

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED**  
**JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Directors of  
The Friends of King School  
New Orleans, Louisiana

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Friends of King School (a nonprofit corporation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Friends of King School as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 Friends of King School 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 Friends of King School's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.



To the Board of Directors of  
The Friends of King School  
New Orleans, Louisiana

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, 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 Friends of King School'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 Friends of King School'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.



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***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information contained in the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head (Schedule “1”), as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 A.(3), is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 20, 2024 on our consideration of the Friends of King School’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 Friends of King School’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 the Friends of King School’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

December 20, 2024  
New Orleans, Louisiana

*Erickson Krentel, LLP*  
Certified Public Accountants

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u></b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,628,569	\$ 2,325,218
Grant receivables	851,861	1,816,739
Other receivables	7,464	-
Prepaid expenses	<u>104,473</u>	<u>79,663</u>
 Total current assets	 <u>3,592,367</u>	 <u>4,221,620</u>
<b><u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET</u></b>		
	<u>5,686</u>	<u>10,234</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 3,598,053</u>	 <u>\$ 4,231,854</u>
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u></b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 81,022	\$ 126,532
Accrued expenses	834,496	897,684
Student activity funds	<u>180,029</u>	<u>183,385</u>
 Total current liabilities	 <u>1,095,547</u>	 <u>1,207,601</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>1,095,547</u>	 <u>1,207,601</u>
<b><u>NET ASSETS:</u></b>		
Without donor restrictions	2,136,984	2,616,525
With donor restrictions	<u>365,522</u>	<u>407,728</u>
 Total net assets	 <u>2,502,506</u>	 <u>3,024,253</u>
 Total liabilities and net assets	 <u>\$ 3,598,053</u>	 <u>\$ 4,231,854</u>

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Without Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	With Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>REVENUE:</u></b>			
State/Local Minimum Foundation Program Fund	\$ 9,173,552	\$ -	\$ 9,173,552
Federal grants	2,234,504	682,297	2,916,801
Other state funds	594,401	-	594,401
Grants and contributions	11,679	-	11,679
Other income	81,085	-	81,085
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>724,503</u>	<u>(724,503)</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total revenue	 <u>12,819,724</u>	 <u>(42,206)</u>	 <u>12,777,518</u>
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>			
Program services			
General instructional	4,957,120	-	4,957,120
General non-instructional	3,877,178	-	3,877,178
Special education	1,023,152	-	1,023,152
Special programs	350,349	-	350,349
Administration	<u>3,091,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,091,466</u>
 Total expenses	 <u>13,299,265</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>13,299,265</u>
 Change in net assets	 (479,541)	 (42,206)	 (521,747)
 Net assets, beginning of year	 <u>2,616,525</u>	 <u>407,728</u>	 <u>3,024,253</u>
 Net assets, end of year	 <u>\$ 2,136,984</u>	 <u>\$ 365,522</u>	 <u>\$ 2,502,506</u>



**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b><u>REVENUE:</u></b>			
State/Local Minimum Foundation Program Fund	\$ 9,789,614	\$ -	\$ 9,789,614
Federal grants	3,805,379	608,035	4,413,414
Other state funds	275,308	-	275,308
Grant and contributions	3,039	-	3,039
Other income	81,999	-	81,999
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>637,828</u>	<u>(637,828)</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total revenue	 <u>14,593,167</u>	 <u>(29,793)</u>	 <u>14,563,374</u>
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>			
Program services			
General instructional	5,534,374	-	5,534,374
General non-instructional	4,132,260	-	4,132,260
Special education	1,043,666	-	1,043,666
Special programs	393,196	-	393,196
Administration	<u>3,099,185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,099,185</u>
 Total expenses	 <u>14,202,681</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>14,202,681</u>
 Change in net assets	 390,486	 (29,793)	 360,693
 Net assets, beginning of year	 <u>2,226,039</u>	 <u>437,521</u>	 <u>2,663,560</u>
 Net assets, end of year	 <u>\$ 2,616,525</u>	 <u>\$ 407,728</u>	 <u>\$ 3,024,253</u>

See accompanying NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Program Services		Special	Special	General	Total
	Educational	Non-Instructional	Education	Program	Administration	
Salaries	\$ 3,784,474	\$ 1,516,027	\$ 701,580	\$ 258,249	\$ 1,889,277	\$ 8,149,607
Employee benefits	215,188	179,595	72,811	57,808	100,168	625,570
Retirement	164,192	73,051	28,448	12,146	90,780	368,617
Payroll Taxes	298,616	107,608	44,008	19,239	138,035	607,506
Purchased educational services	57,100	-	41,615	-	-	98,715
Other purchased professional services	69,971	-	13,020	-	81,831	164,822
Purchased technical services	-	82,384	-	-	88,051	170,435
Utilities	-	322,662	-	-	-	322,662
Repairs and maintenance	4,723	420,414	51	-	26,940	452,128
Rentals	9,691	-	1,168	-	8,330	19,189
Student transportation	2,808	762,360	105,295	-	-	870,463
Insurance	-	-	-	-	263,042	263,042
Communications	16,643	-	68	-	134,941	151,652
Advertising, printing, and binding	-	-	-	-	17,702	17,702
Tuition	44,156	-	-	-	-	44,156
Food service	-	227,994	-	-	-	227,994
Travel	116	751	-	-	21,923	22,790
Materials and supplies	211,609	174,486	15,088	2,907	29,565	433,655
Dues and fees	6,782	1,525	-	-	183,138	191,445
Miscellaneous	71,051	8,321	-	-	13,195	92,567
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	4,548	4,548
	<u>\$ 4,957,120</u>	<u>\$ 3,877,178</u>	<u>\$ 1,023,152</u>	<u>\$ 350,349</u>	<u>\$ 3,091,466</u>	<u>\$ 13,299,265</u>

See accompanying NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Program Services		Special Education	Special Program	General Administration	Total
	Instructional	Non-Instructional				
Salaries	\$ 3,861,121	\$ 1,766,107	\$ 652,276	\$ 306,731	\$ 1,855,385	\$ 8,441,620
Employee benefits	246,209	194,503	85,587	32,874	124,853	684,026
Retirement	181,321	85,276	33,976	14,520	97,859	412,952
Payroll Taxes	300,571	121,784	48,759	22,988	140,982	635,084
Purchased educational services	54,300	-	109,698	-	-	163,998
Other purchased professional services	87,481	1,970	11,340	-	81,805	182,596
Purchased technical services	-	83,780	-	-	85,508	169,288
Utilities	-	432,300	-	-	-	432,300
Repairs and maintenance	630	451,324	183	-	10,033	462,170
Rentals	9,687	81	1,168	-	8,963	19,899
Student transportation	-	624,587	81,837	-	-	706,424
Insurance	-	-	-	-	182,651	182,651
Communications	32,139	-	-	-	126,803	158,942
Advertising, printing, and binding	138	-	-	-	113,611	113,749
Tuition	56,387	-	-	-	-	56,387
Food service	-	204,184	-	-	-	204,184
Travel	45,058	12,965	5,523	-	22,753	86,299
Materials and supplies	577,813	148,301	13,319	16,083	37,059	792,575
Dues and fees	14,398	2,355	-	-	193,382	210,135
Miscellaneous	67,121	2,743	-	-	12,742	82,606
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	4,796	4,796
	<u>\$ 5,534,374</u>	<u>\$ 4,132,260</u>	<u>\$ 1,043,666</u>	<u>\$ 393,196</u>	<u>\$ 3,099,185</u>	<u>\$ 14,202,681</u>

See accompanying NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>		
Change in net assets	\$ (521,747)	\$ 360,693
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash and cash equivalents from (used for) operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	4,548	4,796
(Increase) decrease in:		
Grant receivables	964,878	96,036
Other receivables	(7,464)	-
Prepaid expenses	(24,810)	34,855
Deposits	-	500
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	(45,510)	(39,071)
Accrued expenses	(63,188)	37,996
Deferred revenue	-	(120,554)
Student activity funds	<u>(3,356)</u>	<u>(34,232)</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>303,351</u>	<u>341,019</u>
<b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>		
Purchases of property and equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,644)</u>
Net cash (used for) investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,644)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	303,351	327,375
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>2,325,218</u>	<u>1,997,843</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 2,628,569</u>	<u>\$ 2,325,218</u>

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

**(1) NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Nature of Activities**

The Friends of King School (the School) was granted a charter by the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) in 2005 to operate as a Type 5 charter school d/b/a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School for Science and Technology (the MLK School). The School serves eligible pre-kindergarten through high school students to create and maintain an orderly, trusting environment where teaching and learning are innovative and exciting; where students are taught to read, write, compute, and think critically according to their fullest potential. On January 20, 2015, the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) accepted the transfer of MLK school from the BESE as a Type 3B charter school for a seven-year agreement. The current charter was approved for a renewal term of an additional three years expiring on June 30, 2025.

**Basis of Accounting and Financial Reporting Framework**

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

**Basis of Presentation**

The financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the FASB in its Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-210-50-3, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under FASB ASC 958-210-50-3, the School is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets:

Net assets without donor restrictions: Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the School. The School's board may designate assets without restrictions for specific operational purposes from time to time.

Net assets with donor restrictions: Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the School or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

**Use of Estimates**

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

**(1) NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the School considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Restricted cash balances consist of amounts credited to the School's bank accounts from donations received specifying the use of the contribution.

**Receivables**

Grants, notes, and other receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for uncollectible amounts through a provision for bad debt expense and an adjustment to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, no allowance is recorded as management considers all receivables to be fully collectible

**Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated property and equipment is recorded at fair value as of the date received. The School maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Equipment	3-5 years
Vehicles	5 years

Assets acquired with OPSB funds are owned by the School while used in the purpose for which it was purchased. The OPSB however, has a reversionary interest in these assets. Should a charter not be renewed, title in any assets purchased with these funds will revert to the appropriate agency.

**Compensated Absences**

All ten-month employees accrue ten days of sick leave each year. All twelve-month employees accrue twelve days of sick leave and ten days of vacation pay. Any unused vacation days are paid in the subsequent year by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Upon termination, the School compensates employees for unused sick days not to exceed the days stipulated by the School's policies which range from 15 to 30 days depending on position. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the School had \$71,932 and \$65,465 respectively, of accumulated unpaid leave.

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

**(1) NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Revenue Recognition**

Contributions are recognized when cash, securities or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met. The School reports contributions of cash or other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor-imposed restrictions or requirements that limit the use of the donation. A donor restriction ends when a time restriction is met or a purpose restriction is accomplished. As restrictions are met, assets are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported as net assets released from restrictions in the statement of activities.

Revenues from federal and state grants are recorded when the School has a right to reimbursement under the related grant, generally corresponding to the incurring of grant related costs by the School, or when otherwise earned under the terms of the grants.

All contributions and grants are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Contributions of donated noncash assets are recorded at their fair values in the period received. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance nonfinancial assets or that require specialized skills provided by individuals possessing those skills and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received.

**Leases**

The School applies judgment in determining whether a contract contains a lease and whether a lease is classified as an operating lease or a finance lease. The School defines the lease term as the non-cancellable term of the lease, which may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the School will exercise that option. The lease term is used in determining classification between operating lease and finance lease, calculating the lease liability and determining the incremental borrowing rate.

The School also applies judgment in allocating the consideration in a contract between lease and non-lease components. It considers whether the School can benefit from the right-of-use asset either on its own or together with other resources and whether the asset is highly dependent on or highly interrelated with another right-of-use asset.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

**(1) NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Leases (Continued)**

The School is required to discount lease payments using the rate implicit in the lease if that rate is readily available. If that rate cannot be readily determined, the lessee is required to use its incremental borrowing rate. The School generally uses the incremental borrowing rate when initially recording real estate leases. Information from the lessor regarding the fair value of underlying assets and initial direct costs incurred by the lessor related to the leased assets is not available.

The School determines the incremental borrowing rate of each lease by estimating the credit rating of the School at the time the lease is recognized, referencing market yields corresponding to the credit rating and weighted average life of the lease, and factoring in other lease-specific factors such as assumed collateral.

**Functional Expenses**

The cost of program and supporting services has been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. This requires the allocation of certain costs based on total program costs and estimates made by management. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among program services and supporting services benefited. Such allocations are determined by management on an equitable basis. Salaries and employee benefits have been allocated based on time and effort. All other allocated expenses have been allocated based on actual expenses incurred.

**Income Tax Status**

The School has received a tax-exempt ruling under section 501(c)(3) from the Internal Revenue Service and, accordingly, is not subject to income tax unless it has unrelated trade or business income. Accounting standards provide detailed guidance for financial statement recognition, measurement, and disclosure of uncertain tax positions recognized in an entity's financial statements. These standards require an entity to recognize the financial statement impact of a tax position when it is more likely than not that the position will not be sustained upon examination. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the School believes that it has no uncertain tax positions that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Tax years ended June 30, 2021 and later remain subject to examination by the taxing authorities.



**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

**(1) NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**New Accounting Standards**

The School has adopted the Current Expected Credit Losses (CECL) accounting standard, as per Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-13, "*Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326)*." The standard introduces a new model for estimating credit losses on financial instruments. After a thorough evaluation, management has determined that the impact of adopting the CECL standard on the financial statements is immaterial. The School has considered factors such as historical loss experience, current economic conditions, and other relevant factors in its credit loss estimation process. As a result, the adoption of the CECL standard has not had a material impact on the School's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows. The School will continue to monitor developments related to the CECL standard and will provide updates as necessary in future financial statement disclosures.

**Date of Management Review**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 20, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**(2) LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS**

The following reflects the School's financial assets as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year of the balance sheet date. Amounts not available include contractual restrictions. However, amounts already appropriated from the restricted deposits and funded reserves for general expenditure within one year of the balance sheet date have not been subtracted as unavailable.

	2024	2023
Financial assets at year-end	\$ 3,487,894	\$ 4,141,957
Less those unavailable for general expenditure within one year due to contractual restrictions	(273,044)	(273,044)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	\$ 3,214,850	\$ 3,868,913

The School's objective is to maintain liquid assets without donor restrictions sufficient to cover 60 days of program expenditures. The School regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments. Expenditures are generally met within 30 days utilizing the resources the School has available. In addition, the School operates with a budget to monitor sources and uses of funds throughout the year.

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

**(3) GRANTS RECEIVABLES**

Grants receivable consists of the following at June 30<sup>th</sup>:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Due from State of Louisiana	\$ 851,861	\$ 1,816,739
	<u>\$ 851,861</u>	<u>\$ 1,816,739</u>

**(4) PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment consist of the following at June 30<sup>th</sup>:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Equipment	\$ 163,838	\$ 163,838
Vehicles	<u>22,841</u>	<u>22,841</u>
	186,679	186,679
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(180,993)</u>	<u>(176,445)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,686</u>	<u>\$ 10,234</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$4,548 and \$4,796, respectively.

**(5) RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS**

Net assets with donor restrictions consisted of the following at June 30<sup>th</sup>:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Food service	\$ -	\$ 62,721
Career development	44,985	52,807
OPSB	273,044	273,044
Criminal Justice Academy	7,260	14,106
Differentiated Compensation	29,719	-
Other	<u>10,514</u>	<u>5,050</u>
Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 365,522</u>	<u>\$ 407,728</u>

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

**(5) RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

Net assets with donor restrictions were released from restrictions for the following purposes during the years ended June 30<sup>th</sup>:

	2024	2023
Food service	\$ 687,905	\$ 610,344
Career development	29,752	7,575
Education excellence fund	-	10,171
Criminal Justice Academy	6,846	9,738
Net assets released from restrictions	\$ 724,503	\$ 637,828

**(6) RETIREMENT PLAN**

The School has a 403(b) deferred compensation plan covering substantially all employees. Covered employees may elect to contribute a portion of their salaries as allowable. The School may elect to make discretionary contributions to the plan each year. The School's contributions were \$368,617 and \$412,952 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**(7) CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK**

The School maintains cash in bank accounts in excess of insured limits periodically. The School has not experienced any losses and does not believe that significant credit risk exists as a result of this practice. All of the School's cash is maintained in collateralized bank accounts.

**(8) LEASE COMMITMENTS**

**Operating leases with OPSB**

As of July 1, 2021, the School entered into an agreement with the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) which allows the School to use the facilities and its contents located at 1617 Fats Domino Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. The lease is designated for their elementary school and is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2022. The lease has been renewed for an additional 3 years ending on June 30, 2025.

As of July 1, 2021, the School entered into an agreement with the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) which allows the School to use the facilities and its contents located at 5300 Law Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The lease is designated for their high school and is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2022. The lease has been renewed for an additional 3 years ending on June 30, 2025.

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

**(8) LEASE COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Operating leases with OPSB**

All of the aforementioned lease leases call for payments based on the Use Fee and participation in OPSB's Per Pupil Unit Cost Program. The Use Fee is calculated annually and withheld from MFP funds by OPSB. The calculation is based on each charter schools per pupil share of the actual costs of property, boiler and machinery, terrorism, disaster management and flood insurance of all OPSB-controlled school facilities participating in the Per Pupil Unit Cost Program, and includes any insurance brokerage fee, unrelated to recovery of capital costs or depreciation that would be recovered in a traditional lease relationship.

Use of the properties in the aforementioned leases is not recorded as an in-kind contribution from, or related rent expense to, the OPSB as the value of the use of the land and building is not readily determinable. The agreement is classified as an exchange transaction because both parties receive significant value from this arrangement. Accordingly, the present value of the benefit to be received in future years has not been recorded.

**Operating leases with Other Third Parties**

The School entered into an operating lease agreement on October 7, 2020 for various pieces of technology equipment. Under the terms of the agreement, the lease will expire on September 7, 2024 and requires monthly payments of \$1,576. The total rental fee for the year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$19,189 and \$19,899, respectively. The annual payment due for 2025 is \$4,728 and there are currently no future payments thereafter.

**(9) GRANT PROGRAM CONTINGENCIES**

The School participates in a number of state and federal grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the School has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received and the collectability of any related receivable as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 might be impaired. In management's opinion, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing state and federal grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies. Audits of prior years have not resulted in any significant disallowed costs or refunds. Any costs that would be disallowed would be recognized in the period agreed upon by the grantor agency and the School.

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023**

**(10) ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

The School receives the majority of its revenue from the State of Louisiana. Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) funding for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$9,173,552 and \$9,789,614, respectively. Funding was received from various federal grants passed through the State of Louisiana totaling \$2,916,801 and \$4,413,414 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. Funding was received from other State funds totaling \$594,401 and \$275,308 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. The grant amounts are appropriated each year by the federal and state governments. If significant budget cuts are made at the federal and/or state level, the amount of funds the School receives could be reduced significantly and have an adverse impact on its operations. In October of 2024, NOLA-PS notified the School and all the charter school operators authorized by the Orleans Parish School Board that NOLA-PS had made an error in forecasting tax revenues that would be distributed to charter schools in fiscal year 2025. NOLA-PS indicated that there could be up to \$36 million less to distribute to schools, compared to forecasts that they had provided to schools in March 2024. As of the report date, NOLA-PS officials are working to formalize a plan to mitigate the impact of their forecasting error as well as determining what the exact amount of the shortfall will be. The School is presently determining what the potential impact, if any, will be on its operations.

**(11) RISK MANAGEMENT**

The School is exposed to various risks of loss from torts, theft and damage to assets, business interruption, errors and omissions, employee injuries and illnesses, natural disasters, and employee health and accident benefits. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters. There were no settled claims or unsettled claims that exceeded this commercial coverage during the year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

**(12) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In December 2024, OPSB voted to close the high school of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School for Science and Technology after the school year ends in May. The elementary school was renewed for a three-year term with contingencies.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Velta Simms, CEO</u>	
Time served	07/01/23 through 06/30/24	
Salary	\$	166,887
Benefits-Social Security and Medicare, SUI		12,827
Benefits-other (Vacation)		9,639
Benefits-other (Vision)		70
Benefits-other (Life Insurance)		50
Benefits-other (AD&D Insurance)		5
Benefits-other (Long Term Disability Insurance)		413
Professional Improvement Program		2,637
Stipend-Retention		1,000
Stipend-State Certificated		2,000
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Total compensation, benefits, and other payments	\$	<u>195,528</u>

(See Independent Auditors' Report)

**OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY  
*GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***





**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***

To the Board of Directors of  
The Friends of King School  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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 Friends of King School (a non-profit corporation), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

Our consideration of internal control 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 identified.



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To the Board of Directors  
Friends of King School  
New Orleans, Louisiana

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Friends of King School’s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 Friends of King School’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Friends of King School’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

December 20, 2024  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Certified Public Accountants

**SINGLE AUDIT SECTION**



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Board of Directors of  
The Friends of King School  
New Orleans, Louisiana

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited the Friends of King School's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Friends of King School's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Friends of King School's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

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

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

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

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



To the Board of Directors  
Friends of King School  
New Orleans, Louisiana

***Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

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

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

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

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



To the Board of Directors  
Friends of King School  
New Orleans, Louisiana

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

December 20, 2024  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal AL Number	Federal Disbursements/ Expenditures
<b><u>U.S. Department of Education</u></b>		
<i>Pass-through program from Louisiana Department of Education</i>		
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	\$ 418,785
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):		
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	\$ 121,860
COVID-19 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act/American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	84.027X	<u>17,126</u>
Total Special Education Cluster		138,986
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	12,878
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	7,248
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	44,255
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	224,304
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	1,458,709
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425W	<u>9,921</u>
Total Education Stabilization Fund		<u>1,692,934</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u>2,315,086</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u></b>		
<i>Pass-through program from Louisiana Department of Education</i>		
Child Nutrition Cluster		
School Breakfast Program	10.553	131,187
National School Lunch Program	10.555	<u>470,527</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		<u>601,714</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		<u>601,714</u>
Total expenditures of federal awards		<u>\$ 2,916,800</u>

(See Independent Auditors' Report)

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**(1) BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

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

**(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Expense Recognition**

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

**Payments to Subrecipients**

There were no payments to subrecipients for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

**Non-Cash Assistance**

Nonmonetary assistance in the amount of \$41,922 is reported in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards as AL No. 10.555 at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed.

**(3) INDIRECT COST RATE**

Friends of King School has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**I. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' REPORTS**

1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of The Friends of King School.
2. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
3. No instances of noncompliance was reported in the 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*.
4. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses relating to the audit of the major federal award programs are reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
5. The auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award programs for The Friends of King School expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.
6. There were no audit findings required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a).
7. The programs tested as major programs were the Education Stabilization Fund (AL Nos. 84.425D, 84.425U and 84.425W).
8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$750,000.
9. The Friends of King School was determined to be a low-risk auditee.
10. A management letter was not issued for the year ended June 30, 2024.

**II. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT**

There were no findings related to the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024.

**III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT**

There were no findings related to major federal awards programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**I. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Finding 2023-001 Noncompliance with Reporting Requirements**

The School is required to provide an annual financial report to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor no later than six months after its year end in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513 and 24:514. The School failed to comply with these laws, submitting the required reports after the required deadline.

The issue has been resolved through the implementation of policies and procedures to prevent late filings.

**II. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FEDERAL AWARDS**

Not applicable

**III. MANAGEMENT LETTER**

Not applicable

**SCHEDULES REQUIRED BY STATE LAW  
(PERFORMANCE STATISTICAL DATA)**



## **INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To the Board of Directors of  
The Friends of King School  
New Orleans, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of the Friends of King School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024; and to determine whether the specified schedules are free of obvious errors and omissions, in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 I. Management of the Friends of King School is responsible for its performance and statistical data.

The Friends of King School has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements. Additionally, the Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

### General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources (Schedule 1)

1. We selected a sample of 25 transactions, reviewed supporting documentation, and observed that the sampled expenditures/revenues are classified correctly and are reported in the proper amounts for each of the following amounts reported on the schedule:
  - a. Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures,
  - b. Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures,
  - c. Total Local Taxation Revenue,
  - d. Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property,
  - e. Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes,
  - f. Nonpublic Textbook Revenue,
  - g. Nonpublic Transportation Revenue.

Exceptions: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.



To the Board of Directors  
The Friends of King School

Class Size Characteristics (Schedule 2)

2. We obtained a list of classes by school, school type, and class size as reported on the schedule. We then traced a sample of 10 classes to the October 1 roll books for those classes and observed that the class was properly classified on the schedule.

Exceptions: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

Education Levels/Experience of Public School Staff (NO SCHEDULE)

3. We obtained October 1st PEP data submitted to the Department of Education (or equivalent listing prepared by management), including full-time teachers, principals, and assistant principals by classification, as well as their level of education and experience, and obtained management's representation that the data/listing was complete. We then selected a sample of 25 individuals, traced to each individual's personnel file, and observed that each individual's education level and experience was properly classified on the PEP data or equivalent listing prepared by management.

Exceptions: One of twenty-five employees education level did not match the personnel files.

Public School Staff Data: Average Salaries (NO SCHEDULE)

4. We obtained June 30<sup>th</sup> PEP data submitted to the Department of Education (or equivalent listing provided by management) of all classroom teachers, including base salary, extra compensation, and ROTC or rehired retiree status, as well as full-time equivalents, and obtained management's representation that the data/listing was complete. We then selected a sample of 25 individuals, traced to each individual's personnel file, and observed that each individual's salary, extra compensation, and full-time equivalents were properly included on the PEP data (or equivalent listing prepared by management).

Exceptions: One of twenty-five employees salary information did not match the personnel files.



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To the Board of Directors  
The Friends of King School

We were engaged by the Friends of King School to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the performance and statistical data. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Friends of King School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope and results of testing performed on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of the Friends of King School, as required by Louisiana Revised Statue 24:514.I, and for the information and use of the Friends of King School, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

December 20, 2024  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Certified Public Accountants

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**GENERAL FUND INSTRUCTIONAL AND SUPPORT EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CERTAIN LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**GENERAL FUND INSTRUCTIONAL AND EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES**

	Column A	Column B
General Fund instructional expenditures:		
Teacher and student interaction activities:		
Classroom teacher salaries	\$ 2,395,791	
Other instructional staff salaries	595,038	
Instructional staff employee benefits	634,538	
Purchased professional and technical services	34,844	
Instructional materials and supplies	6,561	
Instructional equipment	-	
Total teacher and students interaction activities		\$ 3,666,772
Other instructional activities		50,581
Pupil support services	308,188	
Less: equipment for pupil support services	-	
Net pupil support services		308,188
Instructional staff services	640,549	
Less: equipment for instructional staff services	-	
Net instructional staff services		640,549
School administration	1,324,095	
Less: equipment for school administration	-	
Net school administration		1,324,095
Total General Fund instructional expenditures (total of column B)		\$ 5,990,185
Total General Fund equipment expenditures		\$ -
<b><u>CERTAIN LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES</u></b>		
Total local taxation revenue		\$ -
Total local earnings on investment in real property		\$ -
Total state revenue in lieu of taxes		\$ -
Nonpublic textbook revenue		\$ -
Nonpublic transportation revenue		\$ -

(See Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures)

**THE FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
**CLASS SIZE CHARACTERISTICS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**  
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2023

	CLASS SIZE RANGE							
	1-20		21-26		27-33		34+	
<b>SCHOOL TYPE:</b>	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Elementary	3.2%	8	22.1%	55	8.8%	22	1.20%	3
Elementary/Activity Classes	-	-	0.80%	2	1.20%	3	0.8%	2
Middle/Jr. High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Middle/Jr. High Activity Classes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
High	52.2%	130	1.6%	4	0.4%	1	0.40%	1
High Activity Classes	6.8%	17	-	-	0.4%	1	-	-
Combination	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Combination Activity Classes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has set specific limits on the maximum size of classes at various grade levels. The maximum enrollment in grades K-3 is 26 students and maximum enrollment in grades 4-12 is 33 students. These limits do not apply to activity classes such as physical education, chorus, band, and other classes without maximum enrollment standards. Therefore, these classes are included only as separate line items.



**FRIENDS OF KING SCHOOL**  
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – BESE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

December 20, 2024

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Friends of King School respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for items identified pursuant to the Statewide Agreed-Up on Procedures Engagement prescribed by you.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Ericksen Krentel LLP  
4227 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119

Engagement Period: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

The exceptions from the Agreed-Up on Procedures Report are discussed below:

**Education Levels/Experience of Public School Staff (NO SCHEDULE)**

**Exceptions:** One of twenty-five employees education level did not match the personnel files.

**Management’s Response to Exceptions:** Management has noted and agrees with the above exceptions. Management will consider the effects of such exceptions and the need to enhance key controls or compensating controls in the identified areas.

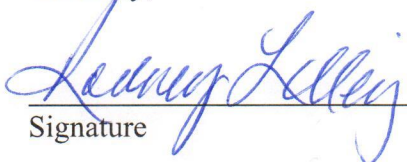
**Public School Staff Data: Average Salaries (NO SCHEDULE)**

**Exceptions:** one out of twenty-five employees salary information did not match the personnel files.

**Management’s Response to Exceptions:** Management has noted and agrees with the above exceptions. Management will consider the effects of such exceptions and the need to enhance key controls or compensating controls in the identified areas.

If there are any questions regarding this plan, please call Rodney Lilley at (504) 940-2243.

Sincerely,

  
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Signature

  
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