual Results**Revenues:**

	<u>Amount</u>
Total Revenues Final Budget	\$ 2,209,003
Total Revenues Actual Results	<u>1,971,939</u>
Budget Variance	<u>\$ 237,064</u>

The Academy's actual general fund revenues was lower than the final budget by \$237,064. This variance was partially a result of unspent federal grant allocations awarded to the WAY Michigan. Those allocations are available through September 30 and it is anticipated that a majority of these unspent allocations at June 30, 2023 will be used before the end of the grant period.

The following are the significant changes in revenues from the original budget:

- Adjustment to actual grant allocations as estimates were used in the original budget.

Expenditures:

	<u>Amount</u>
Total Expenditures Final Budget	\$ 2,305,290
Total Expenditures Actual Results	<u>2,214,893</u>
Budget Variance	<u>\$ 90,397</u>

The Academy's actual expenditures were less than final budget by \$90,397. These cost savings were partially a result of under spending federal grant allocations described above under the explanation of the revenue variance.

The following are the significant changes in expenditures from the original budget:

- Adjustment to actual state and federal grant allocations expenditures as estimates were used in the original budget. The Academy broadened grant services due to an increase in grant allocations.
- Adjustment was made to update budgeted line-item for salaries and benefits due to actual staffing costs.
- Management and authorizer fees adjusted due to state and federal grant allocation changes.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The Preliminary Budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year was adopted by the Board of Education in June 2023. Some definite factors were known as the budget was being drafted, and others were unknown and needed to be projected with management's best estimates based on perceived interest from the community. Some key factors and estimates used in the 2023-24 budget preparation process include:

- Enrollment projections of students in grades 6-12.
- Increases in staffing to accommodate increased student enrollment.
- Slight increases in benefit costs due to both increases in premiums and the increase in the number of staff eligible to receive benefits.

Since the Academy's revenue is heavily dependent on State funding and the health of the State's School Aid Fund, the actual revenue received depends on the State's ability to collect revenues to fund its appropriation to School Districts and Public School Academies. The State periodically holds revenue-estimating conferences to estimate what the State's available resources will be throughout the remainder of its fiscal year.

CONTACTING THE ACADEMY'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the Academy's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, please contact Sherry A. Lynem, Director of Finance, at 397 Main Street Suite 1, Belleville, Michigan, 48111 (734-679-3242).

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Statement of Net Position June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 164,210
Due From Other Governmental Units (Note 4)	315,648
Security Deposits	2,436
Prepaid Expenses	2,179
Total Assets	484,473
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	127,403
Accrual Payroll	79,437
State Aid Anticipation Note Payable (Note 8)	39,223
Total Liabilities	246,063
NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	238,410
Total Net Position	\$ 238,410

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

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Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Activities
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
Governmental Activities				
Basic Instruction	\$ 942,959	\$ -	\$ 345,784	\$ (597,175)
Instruction - Added Needs	208,042	-	76,289	(131,753)
<u>Supporting Services</u>				
Pupil Support	60,026	-	-	(60,026)
Instructional Staff	310,027	-	113,687	(196,340)
General Administration	276,529	-	-	(276,529)
School Administration	112,640	-	41,305	(71,335)
Business Services	86,115	-	-	(86,115)
Operations and Maintenance	47,333	-	-	(47,333)
Central Services	171,222	-	-	(171,222)
Total Governmental Activities	2,214,893	-	577,065	(1,637,828)
<u>General Revenues</u>				
State Aid - Formula Grants				1,338,743
Other Revenue				56,131
Total General Revenues				1,394,874
Change in Net Position				(242,954)
Net Position - July 1, 2022				481,364
Net Position - June 30, 2023				\$ 238,410

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

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Governmental Funds Balance Sheet June 30, 2023

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 164,210
Due From Other Governmental Units (Note 4)	315,648
Security Deposits	2,436
Prepaid Expense	2,179
Total Assets	\$ 484,473
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 127,403
Accrual Payroll	79,437
State Aid Anticipation Note Payable (Note 8)	39,223
Total Liabilities	246,063
Fund Balance	
Nonspendable	2,179
Unassigned	236,231
Total Fund Balance	238,410
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 484,473

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

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Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2023

	<u>Amount</u>
Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 238,410</u>
Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 238,410</u></u>

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

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund
REVENUE	
Federal Sources	\$ 416,593
State Sources	1,511,339
Local Sources	44,007
Total Revenue	<u>1,971,939</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Basic Instruction	942,959
Instruction - Added Needs	208,042
<u>Supporting Services:</u>	
Pupil Support Services	60,026
Instructional Staff Services	310,027
General Administration Services	276,529
School Administration Services	112,640
Business Services	86,115
Operations and Maintenance	47,333
Central Services	171,222
Total Expenditures	<u>2,214,893</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(242,954)
Fund Balance - July 1, 2022	<u>481,364</u>
Fund Balance - June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 238,410</u>

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

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Amount</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance-Total Governmental Funds	<u>\$ (242,954)</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ (242,954)</u></u>

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

1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of WAY Michigan (the Academy), conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to schools. The following is a summary of the significant policies:

Reporting Entity

WAY Michigan was organized in 2013 for the purpose of operating as a School of Excellence that is a Cyber School in the State of Michigan pursuant to part 6E of the Code, being Section 380.551 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

On December 5, 2013 the Academy entered into a contract with the Central Michigan University (CMU) to Charter a Public School Academy which expired on June 30, 2019. The Academy renewed its contract with CMU on July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024. The CMU Board of Trustees is the fiscal agent for the Academy and is responsible for overseeing the Academy's compliance with the contract and all applicable laws and other related activities for which compensation is permissible. By agreement between CMU and the Academy, the Academy pays the CMU Board of Trustees 3 percent of the Academy's State School Aid payments as an administrative fee. The total administrative fee paid for the year ended June 30, 2023 to CMU was approximately \$48,700.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**Academy-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The academy-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the Academy. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. All of the Academy's activities are considered governmental activities.

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

Academy-Wide Financial Statements – The academy-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing to related cash flows. Grants, categorical aid, and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)**

Academy-Wide Financial Statements – (Continued) When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets or fund balance are available, the Academy's policy is to first apply restricted resources. When an expense is incurred for purposes which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, it is the Academy's policy to spend funds in this order: committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Fund Financial Statements – Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Academy considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Unrestricted State Aid and Intergovernmental Grants, associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the Academy.

General Fund - The Academy's major, and only, fund is the general fund. This fund is used to account for all operational activities of the Academy. The general fund includes the current operating expenditures of the Academy. Revenues are derived primarily from the State of Michigan.

Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity

Cash and Cash Equivalents – Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired.

Receivables – Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. The Academy considers all receivables to be fully collectible. Accordingly, no allowance for uncollectible amounts has been recorded.

1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)**

Prepaid Costs – Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid costs in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets – Capital assets are reported in the applicable governmental column in the academy-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Academy as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and a useful life greater than one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Cost of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value or materially extend asset life are not capitalized.

The Academy had no capital assets as of June 30, 2023.

Deferred Outflows of Resources – In addition to assets, the financial statements will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Academy has no deferred outflows of resources at June 30, 2023.

Deferred Inflows of Resources – In addition to liabilities, the balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, from grants receivable. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The Academy had no deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2023.

Unearned Revenue – Unearned Revenue is reported in connection with funds that have been received for services which have not been performed and is therefore not yet earned. At June 30, 2023, the Academy had no unearned revenue.

1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity (Continued)**

Fund Balance – GASB 54 provides for two major types of fund balances, which are non-spendable and spendable. Non-spendable fund balances are balances that cannot be spent because they are not expected to be converted to cash or they are legally or contractually required to remain intact. This category typically includes prepaid items and inventories.

In addition to non-spendable fund balance, GASB 54 has provided a hierarchy of spendable fund balances, based on a hierarchy of spending constraints.

- a. *Restricted fund balance* – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- b. *Committed fund balance* – amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Board; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board takes action to remove or change the constraint.
- c. *Assigned fund balance* – amounts the Board intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the Board or by an official or committee to which the Board delegates the authority.
- d. *Unassigned fund balance* – amounts that are available for any purpose; these amounts are reported only in the general fund.

Net Position – Net position of the Academy is classified in three components. Net Investment in capital assets consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and is reduced by the current balances of any outstanding borrowings used to finance the purchase of those assets. Restricted net position is further classified as expendable and nonexpendable. The Academy did not have any non-expendable restricted net position during the year. Unrestricted net position is the remaining net position that does not meet the definition of invested in capital or restricted.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statement, and the reported revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncement – In May 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 96, which provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users. The requirements of this Statement improve financial reporting by establishing a definition for SBITAs and providing uniform guidance for accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet that definition. It defines a SBITA as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's (a SBITA vendor's) information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The Academy had no SBITAs requiring disclosure on the statement of net position.

2) STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information – Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and State law for the General Fund. Capital outlay expenditures are budgeted within the various functions. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year ended.

The budget document presents information by fund, function, and object. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the object level. State law requires the Academy to have its budget in place by July 1. Expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted are a violation of Michigan law. State law permits schools to amend their budgets during the year. During the year, the budget was amended in a legally permissible manner.

Encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds. Amounts encumbered for purchase orders, contracts, etc. are not tracked during the year. Budget appropriations are considered to be spent once the goods are delivered or the services rendered.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds

During the year, the Academy incurred expenditures in the General Fund, which were in excess of the amounts budgeted as follows:

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Final Budget</u>
Expenditures			
<u>Supporting Services:</u>			
Instructional Staff Services	\$ 133,420	\$ 310,027	\$ 176,607
General Administration Services	260,439	276,529	16,090

In total, general fund expenditures were \$90,397 below the final budget.

Grants – Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies, principally the federal and state governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, would become a liability of the General Fund. In the Academy’s opinion, no disallowed claims are expected and would not have a material effect on the financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

CONCENTRATION OF REVENUE SOURCES

During fiscal year 2023, the Academy received 77% of its revenue from the State of Michigan.

3) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes authorize the Academy to make deposits in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have offices in Michigan. The Academy is allowed to invest in U.S. Treasury or agency obligations, U.S. government repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper rated prime at the time of purchase that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase, mutual funds, and investment pools that are composed of authorized investment vehicles. The Academy's deposits are in accordance with the statutory authority. As of June 30, 2023, the Academy does not have any investments.

The Academy has designated one bank for the deposit of its funds.

The Academy's cash and investments are subject to several types of risk, which are examined in more detail below:

Custodial Credit Risk of Bank Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Academy's deposits may not be returned to it. At the year end, the Academy had a deposit balance of \$164,210 and did not exceed the federally insured limit of \$250,000 per depositor as of June 30, 2023.

The Academy evaluates each financial institution it deposits funds with and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that value of investments will decrease as a result of a rise in interest rates. The Academy does not have investments with interest rate risk.

Credit Risk

State law limits investments in commercial paper to the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The Academy held no such investment at June 30, 2023.

Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that an investment denominated in the currency of a foreign country could reduce its U.S. dollar value, as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. State law and Academy's policy prohibit investment in foreign currency.

4) DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Receivables from other governmental units as of year-end for the Academy include \$273,141 from the State of Michigan and \$42,507 from Federal grants.

5) MANAGEMENT COMPANY AGREEMENT

The Academy has entered into a contract with WAY Widening Advancement for Youth (WAY) effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. Under the direction of the Academy's Board, WAY Widening Advancement for Youth shall be responsible for all of the management, operation, administration, and education at the Academy, by providing certain services directly to the Academy, subcontracting for certain services, and overseeing other contractors. The management contract may be terminated under various circumstances as defined in the management agreement. The management contract provides that the Academy shall pay WAY Widening Advancement for Youth an annual fee of 10% of the State school aid the Academy receives from the State of Michigan.

Compensation for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$106,511.

6) OPERATING LEASES

The Academy leases its office suite located in Detroit, MI. The lease was entered into on June 1, 2018 which expired on June 30, 2021 and renewed for 36 months, through June 30, 2024. The lease is cancelable in the event of the charter contract between the Academy and Central Michigan University (CMU) being terminated. If such event was to occur, the termination fee due is sum of (a) then unamortized portion of landlord costs for legal fees and leasing commissions in relation to the lease and (b) two month's rent (unless less than two months remain on the lease).

The Annual rent under this lease is 1.7 percent of total state aid revenue received by the Academy. Rent expense for the year was \$24,848. The expected future minimum lease payments based on these lease terms are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	<u>\$ 33,860</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 33,860</u></u>

Since this is a variable term lease with no fixed component, the requirements under GASB 87 of a lessee to record a right-to-use asset and a lease liability are not applicable and therefore not recorded on the statement of net position.

7) DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN AND POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description – The Academy currently does not participate in the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPERS), a statewide, cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement system governed by the State of Michigan.

Post-employment Benefits – Currently, the Academy does not offer any post-employment benefits.

8) STATE AID ANTICIPATION NOTE

In September 2022, the Academy borrowed \$220,000 at 5.40 percent annual interest with a state aid bridge loan. Proceeds from the note were used to fund school operations. The unpaid balance totals \$39,223 at June 30, 2023. The note was fully paid subsequent to year end.

9) RISK MANAGEMENT

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions. The Academy purchases commercial insurance coverage to cover potential claims, and management believes this coverage is sufficient to protect the Academy from any significant adverse financial impact.

10) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Academy has evaluated all subsequent events through October 31, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No items were noted requiring disclosure in this report except as noted below.

In August 2023, the Academy entered into a State Aid Anticipation Note in the amount of \$95,000 at an estimated interest rate of 6.25 percent and a maturity date of August 24, 2024. The Academy is to make 11 monthly payments. The principal and interest payments on the Note are pledged by State Aid payments for fiscal year 2023-2024.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors of
WAY Michigan
Detroit, Michigan

We have audited in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of WAY Michigan (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 31, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Academy's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy'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 material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

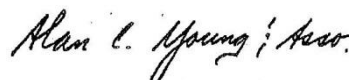
Independent Auditors Report on Internal Control over
Financial Reporting And on Compliance and Other Matters Based
on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in
Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy'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 Academy's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Detroit, Michigan
October 31, 2023

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

WAY MICHIGAN

Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Final Budget</u>
Revenue				
State Sources	\$ 1,776,309	\$ 1,499,613	\$ 1,511,339	\$ 11,726
Federal Sources	557,410	642,263	416,593	(225,670)
Local Sources	880	57,693	44,007	(13,686)
Other Financing Sources	9,434	9,434	-	(9,434)
Total Revenue	<u>2,344,033</u>	<u>2,209,003</u>	<u>1,971,939</u>	<u>(237,064)</u>
Expenditures				
<u>Instructional Services</u>				
Basic Programs	1,152,201	1,120,785	942,959	(177,826)
Added Needs	257,676	213,271	208,042	(5,229)
<u>Supporting Services:</u>				
Pupil Support Services	35,047	93,805	60,026	(33,779)
Instructional Staff Services	133,574	133,420	310,027	176,607
General Administration Services	213,621	260,439	276,529	16,090
School Administration Services	106,350	131,477	112,640	(18,837)
Business Services	106,402	103,800	86,115	(17,685)
Operation and Maintenance	60,525	50,236	47,333	(2,903)
Central Services	243,756	194,423	171,222	(23,201)
Community Services	3,500	3,634	-	(3,634)
Total Expenditure	<u>2,312,652</u>	<u>2,305,290</u>	<u>2,214,893</u>	<u>(90,397)</u>
Operating Transfer Out	<u>5,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	26,170	(96,287)	(242,954)	(146,667)
Fund Balance - July 1, 2022			<u>481,364</u>	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2023			<u>\$ 238,410</u>	

WAY MICHIGAN

AUDIT COMMUNICATION LETTER

JUNE 30, 2023



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October 31, 2023

To the Board of Directors
WAY Michigan
Detroit, Michigan

We have recently completed our audit of the financial statements of WAY Michigan (the Academy) for the year ended June 30, 2023. In addition to our audit report, we are providing the following required communication and recommendations, which impact the Academy.

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We are grateful for the opportunity to be of service to the Academy. Should you have any questions regarding the comments in this report, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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Detroit, Michigan



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RESULTS OF AUDIT

October 31, 2023

Board of Directors
WAY Michigan
Detroit, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of WAY Michigan (the Academy) for the year ended June 30, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, and *Government Auditing Standards* as well as certain information related to the scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 4, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated April 4, 2023, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

As part of our audit, we consider the system of internal control of the Academy. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we also perform tests of the Academy's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions is not an objective of our audit.

Generally accepted accounting principles provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI) to supplement the basic financial statements. Our responsibility with respect to the Management Discussion & Analysis, and the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, which supplement the basic financial statements, is to apply certain limited procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. However, the RSI was not audited and, because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Results of Audit (Continued)

Scope of the Audit, Significant Risks and Other

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit involved judgment about the number of transactions examined and the areas tested.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of the Academy and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the Academy.

We have identified the following significant risks of material misstatement as part of our audit planning which was communicated in our engagement letter dated April 4, 2023.

- Recording of revenues and unearned revenue for restricted grants.
- Year-end cut-off of payables.
- Override of Controls.

During our audit procedures we did not note any findings or exceptions related to the above items.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Academy are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The Academy implemented GASB 96 during the year but had no Subscription Based Information Technology Agreements (SBITAs) meeting the criteria for balance sheet presentation and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Academy during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit. We would like to commend management and staff on the assistance provided to us during the audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No such misstatements were noted as a result of our audit.

Results of Audit
(Continued)

Significant Audit Matters (Continued)

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 31, 2023.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Academy's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

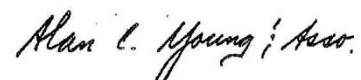
We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Academy's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Academy's management discussion & analysis, and the budgetary comparison schedule, which are the required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of the Academy and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Detroit, Michigan
October 31, 2023