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We have reviewed the audit report of the Adelante Schools, Inc., which was opined upon by Donovan CPAs, Independent Public Accountants, for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Per the *Independent Auditor's Report* the financial statements included in the report present fairly the financial condition of the Adelante Schools, Inc. as of June 30, 2024, and the results of its operations for the period then ended, on the basis of accounting described in the report.

We call your attention to the Emphasis of Matter paragraph included in the Independent Auditor's Report and further detailed in Note 5.

In our opinion, Donovan CPAs prepared the audit report in accordance with guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

In addition to the report presented herein, a Supplemental Audit Report for the Adelante Schools, Inc., was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

The report is filed with this letter in our office as a matter of public record.

Tammy R. White, CPA
Deputy State Examiner

Adelante Schools, Inc.

Financial Statements
Together with Independent Auditor's Report

For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023



Adelante Schools, Inc.

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Directors
Adelante Schools, Inc.
Indianapolis, Indiana

Opinion

We audited the financial statements of Adelante Schools, Inc. (the School) which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 and the related statements of activities and change in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 and the results of its operations, functional expenses, 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 audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) 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 School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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 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, which raise substantial doubt about the School's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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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 including our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS 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, 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 GAAS 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 appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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, which raise substantial doubt about the 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 audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters we identified during the audits.

Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. 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 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards 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 also issued our report dated November 12, 2024 on our consideration of the 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 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 considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 5 to the financial statements, the School recorded in-kind contributions and offsetting expenses from Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, also known as Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS), a related party, totaling \$3,744,731 and \$3,310,672 during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. These in-kind transactions represent approximately 34% of total revenue and support and 36% of total expenses for the year ended June 30, 2024 (32% and 38%, respectively, in 2023). These amounts are calculated by IPS using significant estimates and judgments and are recorded by management as presented. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.



Donovan CPAs
Indianapolis, Indiana
November 12, 2024

Adelante Schools, Inc.
Statements of Financial Position
June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 4,610,306	\$ 3,427,638
Grants receivable	373,466	442,077
Total current assets	4,983,772	3,869,715
Fixed Assets		
Furniture and equipment	633,573	586,725
Less: accumulated depreciation	(257,767)	(140,594)
Fixed Assets, net	375,806	446,131
Total Assets	\$ 5,359,578	\$ 4,315,846
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 134,319	\$ 139,169
Refundable advances	294,351	14,529
Total current liabilities	428,670	153,698
Net Assets, Without Donor Restrictions	4,930,908	4,162,148
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 5,359,578	\$ 4,315,846

See independent auditor's report and notes to the financial statements

Adelante Schools, Inc.
Statements of Activities and Change in Net Assets
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Revenue and Support		
Student-based allocation funding from IPS	\$ 4,182,606	\$ 3,112,181
In-kind contribution from Indianapolis Public Schools	3,744,731	3,310,672
Grant revenue	2,786,827	2,976,200
Contributions	381,744	838,950
Other income	27,206	13,535
Total revenue and support	11,123,114	10,251,538
Expenses		
Program services	8,392,114	6,736,255
Management and general	1,962,240	1,968,700
Total expenses	10,354,354	8,704,955
Change in Net Assets	768,760	1,546,583
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	4,162,148	2,615,565
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 4,930,908	\$ 4,162,148

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Adelante Schools, Inc.
Statements of Functional Expenses
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>		
	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Total</u>
In-kind expenses:						
Occupancy	\$ 3,006,457	\$ -	\$ 3,006,457	\$ 2,803,737	\$ -	\$ 2,803,737
Student transportation	690,824	-	690,824	407,897	-	407,897
Security services	-	35,588	35,588	-	53,700	53,700
Public engagement	11,862	-	11,862	45,338	-	45,338
Total in-kind expenses	<u>3,709,143</u>	<u>35,588</u>	<u>3,744,731</u>	<u>3,256,972</u>	<u>53,700</u>	<u>3,310,672</u>
Direct expenses:						
Salaries and wages	2,471,343	1,047,880	3,519,223	1,668,115	1,186,015	2,854,130
Employee benefits	538,923	255,658	794,581	353,834	195,486	549,320
Professional services	429,464	327,844	757,308	574,472	190,693	765,165
Classroom and office supplies	323,459	71,560	395,019	270,908	54,098	325,006
Food costs	360,394	-	360,394	339,319	-	339,319
Staff development and recruitment	262,646	-	262,646	890	-	890
Occupancy	141,744	25,412	167,156	151,706	23,447	175,153
Depreciation	117,173	-	117,173	96,211	-	96,211
Licenses and fees	-	51,672	51,672	-	149,702	149,702
Travel	31,694	15	31,709	-	2,326	2,326
Insurance	-	31,528	31,528	-	43,970	43,970
Authorizer fees	-	28,271	28,271	-	-	-
Management fee to IPS	-	25,000	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
Equipment	6,131	8,546	14,677	23,758	8,827	32,585
Advertising	-	14,216	14,216	-	8,004	8,004
Other	-	39,050	39,050	70	27,432	27,502
Total direct expenses	<u>4,682,971</u>	<u>1,926,652</u>	<u>6,609,623</u>	<u>3,479,283</u>	<u>1,915,000</u>	<u>5,394,283</u>
Total functional expenses	<u>\$ 8,392,114</u>	<u>\$ 1,962,240</u>	<u>\$ 10,354,354</u>	<u>\$ 6,736,255</u>	<u>\$ 1,968,700</u>	<u>\$ 8,704,955</u>

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Adelante Schools, Inc.
Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 768,760	\$ 1,546,583
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net change in cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation	117,173	96,211
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable	68,611	114,914
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(4,850)	(8,874)
Refundable advances	279,822	14,529
Change in cash from operating activities	<u>1,229,516</u>	<u>1,763,363</u>
Investing Activities		
Purchases of fixed assets	<u>(46,848)</u>	<u>(360,995)</u>
Net Change in Cash	1,182,668	1,402,368
Cash, Beginning of Year	<u>3,427,638</u>	<u>2,025,270</u>
Cash, End of Year	<u>\$ 4,610,306</u>	<u>\$ 3,427,638</u>

See independent auditor's report and notes to the financial statements

Adelante Schools, Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 1 – Nature of Activities

Adelante Schools, Inc. (the School) is a public benefit not-for-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana. The School commenced operations as a public charter school on July 1, 2020 under Indiana Code 20-24 and is sponsored by the Office of Education Innovation (OEI) of the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis. The charter is effective through June 30, 2027 and is renewable thereafter by mutual consent. The School served approximately 430 students in grades kindergarten through eighth during the 2023-2024 school year (approximately 340 students during the 2022-2023 school year).

The School operates under an Innovation Network Charter School Agreement with Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, also known as Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS), to operate a charter school within an IPS building. The agreement is valid through June 30, 2025 and will renew automatically for an additional five-year term unless either party provides written notice at least 180 days prior to the expiration of the agreement. Under the agreement, IPS pays to the School the amount the School would receive from the State of Indiana for state basic tuition support and complexity grant funding as if the School were a traditional charter school. The agreement can be terminated by either party within 30 days of written notice for material breach of the agreement, by IPS at the end of the school year for poor academic performance given written notice to the School 180 days prior, or by both parties by mutual consent effective as of a mutually agreeable date.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Statement Presentation

The School reports its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets:

- net assets without donor restrictions - which include unrestricted resources available for the operating objectives of the School; and
- net assets with donor restrictions - which represent resources restricted by donors for specific time or purpose.

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the School had only net assets without donor restrictions.

Basis of Accounting and Use of Estimates

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions affecting certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash consists of cash held in bank accounts and cash equivalents consists of short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, there were no cash equivalents.

Adelante Schools, Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Grants Receivable

The School adopted Accounting Standards Update 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments* during the year ended June 30, 2024 which introduced a forward-looking approach, based on expected losses, to estimate credit losses on certain types of financial instruments, including grants receivable. The adoption of this accounting standards update did not have a material impact on the School's financial position or the result of its operations and cash flows.

Grants receivable relate primarily to activities funded under federal programs and legislation enacted by the State of Indiana. The School believes it is operating in compliance with regulatory requirements and as such no allowance for credit losses is deemed necessary.

Fixed Assets

Purchases of assets and expenditures over \$5,000 for equipment that materially increase value or extend useful lives are capitalized and are included in the accounts at cost. Routine maintenance and repairs, minor replacement costs, and small equipment purchases are charged to expense as incurred.

Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets using the straight-line method. The estimated useful life of furniture and equipment is five years.

Taxes on Income

The School received a determination from the U.S. Treasury Department stating it qualifies under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax-exempt organization; however, the School would be subject to tax on income unrelated to its tax-exempt purpose. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, no accounting for federal and state income taxes was required to be included in the accompanying financial statements.

Professional accounting standards require the School to recognize a tax liability only if it is more likely than not the tax position would not be sustained in a tax examination, with a tax examination being presumed to occur. The amount recognized is the largest amount of tax liability greater than 50% likely of being realized on examination. For tax positions not meeting the more-likely-than-not test, no tax liability is recorded. The School examined this issue and determined there are no material contingent tax liabilities or questionable tax positions. Tax years ended after June 30, 2020 are open to audit for both federal and state purposes.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the 2023 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the presentation of the 2024 financial statements. There was no change to net assets previously reported as a result of the reclassifications.

Subsequent Events

The School evaluated subsequent events through November 12, 2024, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. Events occurring through that date have been evaluated to determine whether a change in the financial statements or related disclosures would be required.

Adelante Schools, Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 3 – Revenue Recognition

Revenue Recognition Policy

As discussed in Note 1, the majority of the School's revenue and support is provided by IPS as part of the Innovation Network Charter School Agreement. Under the agreement with IPS, the School receives monthly funding from IPS in accordance with a student-based allocation formula. Funding includes both fixed and variable components. The variable funding depends upon certain attributes including the number of students, student grades, poverty status, and other factors. Revenue is recognized in the year in which the educational services are rendered.

A significant portion of the School's revenue is the product of cost reimbursement grants. Accordingly, the School recognizes revenue under these grants in the amounts of costs and expenses at the time they are incurred. Incurring approved costs under the grants is considered satisfaction of the performance obligation.

The School also receives contributions and grants from other agencies and individuals, which are recorded in accordance with the terms of the underlying agreements.

Disaggregation of Revenue

Revenue is disaggregated on the statements of activities and change in net assets.

Note 4 – Refundable Advances

The School was awarded grants from the Indiana Department of Education to provide educational instruction. The grants are considered exchange transactions. Accordingly, revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized as incurred. Refundable advances totaled \$294,351 and \$14,529 during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Note 5 – Valuation of In-Kind Services

The School recorded in-kind contributions and offsetting expenses from IPS totaling \$3,744,731 and \$3,310,672 during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. These in-kind transactions represent approximately 34% of total revenue and support and 36% of total expenses for the year ended June 30, 2024 (32% and 38%, respectively, in 2023). These amounts are calculated by IPS using significant estimates and judgments and are recorded by management of the School as presented. There are no restrictions on the in-kind contributions received by the School.

Note 6 – Retirement Plan

The School maintains a defined contribution Section 403(b) retirement plan covering substantially all employees. The plan allows employees to make salary deferral contributions and provides the School will make contributions at its discretion. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the School contributed 3% of defined compensation to eligible employees. Retirement plan expense was \$91,218 and \$74,412 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Adelante Schools, Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 7 – Commitments

As the sponsoring organization, OEI exercises certain oversight responsibilities. Beginning during the 2023-2024 school year, OEI began assessing a fee equal to 1% of the basic tuition support received by the School. Fees paid to OEI totaled \$28,271 during the year ended June 30, 2024.

The charter agreement requires the School to establish an escrow account of no less than \$30,000 should a dissolution occur. The account has been established and is included in the balance of cash on the statements of financial position.

The School also operates under an Innovation Network Charter School Agreement granted by IPS. Under this agreement, IPS deducts a monthly management fee from its funding to the School to offset certain administrative costs. The management fee to IPS was \$25,000 for both years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Note 8 – Risks and Uncertainties

The School provides educational instruction services to families residing in Marion and surrounding counties in Indiana and is subject to the risks of economic and competitive forces at work within this geographic area.

The majority of revenues relate to legislation enacted by the State of Indiana and grants awarded under federal programs. Changes in state or federal legislation could significantly affect the School. The School also receives substantial financial assistance from IPS in the form of in-kind contributions covering occupancy, student transportation, security services, and public engagement. Changes to the Innovation Network Charter School Agreement with IPS could significantly affect the School. Additionally, the School is subject to monitoring and audit by state and federal agencies. Those examinations may result in additional liability to be imposed on the School.

Bank deposits are maintained at JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and are insured up to the FDIC insurance limit, which is regularly exceeded. As of June 30, 2024, approximately \$4.28 million in cash was uninsured.

Note 9 – Liquidity

Financial assets held by the School include cash and grants receivable totaling \$4,983,772 and \$3,869,715 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Except for the \$30,000 dissolution escrow account (Note 7), the entire balance of financial assets is available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year.

From time to time, the School receives donor-restricted contributions. Because donor restrictions require resources to be used in a particular manner or in a future period, the School must maintain sufficient resources to meet those responsibilities to its donors. Thus, financial assets may not be available for general expenditure within one year. As part of the School's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due.

Adelante Schools, Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 10 – Functional Expense Reporting

The costs of providing educational activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and change in net assets. Management of the School categorized expenses as program services or management and general according to the underlying nature of the expense. As such, no allocation of specific transactions between these categories was required.

Supplementary Information

Adelante Schools, Inc.
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

<u>Federal Grantor Agency/Pass-Through Entity/Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Total Federal Awards Expended</u>
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>			
Pass-through Indiana Department of Education:			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
School Breakfast Program	10.553		\$ 146,060
National School Lunch Program	10.555		289,782
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>435,842</u>
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u>			
Pass-through Indiana Department of Education:			
Title I, Part A;			
Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A230014	383,845
Title II, Part A;			
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	S367A230013	27,534
Title IV, Part A;			
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424	S424A230015	27,684
Special Education Cluster			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	24611-614-PN01	77,500
Charter School Program - Quality Counts	84.282A		110,568
Education Stabilization Fund			
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	S425U210013	15,792
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	S425U200013	991,125
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>1,634,048</u>
Total federal awards expended			<u>\$ 2,069,890</u>

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to this schedule

Adelante Schools, Inc.
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 1 – Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Adelante Schools, Inc. (the School) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this 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 School, it is not intended to and does not represent the financial position, results of its operations, functional expenses, or cash flows of the School.

Note 2 – Summary of significant Accounting Policies

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 allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note 3 – Indirect Cost Rate

The School elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



Donovan CPAs

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

The Board of Directors
Adelante Schools, Inc.
Indianapolis, Indiana

We 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 Adelante Schools, Inc. (the School), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities and change in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon November 12, 2024.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures 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 School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 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 which 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 which might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist which have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 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 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 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 School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "DONOVAN". The letters are slightly slanted and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word.

Donovan CPAs
Indianapolis, Indiana
November 12, 2024



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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance

The Board of Directors
Adelante Schools, Inc.
Indianapolis, Indiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

In our opinion, the School complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above which 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 (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); 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 School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we 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 School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

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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 School's federal programs.

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 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 an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *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, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the School's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *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 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 School's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures 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 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.

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 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 which 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 we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist which 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.

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Donovan CPAs
Indianapolis, Indiana
November 12, 2024

Adelante Schools, Inc.
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

I. Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor’s report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
• Material weakness identified?	No
• Significant deficiency identified?	None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
• Material weakness identified?	No
• Significant deficiency identified?	None Reported
Type of Auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No

Identification of major programs:

<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.425D	Education Stabilization Fund

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	Yes

II. Financial Statement Findings

No matters are reportable.

III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No matters are reportable.

Adelante Schools, Inc.
Other Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

The reports presented herein were prepared in addition to another official report prepared for the School as listed below:

Supplemental Audit Report of Adelante Schools, Inc.

The Supplemental Audit Report contains the results of compliance testing required by the Indiana State Board of Accounts under its Guidelines for the Audits of Charter Schools Performed by Private Examiners pertaining to matters addressed in its Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Indiana Charter Schools.

Adelante Schools, Inc.
Schedule of Lead Auditor
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

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