

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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**Excellence in Leadership Academy
Certificate of Board
Federal ID# 45-3816853**

<u>Excellence in Leadership Academy</u>	<u>Hidalgo County</u>	<u>108-809</u>
Name of Charter School	County	Co.-Dist. Number

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached annual financial reports of the above-named association were reviewed and (check one) _____ approved _____ disapproved for the year ended August 31, 2017 at a meeting of the Board of Directors on the 15th day of January, 2018.

Signature of Board Secretary

Signature of Board President

If the Board of Directors disapproved the auditors' report, the reason(s) for disapproving it is (are): (attach list as necessary)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Excellence in Leadership Academy
Mission, Texas

Members of the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Excellence in Leadership Academy (a non-profit organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2017 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Excellence in Leadership Academy as of August 31, 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 15, 2018 on our consideration of Excellence in Leadership Academy's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Other Matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements of Excellence in Leadership Academy, taken as a whole. The other supplementary information is likewise presented for purposes of additional analysis and is 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 financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C.

Corpus Christi, TX
January 15, 2018

FINANCIAL SECTION

**Excellence in Leadership Academy
Statement of Financial Position
August 31, 2017**

Assets

Current assets:

Cash in bank	\$ 394,697
Due from state	52,684
Total Current Assets	447,381

Fixed Assets:

Building and Improvements	10,400
Furniture and Equipment	25,070
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(17,005)
Property and Equipment, net	18,465

Total Assets

\$ 465,846

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 7,314
Accrued wages payable	35,843
Payroll liabilities payable	-
Deferred Revenue	-
Total Current Liabilities	43,157

Total Liabilities

43,157

Net assets:

Unrestricted	192,734
Temporarily restricted	229,955
Total net assets	422,689

Total Liabilities and Net Assets

\$ 465,846

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Excellence in Leadership Academy
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Local Support			
5740 Tuition and Afterschool	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5744 Contributions	-	-	-
5749 Other Revenues from Local Sources	20,015	-	20,015
5750 Food Sales	-	-	-
5755 Campus Activity	-	-	-
Total local support	20,015	-	20,015
State Program Revenues			
5810 Foundation School Program	-	1,956,377	1,956,377
5820 State Program Revenues Distributed by the Texas Education Agency	-	20,036	20,036
5830 Revenues from Texas Government Agencies	-	-	-
Total State Program Revenue	-	1,976,413	1,976,413
Federal program revenues			
5920 Federal Revenues Distributed by the Texas Education Agency	-	253,974	253,974
5930 Federal Revenues Distributed by Government Other than TEA	-	14,836	14,836
Total Federal Program Revenue	-	268,810	268,810
Net assets released from restrictions: Restrictions satisfied by payments	2,206,531	(2,206,531)	-
Total Revenue and Other Support	2,226,546	38,692	2,265,238
EXPENSES			
11 Instruction	1,283,582	-	1,283,582
12 Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,305	-	1,305
13 Curriculum Development and Instructional Staff Development	14,688	-	14,688
21 Instructional Leadership	-	-	-
23 School Leadership	181,475	-	181,475
31 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation	-	-	-
33 Health Services	587	-	587
35 Food Services	128,615	-	128,615
36 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	28,002	-	28,002
41 General Administration	176,503	-	176,503
51 Plant Maintenance and Operations	292,695	-	292,695
52 Security and Monitoring Services	22,117	-	22,117
53 Data Processing	49,658	-	49,658
61 Community Services	-	-	-
71 Debt	-	-	-
81 Fund Raising	-	-	-
Total Expenses	2,179,227	-	2,179,227
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	47,319	38,692	86,011
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	145,415	191,263	336,678
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$ 192,734	\$ 229,955	\$ 422,689

**Excellence in Leadership Academy
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Twelve Months Ended August 31, 2017**

Cash Flows From Operating Activities	\$ 86,011
Change in Net Assets	86,011
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	3,506
(Increase) Decrease in:	
Due from State	(35,307)
Increase (Decrease) in:	
Accounts Payable	3,239
Accrued Wages Payable	31,553
Payroll Liabilities Payable	-
Accrued Expenses	-
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	<u>89,002</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities	
Purchase of fixed assets	-
	<u>-</u>
Cash Flows From Financing Activities	
Accrued Interest Payable	-
Bond Issuance Cost	-
Loan Payments	-
	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	89,002
Cash at Beginning of Year	<u>305,695</u>
Cash at End of Year	<u><u>\$ 394,697</u></u>
 Summary of Cash:	
Cash in Bank	394,697
Certificates of Deposit	-
Total Cash	<u><u>\$ 394,697</u></u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Academy

The Excellence in Leadership Academy (ELA) is a non-profit organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Academy is governed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is selected pursuant to the bylaws of the Academy and has the authority to make decisions, appoint the officers of the Foundation and significantly influence operations. The Board of Directors has the primary accountability for the fiscal affairs of the Academy.

The Academy operates under an open enrollment charter granted by the Texas State Board of Education. The charter was initially issued for a period of five years. The school is part of the public school system of the state and is entitled to distribution from the State's available school fund. However, the School does not have the authority to impose taxes.

Excellence in Leadership Academy currently services Pre-K to 8th grade students. Highlights of their services to their students and community include highly qualified and committed staff, state of the art technology, and family and community involvement. The Academy offers dual language programs, smaller learning communities, and integration of college and career readiness standard.

The charter holder operated only a single charter school and did not conduct any other charter or non-charter activities.

B. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The significant accounting policies are as follows:

To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Association, the accounts are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting during the year. Resources for various purposes are classified for accounting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purposes. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, the accompanying statements of financial position and of activities focuses on the Academy as a whole and reports the amounts of its total assets, liabilities, net assets and changes in net assets in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 117.

The statement of financial position reports the amounts of each of two classes of net assets: temporary restricted, and unrestricted net assets.

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Unrestricted net assets are the remaining part of the Academy's net assets that is neither permanently restricted nor temporarily restricted by donor-imposed stipulations. Property and equipment are included in unrestricted net assets.

C. Basis of Presentation

The combined general-purpose financial statements include the accounts of Excellence in Leadership Academy. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the combined general-purpose financial statements.

D. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost or estimated cost. Donated assets are reported at the fair market value at time of acquisition. Fixed assets are defined by the Academy as capital assets with an individual cost of more than \$1,000. Depreciation of building improvements and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets on a straight-line basis.

E. Revenues

Revenues from the state's available school fund are based on reported attendance. State foundations revenues are public funds held in trust by the charter holder for the benefit of the students of the charter school and as such are reported as temporarily restricted revenues.

Contributions with donor-imposed restrictions are reported as restricted support. Restricted support increases temporarily restricted net assets.

Contributions without donor-imposed restrictions are reported as unrestricted support. Unrestricted support increases unrestricted net assets.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

Governmental grant contracts that are entered into by the School are recognized as revenue when services are rendered or when the expenses in connection with those services are incurred.

F. Donated Goods and Services

Donated goods and services that can be measured and meet certain other requirements are recorded in the financial statements as in-kind contributions and expenses of a like amount.

G. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For financial statement purposes, the company considers all highly liquid investment instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

H. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. In preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, management's estimates were considered for depreciation.

When available, the Academy measures fair value using level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. However, level 1 inputs are not available for many of the assets and liabilities that the Academy is required to measure at fair value (for example, unconditional promises to give and in-kind contributions).

2. CONCENTRATIONS

A. Cash in Bank

The Academy maintains bank accounts with Chase Bank. Federal deposit insurance on the Chase Bank accounts totaled \$250,000 on accounts. The book balance totaled \$403,840 and the bank balance totaled \$460,015 on August 31, 2017. The Academy has balances in banks which are federally insured.

B. Revenues

The principal source of revenue for the Academy is its receipt of state program revenues received from the Texas Education Agency.

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4. PENSION DISCLOSURE

The Foundation participates in a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension that has a special funding situation. The plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). TRS's defined benefit pension plan is established and administered in accordance with the Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Section 67 and Texas Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle C. The pension trust fund is a qualified pension trust under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Texas Legislature establishes benefits and contribution rates within the guidelines of the Texas Constitution. The pension's Board of Trustees does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms.

All employees of public, state-supported educational institutions in Texas who are employed for one-half or more of the standard work load and who are not exempted from membership under Texas Government Code, Title 8, Section 822.002 are covered by the system.

Name of Plan: Teacher Retirement System of Texas
Plan Number: N/A
Zone Status: Unknown

	(number in thousands)
1. Total Plan Assets	\$ 152,925,647
2. Accumulated Benefit Obligations	171,797,150
3. The plan is 78.00% funded	

Benefits Provided

TRS provides service and disability retirement, as well as death and survivor benefits, to eligible employees (and their beneficiaries) of public and higher education in Texas. The pension formula is calculated using 2.3 percent (multiplier) times the average of the five highest annual creditable salaries times years of credited service to arrive at the annual standard annuity except for members who are grandfathered, the three highest annual salaries are used. The normal service retirement is at age 65 with 5 years of credited service or when the sum of the member's age and years of credited service equals 80 or more years. Early retirement is at age 55 with 5 years of service credit or earlier than 55 with 30 years of service credit. There are additional provisions for early retirement if the sum of the member's age and years of service credit total at least 80, but the member is less than age 60 or 62 depending on date of employment, or if the member was grandfathered in under a previous rule. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes; including automatic COLAs. Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes, including ad hoc COLAs can be granted by the Texas Legislature as noted in the Plan description in (A) above.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017

4. PENSION DISCLOSURE (continued)

Contributions

Contribution requirements are established or amended pursuant to Article 16, section 67 of the Texas Constitution which requires the Texas legislature to establish a member contribution rate of not less than 6% of the member's annual compensation and a state contribution rate of not less than 6% and not more than 10% of the aggregate annual compensation paid to members of the system during the fiscal year. Texas Government Code section 821.006 prohibits benefit improvements, if as a result of the particular action, the time required to amortize TRS' unfunded actuarial liabilities would be increased to a period that exceeds 31 years, or, if the amortization period already exceeds 31 years, the period would be increased by such action.

Employee contribution rates are set in state statute, Texas Government Code 825.402. Senate Bill 1458 of the 83rd Texas Legislature amended Texas Government Code 825.402 for member contributions and established employee contribution rates for fiscal years 2016 thru 2017. It also added a 1.5% contribution for employers not paying Old Age Survivor and Disability Insurance (OASDI) on certain employees effective for fiscal year 2016 as discussed in Note 1 of the TRS 2016 CAFR. The 83rd Texas Legislature, General Appropriations Act (GAA) established the employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2017 and 2016.

Contribution Rates		
	2016	2017
Member	7.2%	7.7%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State)	6.8%	6.8%
Employers	6.8%	6.8%
2017 Employer Contributions		\$ 36,884
2017 Member Contributions		\$ 88,070

Contributors to the plan include members, employers and the State of Texas as the only non-employer contributing entity. The State is the employer for senior colleges, medical schools and state agencies including TRS. In each respective role, the State contributes to the plan in accordance with state statutes and the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

As the non-employer contributing entity for public education and junior colleges, the State of Texas contributes to the retirement system an amount equal to the current employer contribution rate times the aggregate annual compensation of all participating members of the pension trust fund during that fiscal year reduced by the amounts described below which are paid by the employers. Employers (public school, junior college, other entities or the State of Texas as the employer for senior universities and medical schools) are required to pay the employer contribution rate in the following instances:

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4. PENSION DISCLOSURE (continued)

- On the portion of the member's salary that exceeds the statutory minimum for members entitled to the statutory minimum under Section 21.402 of the Texas Education Code.
- During a new member's first 90 days of employment.
- When any part or all of an employee's salary is paid by federal funding sources, a privately sponsored source, from non-educational and general, or local funds.
- When the employing district is a public junior college or junior college district, the employer shall contribute to the retirement system an amount equal to 50% of the state contribution rate for certain instructional or administrative employees; and 100% of the state contribution rate for all other employees.

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, when employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.

There have been no changes that would affect the comparison of employer contributions from year to year.

4. FIXED ASSETS

The Excellence in Leadership Academy received donated property in the amount of \$23,318 from Luz para Las Naciones, Inc. These assets were valued at fair value at the time of acquisition.

Fixed Assets at August 31, 2017 were as follows:

Building and Improvements	\$ 10,400
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	<u>25,070</u>
Total	35,470
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(17,005)</u>
Property and Equipment, net	<u>\$ 18,465</u>

5. OWNERSHIP IN PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Capital assets acquired with public funds received by the Academy for the operation of Excellence in Leadership Academy constitute public property pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Texas Education Code. These assets are specifically identified on the Schedule of Capital Assets for the Excellence in Leadership Academy.

6. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets at August 31, 2017 were as follows:

General Fund	\$ 208,571
Textbook Fund	21,377
Campus Activity Fund	<u>777</u>
Total	<u>\$ 229,955</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017

7. OPERATING LEASES

The Academy entered into a lease agreement with Luz Para Las Naciones, Inc. Mission, Texas for 17,647 square feet of classroom and office space for its school operation. The lease covers the use of the parking lot and the back yard area. The base rent of \$10,323 is due on the 26th of each month. The lease agreement is for five (5) years and commenced on July 1, 2012. Luz Para Las Naciones, Inc. has donated the first and second year's rent to the Academy as part of its start up budget.

This lease was replaced in December, 2015 with the lease payment of \$13,092 due by the 30th of each month. This lease agreement is for one year and will expire on December 31, 2016.

The Academy renewed on January 25, 2017 with the lease payment of \$15,882 due by the 30th of each month. This lease agreement is for one year and will expire on December 31, 2017.

Beginning in January, 2017, The Academy leased use of two copiers from Luz Para Las Naciones for the amount of \$478.07 due at the 1st of each month.

The total lease payments as of August 31, 2017 were \$183,249.

The annual rents for the next year are as follows:

2018	<u>\$69,265</u>
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8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Academy receives federal and state funds which are governed by various rules and regulations by the grantor. Expenses charged to the grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies. In the opinion of management, there are no contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the grants other than as reflected in the financial statements.

9. RECONCILIATION OF REVENUES FROM FEDERAL PROGRAMS

The Academy received revenues from federal programs for the year August 31, 2017 as follows:

Federal Monies Received	\$ 275,543
Per Audited Financial Statements	<u>268,810</u>
Difference	6,833
Federal Grants Receivable 2017	42,590
Federal Grants Receivable 2016	<u>(49,423)</u>
Balance	<u>\$ -0-</u>

10. EVALUATION OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Academy has evaluated subsequent events through January 15, 2018, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**Excellence in Leadership Academy
Schedule of Expenses
August 31, 2017**

Exhibit C-1

Expenses

6100 Payroll Costs	\$ 1,387,334
6200 Professional and Contract Services	541,580
6300 Supplies and Materials	164,601
6400 Other Operating Costs	85,712
6500 Interest Expense	-
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,179,227</u>

**Excellence in Leadership Academy
Schedule of Capital Assets
August 31, 2017**

Exhibit D-1

	Ownership Interest			Total
	Local	State	Federal	
1510 Land and Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
1520 Buildings and Improvements	-	10,400	-	10,400
1531 Vehicles		-	-	-
1539 Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	23,318	1,752	-	25,070
1581 Construction in Progress		-		-
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 23,318	\$ 12,152	\$ -	\$ 35,470

**Excellence in Leadership Academy
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017**

Exhibit E-1

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance from Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Local Support				
5744 Contributions	-	-	-	-
5749 Other Revenues from Local Sources	21,000	20,015	20,015	-
5750 Food Sales	-	-	-	-
5755 Campus Activity	-	-	-	-
Total local support	<u>21,000</u>	<u>20,015</u>	<u>20,015</u>	<u>-</u>
State Program Revenues				
5810 Foundation School Program	1,678,339	1,956,190	1,956,377	187
5820 State Program Revenues Distributed by the Texas Education Agency	-	23,053	20,036	(3,017)
5830 Revenues from Texas Government Agencies	-	-	-	-
Total State Program Revenue	<u>1,678,339</u>	<u>1,979,243</u>	<u>1,976,413</u>	<u>(2,830)</u>
Federal program revenues				
5920 Federal Revenues Distributed by the Texas Education Agency	213,919	252,810	253,974	1,164
5930 Federal Revenues Distributed by Government Other than TEA	13,352	14,836	14,836	-
Total Federal Program Revenue	<u>227,271</u>	<u>252,810</u>	<u>268,810</u>	<u>1,164</u>
Total Revenue and Other Support	<u>1,926,610</u>	<u>2,252,068</u>	<u>2,265,238</u>	<u>(1,666)</u>
EXPENSES				
11 Instruction	1,187,847	1,241,074	1,283,582	(42,508)
12 Instructional Resources and Media Services	4,600	1,305	1,305	-
13 Curriculum Development and Instructional Staff Development	-	14,688	14,688	-
21 Instructional Leadership	-	-	-	-
23 School Leadership	191,661	177,554	181,475	(3,921)
31 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	-	-	-	-
33 Health Services	2,500	587	587	-
35 Food Services	120,000	128,615	128,615	-
36 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	17,330	28,002	28,002	-
41 General Administration	167,778	172,920	176,503	(3,583)
51 Plant Maintenance and Operations	281,769	286,502	292,695	(6,193)
52 Security and Monitoring Services	22,000	20,799	22,117	(1,318)
53 Data Processing	59,000	47,167	49,658	(2,491)
61 Community Services	-	-	-	-
71 Interest on Debt Service	-	-	-	-
81 Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>2,054,485</u>	<u>2,119,213</u>	<u>2,179,227</u>	<u>(60,014)</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(127,875)	132,855	86,011	(46,844)
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF PERIOD	<u>336,678</u>	<u>336,678</u>	<u>336,678</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 208,803</u>	<u>\$ 469,533</u>	<u>\$ 422,689</u>	<u>\$ (46,844)</u>

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**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**

Board of Directors
Excellence in Leadership Academy

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Excellence in Leadership Academy (a non-profit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2017, and related statements of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 15, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Excellence in Leadership Academy's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Excellence in Leadership Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Excellence in Leadership 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 considered to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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 organization'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 organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, the communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C.

Corpus Christi, TX

January 15, 2018

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

A. Summary of the Auditors' Results:

1. Financial statements:

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

One or more material weaknesses identified? _____ Yes X No

One or more significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? _____ Yes X No

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ Yes X No

2. Federal Awards N/A

B. Financial Statement Findings N/A

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

N/A

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Board of Directors

Excellence in Leadership Academy (ELA)

Mission, Texas

In planning and performing our audit of the financial position of the Excellence in Leadership Academy (ELA) (a non-profit organization) as of and for the year ended August 31, 2017, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Excellence in Leadership Academy (ELA)'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing auditing 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 Excellence in Leadership Academy (ELA)'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Excellence in Leadership Academy (ELA)'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 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. 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 may exist that have not been identified.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, board of directors, and others within the organization, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C.

January 15, 2018

Finding:

During our audit, we noted that bank reconciliation was not accurate throughout the whole year and was not reviewed by an authorized official.

Management's Response:

Management agrees that in the future, the bank reconciliations will be reviewed for accuracy on a monthly basis.

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Board of Directors
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We have audited the financial statements of Excellence in Leadership Academy (ELA), for the year ended August 31, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Excellence in Leadership Academy (ELA), are described in Note A to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during August 31, 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no significant estimates noted in the financial statements

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

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

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 15, 2018.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

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

Other Audit Findings or Issues

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

Other Matters

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

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

Very truly yours,

Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C.

January 15, 2018