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**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
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FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Members of the Board
of BIA Charter School
Norcross, Georgia**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of **BIA Charter School** (the "Academy") as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, 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 the major fund of BIA Charter School, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the fiscal 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.

Auditor's Responsibility 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual (GAAP Basis) on page 30, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability – Teachers Retirement System of Georgia on page 31, and the Schedule of Contributions – Teachers Retirement System of Georgia on page 32 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.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements. The accompanying Cash on Hand Schedule and the Debt Service Coverage Ratio Schedule are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic 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 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Cash on Hand Schedule and the Debt Service Coverage Ratio Schedule are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic 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 27, 2024 on our consideration of the Academy'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 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.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
October 27, 2024

BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,938,724
Restricted cash	1,646,997
Intergovernmental receivable	608,963
Security deposit	6,634
Capital assets (nondepreciable)	3,589,181
Capital assets (depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization)	4,989,718
Total assets	<u>14,780,217</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Pension related items	<u>2,040,247</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,040,247</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts payable	101,006
Accrued expenses	684,294
Bonds payable, due within one year	185,000
Bonds payable, due in more than one year	10,730,000
Net pension liability	5,539,939
Total liabilities	<u>17,240,239</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Pension related items	<u>57,418</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>57,418</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Net investment in capital assets	(2,119,072)
Restricted for debt service	761,868
Unrestricted	<u>880,011</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ (477,193)</u>

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

BIA CHARTER SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

<u>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position</u>
<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>			
Instruction	\$ 4,559,467	\$ 4,786,799	\$ 227,332
Support services:			
School administration	1,096,215	1,153,591	57,376
Improvement of instructional services	383,593	454,125	70,532
Maintenance and operation of plant	661,405	800,520	139,115
Pupil services	417,437	494,192	76,755
Educational media services	94,433	111,797	17,364
Federal grant administration	920	-	(920)
Instructional staff training	17,192	20,353	3,161
Other support services	29,277	34,660	5,383
Enterprise operations	10,321	-	(10,321)
School nutrition services	79,907	-	(79,907)
Interest on long-term debt	668,100	-	(668,100)
	<u>\$ 8,018,267</u>	<u>\$ 7,856,037</u>	<u>(162,230)</u>
Total governmental activities			
General revenues:			
Miscellaneous			<u>381,411</u>
Total general revenues			<u>381,411</u>
Change in net position			219,181
Net position - beginning of fiscal year			<u>(696,374)</u>
Net position - end of fiscal year			<u>\$ (477,193)</u>

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

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
JUNE 30, 2024**

	General Fund
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<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,938,724
Restricted cash	1,646,997
Intergovernmental receivables	608,963
Security deposit	<hr/> 6,634
Total assets	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 6,201,318
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts payable	\$ 101,006
Accrued expenditures	<hr/> 350,244
Total liabilities	<hr/> 451,250
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>	
Nonspendable:	
Security deposit	6,634
Restricted for:	
Debt service	1,095,918
Capital projects	885,149
Unassigned	<hr/> 3,762,367
Total fund balance	<hr/> 5,750,068
Total liabilities and fund balance	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 6,201,318

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BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

Total fund balance - governmental fund		\$	5,750,068
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. These assets consist of:			
Historical cost of capital assets	\$	10,336,564	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		<u>(1,757,665)</u>	
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization			8,578,899
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period, and is therefore, not reported in governmental funds, along with related amounts.			
Net pension liability		(5,539,939)	
Deferred outflows of resources - pension items		2,040,247	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension items		<u>(57,418)</u>	(3,557,110)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.			
Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:			
Bonds payable		(10,915,000)	
Accrued interest payable		<u>(334,050)</u>	<u>(11,249,050)</u>
Net position of governmental activities			<u>\$ (477,193)</u>

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BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund
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<u>REVENUES</u>	
State funds	\$ 7,590,426
Local funds	381,411
Federal funds	265,611
Total revenues	<u>8,237,448</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Current:	
Instruction	3,818,980
Support services:	
School administration	974,421
Improvement of instructional services	383,593
Maintenance and operation of plant	676,187
Pupil services	417,437
Educational media services	94,433
Federal Grants Administration	920
Instructional staff training	17,192
Other support services	29,277
Enterprise operations	10,321
School nutrition services	79,907
Debt service:	
Principal	175,000
Interest	674,225
Total expenditures	<u>7,351,893</u>
Net change in fund balance	885,555
Fund balance - beginning of fiscal year	<u>4,864,513</u>
Fund balance - end of fiscal year	<u><u>\$ 5,750,068</u></u>

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BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Total net change in fund balance - governmental fund	\$	885,555
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation and amortization expense.

In the current period, these amounts are:

Capital outlay	14,782	
Depreciation and amortization expense	<u>(263,149)</u>	(248,367)

The repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds, but does not have any effect on net position. This is the difference in the treatment of long-term debt:

Principal payments		175,000
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Change in accrued interest	6,125	
Change in net pension liability and related items	<u>(599,132)</u>	<u>(593,007)</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>219,181</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF ACADEMY AND REPORTING ENTITY

REPORTING ENTITY

The BIA Charter School (the “Academy”) is a not-for-profit organization organized under the laws of the State of Georgia. The Academy is approved to provide educational services to students from kindergarten to eighth grade. The governing body of the Academy is comprised of a five member Board of Directors. The Academy operates under a charter with the State Charter School Commission of Georgia (the “Commission”), which is effective until June 30, 2028.

The Academy is located in Norcross, Georgia providing education for over 500 students in grades kindergarten through seventh grade.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Academy. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The Academy does not consider any of its activities to be business-type activities.

Government-Wide Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the financial activities of the overall Academy. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Academy's governmental activities.

- Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function, and therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses (expenses of the Academy related to the administration and support of the Academy's programs, such as office and maintenance personnel and accounting) are not allocated to programs.
- Program revenues include: (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs; and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

In the Statement of Net Position, equity is reported as net position and consists of net investment in capital assets, amounts restricted by outside parties for specific purposes (if any), and unrestricted amounts. The net investment in capital assets is calculated by taking the capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, less any related long-term financing arrangements, and adding back any unspent bond or contract proceeds.

Fund Financial Statements:

The fund financial statements provide information about the Academy's funds. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The Academy reports only one major governmental fund:

- The General Fund is the Academy's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Academy.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING/MEASUREMENT FOCUS

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are reported on the financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. On an accrual basis, revenues are recognized in the fiscal year in which they are earned. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The Academy uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental funds are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Academy considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collected within sixty days after fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, including lease liabilities, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured, and other long-term obligations which are recognized when due and payable. Capital asset acquisitions, including entering into contracts giving the Academy the right-to-use leased assets, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term liabilities and acquisitions under financed purchases are reported as other financing sources.

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING/MEASUREMENT FOCUS (Continued)

The Academy funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program costs are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net positions available to finance the program. It is the Academy's policy to first apply grant resources to such programs, followed by cost-reimbursement grants, then general revenues.

The State of Georgia reimburses the Academy for teachers' salaries and operating costs through the Quality Basic Education (QBE) Formula Earnings program. State of Georgia law defines the formula driven grant that determines the cost of an academic school year and the State of Georgia's share in this cost. Generally, teachers are contracted for the school year (August 1 – May 31) and paid over a twelve month period; for the Academy, this period is August 1 through July 31. In accordance with the requirements of the enabling legislation of the QBE program, the State of Georgia reimburses the Academy over the same twelve month period in which teachers are paid, funding the academic school year expenditures. At June 30, the amount of teachers' salaries incurred but not paid until July of the subsequent year are accrued as the State of Georgia has only postponed the final payment of their share of the cost until the subsequent appropriations for cash management purposes. By June 30 of each year, the State of Georgia has a signed appropriation that includes this final amount, which represents the State of Georgia's intent to fund this final payment. Based on guidance in Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 33, paragraph 74, the State of Georgia recognizes its QBE liability for the July and August salaries at June 30, and the Academy recognizes the same QBE as a receivable and revenue, consistent with symmetrical recognition.

Grant revenues, state Quality Basic Education (QBE) revenue and interest 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 if availability criteria is met. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

RESTRICTED CASH

Amounts that have been donated or loaned to the Academy for which the external resource provider has placed stipulations on the use of the funds have been presented on the governmental fund balance sheet as well as the Statement of Net Position as restricted cash. Additionally, the cash received through the bond issuance has restrictions for future debt service needs and capital outlays for the facility improvements.

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

RECEIVABLES

Receivables, which include amounts due from other governments, consist of amounts due from the various entities disclosed from information available. Receivables are recorded when either the asset or revenue recognition criteria has been met. Receivables recorded on the basic financial statements do not include any amounts which would necessitate the need for an allowance for uncollectible receivables.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets purchased, including capital outlay costs, are recorded as expenditures in the fund financial statements at the time of purchase (including ancillary charges). On the government-wide financial statements, all purchased capital assets are valued at cost. The Academy capitalizes assets in excess of \$1,000 with a useful life of greater than one year. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value on the date donated. Disposals are deleted at depreciated recorded cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend the useful lives of the assets is not capitalized. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method. Depreciation and amortization is used to allocate the actual or estimated historical cost of all capital assets over estimated useful lives.

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

	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years
Buildings	30 years
Building improvements	20 years
Right-to-use subscription assets	3 years

SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS

The Academy has entered into a subscription-based information technology arrangement for wireless access point software. The Academy reports subscription assets and subscription liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. The Academy recognizes subscription assets and liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$5,000 or more.

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)

At the commencement of a subscription, the Academy initially measures the subscription liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the subscription term. Subsequently, the subscription liability is reduced by the principal portion of subscription payments made. The subscription asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the subscription liability, adjusted for subscription payments made at or before the subscription commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the subscription asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to subscriptions include how the Academy determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected subscription payments to present value, (2) subscription term, and (3) subscription payments:

- The Academy uses the interest rate charged by the vendor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the vendor is not provided, the Academy generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for subscriptions.
- The subscription term includes the noncancellable period of the subscription. Subscription payments included in the measurement of the subscription IT liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option prices that the Academy is reasonably certain to exercise.

The Academy monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its subscription and will remeasure the subscription asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the subscription liability.

Subscription assets are reported with other capital assets and subscription liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the Statement of Net Position.

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as expenses in the period in which they occur.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Academy does not report deferred inflows under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualify for reporting in this category.

The Academy also has deferred inflows and outflows related to the recording of changes in its net pension liability. Certain changes in the net pension liability are recognized as pension expense over time instead of all being recognized in the year of occurrence. Experience gains or losses result from periodic studies by the Academy's actuary which adjust the net pension liability for actual experience for certain trend information that was previously assumed, for example the assumed dates of retirement of plan members. These experience gains or losses are recorded as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources and are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of plan members. Changes in actuarial assumptions which adjust the net pension liability are also recorded as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources and are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of plan members. Changes in the Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability and the difference between the Academy's actual contributions towards the pension plan and the Academy's proportionate share of contributions are also reported as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources and are amortized over the expected remaining service lives of plan members. The difference between projected investment return on pension investments and actual return on those investments is also deferred and amortized against pension expense over a five-year period. Additionally, any contributions made by the Academy to the pension plan before year end but subsequent to the measurement date of the Academy's net pension liability are reported as deferred outflows of resources. These contributions will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the next fiscal year.

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

It is the Academy's policy to permit employees to earn paid time off benefits. The unused paid time off does not vest with the employees and therefore, no liability is reported associated with the unused paid time off.

PENSIONS

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (TRS) and additions to/deductions from TRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

FUND EQUITY

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as “fund balance.” Fund equity for all other reporting is classified as “net position.”

Fund Balance - The Academy recognizes that the maintenance of a fund balance is essential to the preservation of the financial integrity of the Academy and is fiscally advantageous for the Academy. The policy adopted establishes guidance concerning the desired level of fiscal year end fund balance to be maintained by the Academy and the management of fund balance levels and is applicable only to the General Fund of the Academy.

Fund balance is a measurement of available financial resources defined as the difference between total assets/deferred outflows and total liabilities/deferred inflows in each fund.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54 distinguishes fund balance classified based on the relative strength of the constraints that control the purposes for which specific amounts can be spent. Beginning with the most binding constraints, fund balance amounts will be reported in the following classifications:

Nonspendable – Fund balance reported as “nonspendable” represents fund balance associated with inventory, prepaid items, security deposits, long-term amounts of loans and notes receivable, property held for resale (however, if the use of the proceeds from the collection of receivables or sale of the property is restricted, committed, or assigned, then the receivables or property should be reported in those categories), and corpus of a permanent fund (legally/contractually required to be maintained).

Restricted – Fund balance reported as “restricted” represents amounts that can be spent only on the specific purposes stipulated by law or by the external providers of those resources (such as bond resolutions and covenants and grant agreements).

Committed – Fund balance reported as “committed” includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board. The Board as the highest level of decision making authority will have the sole authority to commit fund balance. Constraints can be removed or changed only by the Board through a formal resolution voted on by the Board. Actions to constrain resources should occur prior to the end of the Academy’s fiscal year, though the exact amount may be determined subsequently.

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

FUND EQUITY (Continued)

Assigned – Fund balance reported as “assigned” represents amounts intended to be used for specific purposes, but not meeting the criteria to be reported as committed or restricted fund balance. The intent is expressed by the Board. If these funds should have a deficit fund balance, those deficits are required to be reported as unassigned fund balance. The Board will have the authority under this policy to assign funds for a particular purpose.

Unassigned – Fund balance reported as “unassigned” represents the residual classification of fund balance and includes all spendable amounts not contained within the other classifications.

If expenditures incurred exceed the amounts that have been restricted, committed, and assigned to a specific purpose and results in a negative residual amount for that specific purpose, amounts assigned to other purposes in that governmental fund are reduced to eliminate the deficit.

The Academy applies restricted resources first when an expenditure/expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted equity is available. If restricted resources are not available, the Academy’s policy is to use committed first, then assigned funds, and lastly the unassigned.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 3: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Academy annually adopts a budget for use of its allocated state and federal funds as outlined in the Georgia Department of Education defined allotment for the fiscal year. The budget will be prepared in accordance with provisions of the Quality Basic Education Act, OCGA Section 20-2-167. When the Academy tentatively adopts the budget, the budget will be advertised at least one time in a local newspaper of general circulation. At the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors, the budget will be revised as necessary and adopted as the upcoming (or current) fiscal year budget.

The following General Fund functions had excesses of actual expenditures over appropriations in the amount shown for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

Support services:	
Improvement of instructional services	\$ 134,852
Instructional staff training	17,192
Educational media services	59,726
Federal grants administration	920
Other support services	29,277
Enterprise operations	10,321
School nutrition	16,007
Debt service - interest	674,225

These expenditures in excess of appropriations were funded by greater than anticipated revenues in other functions.

NOTE 4: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS

Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 45-8-12 provides that there shall not be on deposit at any time in any depository for a time longer than ten days a sum of money which has not been secured by surety bond, by guarantee of insurance, or by collateral. The aggregate of the face value of such surety bond and the market value of securities pledged shall be equal to not less than 110% of the public funds being secured after the deduction of the amount of deposit insurance. If a depository elects the pooled method (OCGA 45-8-13.1), the aggregate of the market value of the securities pledged to secure a pool of public funds shall be not less than 110% of the daily pool balance.

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOTE 4: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS (Continued)

Custodial credit risk. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Academy will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be covered by depository insurance or pledged securities. Amounts that exceed standard depository insurance limits are required to be collateralized either (1) individually by the financial institutions through pledged obligations of the U.S. Government, obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, obligations of the State of Georgia or other states, or obligations of counties, municipalities, or public authorities of the State of Georgia, or (2) participation in the State of Georgia Secure Deposit Program. As of June 30, 2024, all of the Academy's bank balances were insured and/or collateralized as defined by GASB and required by state statutes.

Acceptable security for deposits consists of any one of or any combination of the following:

- (1) Surety bond signed by a surety company duly qualified and authorized to transact business within the State of Georgia,
- (2) Insurance on accounts provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,
- (3) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other direct obligations of the United States or of the State of Georgia,
- (4) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other obligations of the counties or municipalities of the State of Georgia,
- (5) Bonds of any public authority created by the laws of the State of Georgia, providing that the statute that created the authority authorized the use of the bonds for this purpose,
- (6) Industrial revenue bonds and bonds of development authorities created by the laws of the State of Georgia, and
- (7) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations of a subsidiary corporation of the United States Government, which are fully guaranteed by the United States Government both as to principal and interest or debt obligations issued by the Federal Land Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Central Bank for Cooperatives, the Farm Credit Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association, and the Federal National Mortgage Association.

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
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JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 4: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

INVESTMENTS

Credit risk. State statutes authorize the Academy to invest in U.S. Government obligations; U.S. Government agency obligations; obligations of the State of Georgia; obligations of counties; municipal corporations and political subdivisions of the State of Georgia which are rated "AA" or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.; negotiable certificates of deposit issued by any bank or trust company organized under the laws of any state of the United States of America or any national banking association; repurchase agreements when collateralized by the U.S. Government or agency obligations; and pooled investment programs sponsored by the State of Georgia for the investment of local government funds.

Operating funds of the Academy are currently maintained in public funds money market accounts with financial institutions.

Interest rate risk. The Academy does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

At June 30, 2024, the investments held by the Academy were not rated.

The Academy reports the money market funds as restricted cash for financial reporting purposes.

Fair value measurement. The Academy categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The Academy's investments are held in Wilmington U.S. Money Market funds with a total fair value of \$1,646,997 that are all rated Level 1. The Wilmington U.S. Money Market classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy is valued using prices quoted in active markets for that investment.

NOTE 5: RECEIVABLES

Intergovernmental receivables consist of grant reimbursements due from federal, state or other grantors for expenditures made but not yet reimbursed. The Georgia Department of Education is the main government agency that grants are due from as of June 30, 2024.

BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOTE 6: CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in the capital assets during the fiscal year:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 3,565,182	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,565,182
Construction in progress	23,999	-	-	23,999
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	3,589,181	-	-	3,589,181
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	5,940,888	-	-	5,940,888
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	770,258	14,782	-	785,040
Total capital assets, being depreciated	6,711,146	14,782	-	6,725,928
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(803,958)	(206,852)	-	(1,010,810)
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	(686,982)	(49,146)	-	(736,128)
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,490,940)	(255,998)	-	(1,746,938)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	5,220,206	(241,216)	-	4,978,990
Total capital assets, net, excluding subscription assets	<u>\$ 8,809,387</u>	<u>\$ (241,216)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	8,568,171
Subscription assets				10,728
Total capital assets, net, as reported in the statement of net position				<u>\$ 8,578,899</u>

Depreciation expense of \$255,998 was charged to the instruction function.

NOTE 7: SUBSCRIPTION ASSETS

A summary of subscription asset activity for the Academy for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2024
Governmental Activities:				
Right-to-use subscription assets	\$ 21,455	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,455
Accumulated amortization	(3,576)	(7,151)	-	(10,727)
	<u>\$ 17,879</u>	<u>\$ (7,151)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,728</u>

Amortization expense of \$7,151 was charged to the school administration function.

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NOTE 8: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors or omissions; job related illness or injuries to employees; and acts of God.

The Academy has obtained commercial insurance for risk of loss associated with torts, assets, errors or omissions, job related illness or injuries to employees and acts of God. The Academy has neither significantly reduced coverage for these risks nor incurred losses (settlements) which exceeded the Academy's insurance coverage in the past two fiscal years.

NOTE 9: LONG-TERM DEBT

The changes in long-term debt during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, were as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
activities:					
Revenue bonds	\$ 11,090,000	\$ -	\$ (175,000)	\$ 10,915,000	\$ 185,000
Net pension liability	<u>6,043,351</u>	<u>1,276,920</u>	<u>(1,780,332)</u>	<u>5,539,939</u>	<u>-</u>
Governmental activities					
Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 17,133,351</u>	<u>\$ 1,276,920</u>	<u>\$ (1,955,332)</u>	<u>\$ 16,454,939</u>	<u>\$ 185,000</u>

Direct Placement – Revenue Bonds

In June 2019, the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Norcross on behalf of the Academy issued revenue bonds consisting of Series 2019A bonds in the principal amount of \$9,595,000 and Taxable Series 2019B bonds in the principal amount of \$1,755,000 for a total bond issuance of \$11,350,000 for the purposes of (i) financing all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction, installation, equipment, and relocation expenses, of certain educational and/or recreational facilities, equipment and/or infrastructure for the Academy, including the acquisition of real property and certain renovations to the existing 48,000 square foot school building and a separate approximate 4,000 square foot gymnasium, (ii) financing or refinancing certain costs of renovations to educational facilities and land located near the existing campus, and certain additional costs, (iii) funding a debt service fund, (iv) funding capitalized interest, working capital and operating reserves, and (v) paying certain costs associated with issuing the Series 2019 bonds. The 2019A bonds were issued at an interest rate of 6% and the 2019B bonds were issued at an interest rate of 7%. Payments of principal and interest are due annually. The first interest-only payment began on January 1, 2020 and the first principal and interest payment was due July 1, 2021, until the bonds mature on July 1, 2029.

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JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 9: LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Direct Placement – Revenue Bonds (Continued)

The bonds carry two covenant requirements for which failure to comply would result in default, and cause the bonds to be callable and due within one year. This would also give the lender the right to foreclose on and sell the Academy's facilities constructed with the bond proceeds. The two requirements are as follows:

- If the Academy fails to maintain the required cash on hand for three consecutive testing dates or is less than 30 days cash on hand at any one testing date; and
- If the Academy fails to maintain a debt service coverage ratio of at least 1.00.

At June 30, 2024, management believes that the Academy is in compliance with its debt covenants.

The annual debt service requirements to maturity on the Academy's bonds outstanding at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 185,000	\$ 661,625	\$ 846,625
2026	200,000	648,150	848,150
2027	210,000	633,800	843,800
2028	225,000	618,575	843,575
2029	240,000	314,450	554,450
2030	9,855,000	584,800	10,439,800
Total	<u>\$ 10,915,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,461,400</u>	<u>\$ 14,376,400</u>

NOTE 10: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

GRANT CONTINGENCIES

Amounts received or receivable principally from the federal government are subject to audit and review by grantor agencies. This could result in requests for reimbursement to the grantor agency for any costs which are disallowed under grant terms. The Academy believes that such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial to its overall financial position.

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 11: RETIREMENT PLANS

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)

Plan description. All teachers of the Academy as defined in §47-3-60 of the *Official Code of Georgia Annotated* (O.C.G.A.) are provided a pension through the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (TRS). TRS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, is administered by the TRS Board of Trustees (TRS Board). Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. TRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.trsga.com/publications.

Benefits provided. TRS provides service retirement, disability retirement, and death benefits. Normal retirement benefits are determined as 2% of the average of the employee's two highest paid consecutive years of service, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service up to 40 years. An employee is eligible for normal service retirement after 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age, or after 10 years of service and attainment of age 60. Ten years of service is required for disability and death benefits eligibility. Disability benefits are based on the employee's creditable service and compensation up to the time of disability. Death benefits equal the amount that would be payable to the employee's beneficiary had the employee retired on the date of death. Death benefits are based on the employee's creditable service and compensation up to the date of death.

Contributions. Per Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., contribution requirements of active employees and participating employers, as actuarially determined, are established and may be amended by the TRS Board. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Employees were required to contribute 6.00% of their annual pay during fiscal year 2024. The Academy's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2024 was 19.98% of annual Academy payroll. Academy contributions to TRS were \$641,281 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS

At June 30, 2024, the Academy reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability in the amount of \$5,539,939. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2023 was determined using standard rollforward techniques. The Academy's proportion of the net pension liability was based on contributions to TRS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2023, the Academy's proportion was 0.018764%, which was an increase of 0.000153% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 11: RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Academy recognized pension expense of \$1,240,413. At June 30, 2024, the Academy reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ 389,639	\$ -
Differences between expected and actual experience	281,311	22,906
Changes in proportion and differences between Academy contributions and proportionate share of contributions	158,075	34,512
Changes of assumption	569,941	-
Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date	641,281	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,040,247</u>	<u>\$ 57,418</u>

Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$641,281 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2025	\$ 458,435
2026	261,594
2027	754,388
2028	(132,869)
Total	<u>\$ 1,341,548</u>

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 11: RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability as of June 30, 2023 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	3.00-8.75%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.90%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Postretirement benefit increases	1.50%, semi-annually

Postretirement mortality rates for service retirements and beneficiaries were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Headcount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table (ages set forward one year and adjusted 106%) with the MP-2019 projection scale applied generationally. The rates of improvement were reduced by 20% for all years prior to the ultimate rate. Postretirement mortality rates for disability retirements were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Mortality Table for Disabled Retirees (ages set forward one year and adjusted 106%) with the MP-2019 projection scale applied generationally. The rates of improvement were reduced by 20% for all years prior to the ultimate rate. The Pub-2010 Teachers Headcount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table (ages set forward one year and adjusted 106%) was used for death prior to retirement. Future improvement in mortality rates was assumed using the MP-2019 projection scale generationally. These rates of improvement were reduced by 20% for all years prior to the ultimate rate.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018 with an exception for the long-term assumed rate of return on assets (discount rate) which was changed from 7.50% to 7.25% effective with the June 30, 2018 valuation, and then from 7.25% to 6.90% effective with the June 30, 2021 valuation. In addition, the assumed annual rate of inflation was changed from 3.00% to 2.50% effective with the June 30, 2021 valuation.

BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 11: RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00%	0.90%
Domestic large equities	46.30%	9.40%
Domestic small equities	1.20%	13.40%
International developed market equities	12.30%	9.40%
International emerging market equities	5.20%	11.40%
Alternative	5.00%	10.50%
Total	100.00%	

* Rates shown are net of the 2.50% assumed rate of inflation

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer and state of Georgia contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOTE 11: RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.90%, as well as what the Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.90%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.90%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.90%)	Current discount rate (6.90%)	1% Increase (7.90%)
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 8,759,288	\$ 5,539,939	\$ 2,910,907

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS financial report which is publicly available at www.trsga.com/publications.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (GAAP BASIS)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	BUDGETED		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL	AMOUNTS	WITH FINAL BUDGET
<u>REVENUES</u>				
State funds	\$ 7,258,564	\$ 7,258,564	\$ 7,590,426	\$ 331,862
Local funds	118,949	118,949	381,411	262,462
Federal funds	121,073	121,073	265,611	144,538
Total revenues	7,498,586	7,498,586	8,237,448	738,862
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	3,995,493	3,995,493	3,818,980	176,513
Support services:				
Pupil services	528,715	528,715	417,437	111,278
Improvement of instructional services	248,741	248,741	383,593	(134,852)
S/B Instructional staff training	-	-	17,192	(17,192)
Educational media services	34,707	34,707	94,433	(59,726)
Federal grants administration	-	-	920	(920)
School administration	1,173,005	1,173,005	974,421	198,584
Maintenance and operation of plant	1,117,675	1,117,675	676,187	441,488
Student transportation	13,106	13,106	-	13,106
Other support services	-	-	29,277	(29,277)
Enterprise operations	-	-	10,321	(10,321)
School nutrition services	63,900	63,900	79,907	(16,007)
Debt service:				
Principal	175,000	175,000	175,000	-
Interest	-	-	674,225	(674,225)
Total expenditures	7,350,342	7,350,342	7,351,893	(1,551)
Net change in fund balances	148,244	148,244	885,555	737,311
Fund balance - beginning	4,864,513	4,864,513	4,864,513	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ 5,012,757	\$ 5,012,757	\$ 5,750,068	\$ 737,311

BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Academy's proportion of the net pension liability	0.018764%	0.018611%	0.018951%	0.017864%
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 5,539,939	\$ 6,043,351	\$ 1,676,090	\$ 4,327,360
Academy's covered payroll	\$ 2,748,453	\$ 2,553,892	\$ 2,484,549	\$ 2,387,133
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	201.57%	236.63%	67.46%	181.28%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	76.29%	72.85%	92.03%	77.01%
	2020	2019	2018	
Academy's proportion of the net pension liability	0.015885%	0.016176%	0.010940%	
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,415,705	\$ 3,002,612	\$ 2,033,233	
Academy's covered payroll	\$ 1,961,584	\$ 1,965,300	\$ 1,366,517	
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	174.13%	152.78%	148.79%	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	78.56%	80.27%	79.33%	

Note: The Academy did not have covered employees prior to July 1, 2016. Therefore, the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 is the first year the Academy reports a proportionate share of the net pension liability.

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for the last 10 fiscal years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Contractually required contributions	\$ 641,281	\$ 549,141	\$ 505,926	\$ 473,555
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	<u>641,281</u>	<u>549,141</u>	<u>505,926</u>	<u>473,555</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,209,615	\$ 2,748,453	\$ 2,553,892	\$ 2,484,549
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	19.98%	19.98%	19.81%	19.06%
	2020	2019	2018	2017
Contractually required contributions	\$ 504,640	\$ 409,971	\$ 330,367	\$ 195,002
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	<u>504,640</u>	<u>409,971</u>	<u>330,367</u>	<u>195,002</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,387,133	\$ 1,961,584	\$ 1,965,300	\$ 1,366,517
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	21.14%	20.90%	16.81%	14.27%

Note: The Academy's first year of operations was the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for the last 10 fiscal years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Change of benefit terms: There have been no changes in benefit terms.

Changes of assumptions: On November 18, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal and salary increases. The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with the Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB (set forward one year for males).

On May 15, 2019, the Board adopted recommended changes from the smoothed valuation interest rate methodology that has been in effect since June 30, 2009, to a constant interest rate method. In conjunction with the methodology, the long-term assumed rate of return in assets (discount rate) has been changed from 7.50% to 7.25%, and the assumed annual rate of inflation has been reduced from 2.75% to 2.50%.

In 2019 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the Pub-2010 Teacher Headcount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table from the RP-2000 Mortality Tables. In 2019, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

On May 11, 2022, the Board adopted recommended changes to the long-term assumed rate of return and payroll growth assumption utilized by the System. The long-term assumed rate of return was changed from 7.25% to 6.90%, and the payroll growth assumption was changed from 3.00% to 2.50%.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
CASH ON HAND SCHEDULE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Cash on hand at June 30, 2024	\$ 3,938,724
Total unrestricted cash	<u>\$ 3,938,724</u>
Annual total expenses (based on rolling four quarters)	\$ 8,018,267
Less depreciation and amortization	(263,149)
Less net pension liabilities entries	(599,132)
Total expenses less noncash Items	<u>\$ 7,155,986</u>
Average Days Expenses (based on 365 day year)	<u>\$ 19,605</u>
Days of cash available	<u>200.90</u>
Required per loan agreement	<u>60</u>

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE RATIO SCHEDULE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Net income	\$ 219,181
Interest expense	668,100
NPL pension entries	599,132
Depreciation and amortization	263,149
Adjusted net income	<u>1,749,562</u>
Total annualized income (a)	<u><u>\$ 1,749,562</u></u>
Principal payments	\$ 175,000
Interest payments	674,225
Total debt service (b)	<u><u>\$ 849,225</u></u>
Debt service coverage ratio (a/b)	<u><u>2.06</u></u>
Required per loan agreement	<u><u>1.00</u></u>

COMPLIANCE SECTION



**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 Members of the Board
of BIA Charter School
Norcross, Georgia**

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 the major fund of the BIA Charter School (the "Academy") as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, 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 27, 2024.

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 audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion of 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 a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia
October 27, 2024

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**SECTION I
SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

Financial Statements

Type of report issued on whether the financial statements
audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified?

___ yes X no

Significant deficiencies identified?

___ yes X none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

___ yes X no

Federal Awards

There was not an audit of major federal award programs as of June 30, 2024 due to the total amount of federal awards expended being less than \$750,000.

**BIA CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**SECTION II
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**

None reported.