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January 5, 2017

Charter School Board
East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy, Inc.
1402 E Chicago Ave
East Chicago, IN 46312

We have reviewed the Supplemental Audit Report prepared by Donovan P.C., Independent Public Accountants, for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. In our opinion, the Supplemental Audit Report was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board of Accounts.

We call your attention to the findings in the report. Page 3 contains two audit results and comments. Management's response is on page 5.

In addition to the report presented herein, a Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report for East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy, Inc. was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the State Board of Accounts.

The Supplemental Audit Report and the Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report are filed in our office as a matter of public record.

Paul D. Joyce
Paul D. Joyce, CPA
State Examiner

**SUPPLEMENTAL AUDIT REPORT
OF
EAST CHICAGO URBAN ENTERPRISE ACADEMY, INC.**

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016



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EAST CHICAGO URBAN ENTERPRISE ACADEMY, INC.

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

School Officials

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
President of Board of Directors	David Padilla	07/01/15 – 06/30/16
School Leader	Veronica Eskew	07/01/15 – 06/30/16
School Treasurer	Tiffani Cooper	07/01/15 – 06/30/16



To the Board of Directors
East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy, Inc.

We have audited the financial statements of East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy, Inc. (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2016. As part of our audit, we tested the School's compliance with provisions of the *Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools* issued by the Indiana State Board of Accounts and related provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements. Reported in the Audit Results and Comments are matters where we believe the School was not in compliance with those provisions.

DONOVAN

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Indianapolis, Indiana
December 14, 2016

EAST CHICAGO URBAN ENTERPRISE ACADEMY, INC.

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

Audit Results and Comments

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

REQUIRED REPORTS

The financial report to the Indiana Department of Education (Form 9) submitted by the School did not properly reflect the cash activity for the period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Receipts and expenditures reported in the various fund accounts did not accurately reflect the activity in those funds. In addition, the total cash balance per the Form 9 did not agree to the cash balance recorded in the accounting records as of June 30, 2016 by the amount of \$83,713.

Charter schools are required to submit a Form 9 Biannual Financial Report two times per year during the months of January and July. The financial information in the Form 9 shall reflect cash basis information. The January report must include previous calendar year financial and other required information for the period of July 1 to December 31 financial data. The July report must include current calendar year financial and other required information for the period of January 1 to June 30. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools, Part 9)

Charter schools are required to comply with all grant agreements, rules, regulations, bulletins, directives, letters, letter rulings and filing requirements concerning reports and other procedural matters of federal and state agencies, including opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Indiana, and court decisions. Charter schools shall file accurate reports required by federal and state agencies. Noncompliance may require corrective action. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools, Part 10)

CASH RECEIPTS AND DEPOSITS

The School receives cash payments for various purposes, including uniforms, fundraisers, and student fees. Procedures were in place to process cash collections; however, we noted one issue with regard to the cash receipts process, specifically:

Out of the 25 receipts selected from testing, 15 were not deposited timely.

All charter school money must be deposited in the designated depository not later than the business day following the receipt of funds on business days of the depository in the same form in which the funds were received. Timely receipts and deposits are required to provide the organizer and charter school administration with current information necessary for all financial decisions. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools, Part 8)

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LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

Exit Conference

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

The contents of this report were discussed on December 14, 2016 with Veronica Eskew (School Leader), David Padilla (President of Board of Directors), Javier Garibay and Melinda Benkovsky (Representatives of The Leona Group). The Official Response has been made a part of this report and may be found on page 5.



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December 14, 2016

Donovan, P.C.
9245 N. Meridian Street, Suite 302
Indianapolis, IN 46260

RE: Official response to Indiana State Board of Accounts compliance findings:

REQUIRED REPORTS:

Finding:

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School Response:

East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy, Inc.'s official response encompasses all "required reports" findings for the audit period from July 1, 2015 to June 20, 2016. East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy will from this date forward submit a Form 9 Biannual Financial Report twice per year during the months of January and July and the financial information in the Form 9 shall reflect accurate cash basis information. The January report will include previous calendar year



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financial and other required information for the period of July 1 to December 31 financial data. The July report will include current calendar year financial and other required information for the period of January 1 to June 30. *Please note that the current management company, The Leona Group, was not responsible for the Academy during the time period reflected in this audit (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016).*

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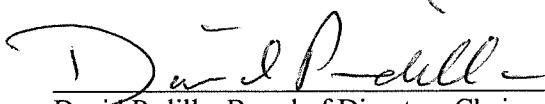
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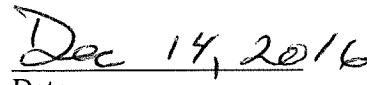
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Sincerely,



David Padilla, Board of Directors Chairman



Date