

**HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL  
ACADEMY SYSTEM  
DBA BARBER PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
WITH  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**JUNE 30, 2025**

# HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM

## DBA BARBER PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Highland Park Public School Academy System  
DBA Barber Preparatory Academy  
Highland Park, Michigan

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Highland Park Public School Academy System DBA Barber Preparatory Academy (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Academy, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Academy, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## **Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)**

### **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 opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

**Independent Auditor's Report  
(Continued)**

**Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 2025 on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of law, regulations, contracts, and 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 effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Alan C. Young & Assoc.*

Detroit, Michigan  
October 28, 2025

# HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM

## DBA BARBER PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
June 30, 2025

As management of the Highland Park Public School Academy System DBA Barber Preparatory Academy (the Academy), we offer readers of the Academy's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Academy for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information found within the body of the audit.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The General Fund recorded \$5,936,913 in revenue, which primarily consisted of the State foundation grant and federal grants. There was \$6,705,301 in General Fund expenditures.
- The Academy continues to focus on improving its cash position. This is a focus of the administration and will continue to be targeted by striving to reduce expenses and seeking additional funding.

### OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Academy's basic financial statements. The Academy's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) academy-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Academy-wide Financial Statements.** The academy-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Academy's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information, using the accrual basis of accounting, on all of the Academy's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Academy is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Academy's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Academy-wide financial statements outline functions of the Academy that are principally supported by State Aid and intergovernmental revenues (Federal grants). The governmental activities of the Academy primarily include instruction and support services. Fixed assets and related debt are supported by State Aid and intergovernmental revenues.

The Academy-wide financial statements can be found on pages 1 – 2 of this report.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)  
June 30, 2025

### OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**Fund Financial Statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. This is a state mandated uniform system and chart of accounts for all Michigan public school districts utilizing Bulletin 1022. The Academy uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Academy can be divided into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are trust funds established by benefactors to aid in student education, welfare and teacher support. All activities of the Academy are included in the governmental funds. The Academy does not maintain any proprietary or fiduciary funds.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 3 and 5 of this report.

**Notes to the Financial Statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the Academy-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 7 - 14 of this report.

### ACADEMY-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Academy, assets exceeded liabilities by \$1,471,146 as of June 30, 2025. This represents a decrease in net position of \$509,091 from last year.

A portion of the Academy's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., leasehold improvements, furniture, and equipment) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Academy uses these capital assets to provide services to its students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

#### Net Position as of June 30, 2025 and 2024

The following shows a comparison of the Academy's net position as of June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current Assets	\$ 2,318,231	\$ 3,012,245
Noncurrent Assets	536,202	276,905
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>2,854,433</u>	<u>3,289,150</u>
Current Liabilities	<u>1,383,287</u>	<u>1,308,913</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>1,383,287</u>	<u>1,308,913</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	536,202	276,905
Unrestricted	<u>934,944</u>	<u>1,703,332</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 1,471,146</u>	<u>\$ 1,980,237</u>

# HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)  
June 30, 2025

### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

#### Change in Net Position for the periods ending June 30, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
<b>Program Revenues</b>		
Federal Grants	\$ 597,454	\$ 1,289,278
State Categorical Grants	1,226,121	867,882
<b>General Revenues</b>		
State Aid - Unrestricted	3,604,553	3,467,046
Other	508,785	308,008
<b>Total Revenues</b>	5,936,913	5,932,214
<b>Expenses</b>		
Instruction	2,777,188	2,573,473
Support Services	3,584,221	3,337,078
Community Services	51,871	40,211
Depreciation	32,724	54,652
<b>Total Expenses</b>	6,446,004	6,005,414
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Position</b>	\$ (509,091)	\$ (73,200)

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ACADEMY'S FUNDS

As the Academy completed its year, its governmental funds reported a fund balance of \$934,944. The General Fund is the Academy's only fund. The General Fund balance experienced a decrease of \$768,388 over last year. The Academy will continue to follow the procedures put in place to ensure that each year the Academy improves its financial position in the midst of an uncertain economic environment.

#### General Fund Revenue

The majority of revenue was derived from state funding (81%) with federal funding making up 10% of total revenue. There was also local revenue and other revenue making up 9% of total revenue.

#### Expenditure Allocation

Basic Instruction accounted for \$2,134,486 (32%) of the general fund expenses. \$642,702 (10%) was spent on serving children with special needs. Pupil Support accounted for \$394,601 (6%) of the general fund expenses and instructional support expenditures were \$574,101 (9%). \$845,007 (13%) was expended on operations and maintenance and the remaining \$2,114,404 (30%) was expended on other support services.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)  
June 30, 2025

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF ACADEMY'S FUNDS (Continued)

#### Comments on Budget Comparisons

- The Academy's total general fund revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 were approximately \$5.94 million.
- General fund budget compared to actual revenue varied slightly from line item to line item with the ending actual balance being \$190,254 less than the final budget.
- The total cost of all programs and services was approximately \$6.71 million.
- Over the course of the year, the Academy revises its budget as unexpected changes in revenues and expenditures arise. State law requires that the budget be amended to ensure that expenditures do not exceed appropriations. A schedule showing the Academy's original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually paid and received is provided in required supplemental information of these financial statements. Total expenditures were \$230,111 more than the final budget (4%).

### CAPITAL ASSETS

#### Capital Assets

At the end of 2025, the Academy had \$536,202 (net of depreciation) invested in a broad range of capital assets. Total depreciation for the year was \$32,724.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 503,775	\$ 243,385
Furniture and Equipment	<u>32,427</u>	<u>33,520</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 536,202</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 276,905</u></u>

#### Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The Academy considers many factors when setting the Academy's 2025-2026 fiscal year budgets. One of the most important factors affecting the budget is our student count. The State foundation revenue is determined by multiplying the blended student count by the foundation allowance per pupil. The blended count for the 2025-26 fiscal years is 90 percent of the current school year October count and 10 percent of the prior February count. The all-inclusive budget was adopted in June 2025 based on an enrollment estimate of 346 students in the Fall of 2025-26.

Under State law, the Academy cannot assess property taxes for additional revenue for general operations. As a result, the Academy is heavily dependent on the State's ability to fund school operations. Based on early enrollment data and aggressive recruiting efforts, the estimated fall count of 346 students is in line with the estimate used to create the budget. Current enrollment exceeded the budgeted fall count of 346 students.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)  
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## **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates (Continued)**

Once the final student count and related pupil funding are validated, State law requires the Academy to amend the budget if actual Academy resources are not sufficient to fund original appropriations. Since the Academy's revenue is heavily dependent on State funding and the health of the State's School Aid Fund, the actual revenue received depends on the State's ability to collect revenue to fund its appropriations to public schools and public school academies. The State periodically holds a revenue estimating conference to estimate revenues.

## **Contacting the Academy's Management**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Academy's finances. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Finance Department of Accel Schools Michigan LLC.

# HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM

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Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2025

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash (Note 3)	\$ 1,230,315
Due From Other Governmental Units (Note 4)	1,082,234
Deposit	200
Prepaid Expenses	5,482
Capital Assets - Net (Note 5)	<u>536,202</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>2,854,433</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	92,909
Unearned Revenue (Note 4)	662,584
Accrued Liabilities	<u>627,794</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>1,383,287</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	536,202
Unrestricted	<u>934,944</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 1,471,146</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*

# HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM DBA BARBER PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Statement of Activities  
June 30, 2025

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenue		Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Primary Government-Governmental Activities				
Instruction	\$ 2,777,188	\$ -	\$ 796,115	\$ (1,981,073)
Support Services	3,584,221	-	1,027,460	(2,556,761)
Community Services	51,871	-	-	(51,871)
Depreciation (Unallocated)	32,724	-	-	(32,724)
<b>Total Primary Government- Governmental Activities</b>	<b>6,446,004</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,823,575</b>	<b>(4,622,429)</b>
<b>General Revenues</b>				
				3,604,553
State Aid not Restricted to Specific Purposes				508,785
Other				4,113,338
			<b>Total General Revenues</b>	
				(509,091)
				Change in Net Position
				1,980,237
				Net Position - Beginning of Year
				<b>\$ 1,471,146</b>
				Net Position - End of Year

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**HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM  
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Governmental Funds  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2025

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash (Note 3)	\$ 1,230,315
Due From Other Governmental Units (Note 4)	1,082,234
Deposit	200
Prepaid Expenses	5,482
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,318,231</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 92,909
Unearned Revenue (Note 4)	662,584
Accrued Expenditures	627,794
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>1,383,287</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	
Nonspendable	5,682
Unassigned	929,262
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<u>934,944</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,318,231</u></u>

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**HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM  
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**Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of  
Governmental Funds to the  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2025**

	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds</b>	\$ 934,944
<p>Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets are Different because:</p>	
<p>Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are not Financial Resources and are not Reported in the Governmental Funds:</p>	
The Cost of Capital Assets	1,511,535
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(975,333)</u>
	<u>536,202</u>
<b>Net Position - Governmental Activities</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,471,146</u></u>

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**HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM**  
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**Governmental Funds**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and**  
**Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	<b>General Fund</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	
Local Sources	\$ 350,771
State Sources	4,830,674
Federal Sources	597,454
Other Sources	158,014
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>5,936,913</b>
 <b>Expenditures</b>	
<u>Instruction</u>	
Basic Program	2,134,486
Added Needs	642,702
<u>Support Services</u>	
Pupil	394,601
Instructional Staff	574,101
General Administration	959,257
School Administration	338,394
Business	895
Operations and Maintenance	845,007
Pupil Transportation	221,896
Central	268,576
Capital Outlay	273,515
Community Services	51,871
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>6,705,301</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures</b>	<b>(768,388)</b>
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	1,703,332
<b>Fund Balance - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 934,944</b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*

**HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM  
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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,  
Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of  
Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance-Total Governmental Funds</b>	\$ (768,388)
<p>Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are Different because:</p>	
<p>Governmental Funds Report Capital Outlay as expenditures; over their Estimated Useful Lives as Depreciation:</p>	
Depreciation Expense	(32,724)
Capitalized Capital Outlay	292,021
	<u>259,297</u>
<b>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</b>	<u>\$ (509,091)</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*

# HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM

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Notes to Financial Statements  
June 30, 2025

### 1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Highland Park Public School Academy System, doing business as Barber Preparatory Academy, (the Academy) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant policies used by the Academy:

#### **Reporting Entity**

The Academy was formed as a charter school academy pursuant to the Michigan Revised School Code, 1976 AP 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1853 and the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act, 2011 PA 4, MCL 141.1501 to 141.1531.

On July 27, 2012, the school board of the School District of the City of Highland Park, which was in receivership and under the supervision of an emergency manager, entered into a contract authorizing the Highland Park Public School Academy System DBA Barber Preparatory Academy as a public school academy. The contract has been renewed and shall remain in force and effective through June 30, 2029. The contract requires the Academy to act exclusively as a governmental entity and not undertake any actions inconsistent with its status as an entity authorized to receive state school aid funds pursuant to the State Constitution of 1963. The school board of the School District of the City of Highland Park is the fiscal agent for the Academy and is responsible for overseeing the Academy's compliance with the contract and all applicable laws. The Academy paid the school board of the School District of the City of Highland Park three percent of the state aid foundation allowance as an administrative fee. The total administrative fee for the year ended June 30, 2025 to the school board of the School District of the City of Highland Park was approximately \$130,000.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. These criteria include significant operational financial relationships that determine which of the governmental organizations are part of the Academy's reporting entity, and which organizations are legally separate component units of the Academy. Based on the application of the criteria, the Academy does not contain any component units.

#### **Academy-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The Academy-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. All of the Academy-wide activities are considered governmental activities.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)  
June 30, 2025

### 1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Academy-wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenue includes grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Intergovernmental payments, and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

**Academy-wide Financial Statements** - The Academy-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants, categorical aid, and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Amounts reported as program revenue include (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenue rather than as program revenue. Likewise, general revenue includes all unrestricted State aid.

**Fund Financial Statements** – Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Academy considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Unrestricted State aid and intergovernmental grants, associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the Academy.

The Academy reports one major governmental fund, the general fund:

**General Fund** - The General Fund is the Academy's primary operating fund it accounts for all financial resources of the Academy, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)  
June 30, 2025

### 1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** – Cash includes demand deposits. The Academy considers all short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired to be a cash equivalent.

**Receivables and Payables** – Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. The Academy considers all receivables to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for uncollectible amounts is recorded.

**Capital Assets** – Capital assets, which include leasehold improvements and furniture and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the Academy-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Academy as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value or materially extend asset life are not capitalized. The Academy does not have infrastructure-type assets.

Leasehold improvements and Furniture and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Leasehold Improvements	Life of Lease
Furniture and Equipment	3-7 years

**Prepaid Costs** – Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid costs in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Unearned Revenue** – Unearned Revenue is reported in connection with funds that have been received for services which have not been performed and is therefore not yet earned. At June 30, 2025, the Academy had unearned revenue of \$662,584.

# HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM

## DBA BARBER PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)  
June 30, 2025

### 1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

**Fund Balance** – In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the following components of fund balance:

**Nonspendable** – Amounts that are not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted** – Amounts that are legally restricted by outside parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation for use of a specific purpose.

**Committed** – Amounts that have been formally set aside by the Board of Directors for use for specific purposes. Commitments are made and can be rescinded only via resolution of the Board of Directors.

**Assigned** – Intent to spend resources on specific purposes expressed by the Board of Directors or director of budget and finance, who is authorized by resolution, and approved by the Board of Directors to make assignments.

**Unassigned** – Amounts that do not fall into any other category above. This is the residual classification for amounts in the General Fund and represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes in the General Fund.

**Fund Balance Flow Assumptions** - Sometimes, the Academy will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). To calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are applied. It is the Academy's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Furthermore, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

**Net Position** – Net position of the Academy is classified in three components. Net Investment in capital assets consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and is reduced by the current balances of any outstanding borrowings used to finance the purchase of those assets. Restricted net position is further classified as expendable and nonexpendable. The Academy did not have any expendable restricted net position during the year. Unrestricted net position is the remaining net position that does not meet the definition of invested in capital assets or restricted.

**Net Position Flow Assumption** – Sometimes, the Academy will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. To calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Academy's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

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### 1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity (Continued)

**Deferred Outflows of Resources** – In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Academy has no deferred outflows of resources at year-end.

**Deferred Inflows of Resources** – The statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The academy had no deferred inflows at June 30, 2025.

**Comparative Data** – Comparative data is not included in the Academy's financial statements.

**Use of Estimates** – The presentation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. This will affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statement, and the reported revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

### 2) STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and State law for the General Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

The budget document presents information by fund and function, with the exception that capital outlay is budgeted within the related functions. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the function level. State law requires the Academy to have its budget in place by July 1. Expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted are a violation of Michigan law. State law permits districts to amend their budgets during the year. During the year, the budget was amended in a legally permissible manner. The Academy adjusted budgeted amounts during the year in response to actual and projected activity. The following categories had actual expenditures in excess of the final budget:

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### 2) STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

#### Budgetary Information (Continued)

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Variance</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<u>Instruction</u>			
Basic Program	2,068,634	2,134,486	65,852
Added Needs	587,895	642,702	54,807
<u>Support Services</u>			
Pupil	338,217	394,601	56,384
Instructional Staff	564,881	574,101	9,220
Business	770	895	125
Operations and Maintenance	811,929	845,007	33,078
Pupil Transportation	199,148	221,896	22,748
Central	165,676	268,576	102,900
Capital Outlay	264,604	273,515	8,911
Community Services	51,125	51,871	746

In total, actual expenditures exceeded the final budget by \$230,111.

**Grants** – Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies, principally the federal and state governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, would become a liability of the General Fund. In the Academy’s opinion, any disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial statements as of and for the year June 30, 2025.

### 3) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes authorize the Academy to make deposits in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have offices in Michigan. The Academy is allowed to invest in U.S. Treasury or Agency obligations, U.S. government repurchase agreements, bankers’ acceptances, commercial paper rated prime at the time of purchase that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase, mutual funds, and investment pools that are composed of authorized investment vehicles. The Academy’s deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Academy has designated one bank for the deposit of its funds.

The Academy’s deposits consist solely of checking and/or savings accounts at a local bank; therefore, the Academy has not adopted a formal investment policy.

Custodial Credit Risk of Bank Deposit – Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Academy’s deposit may not be refunded to it. The Academy’s deposit policy requires that financial institutions be evaluated and only those with an acceptable risk level for custodial credit risk be used for the Academy’s deposit. At June 30, 2025, the Academy had a deposit balance of \$1,342,238, of which \$1,092,238 was uninsured.

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### 4) DUE FROM GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AND UNEARNED REVENUE

Due from Governmental Units at June 30, 2025 total \$1,082,234 and consist of state school aid due from the State of Michigan and grant payments from the federal government and other local revenues. There are no applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts.

Governmental funds defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received but not yet earned. At June 30, 2025, the Academy had \$662,584 in unearned revenue.

### 5) CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity of the Academy's governmental activities was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2024</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2025</u>
<b>Capital Assets</b>			
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 797,053	\$ 273,515	\$ 1,070,568
Furniture and Equipment	422,461	18,506	440,967
<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>1,219,514</u>	<u>292,021</u>	<u>1,511,535</u>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>			
Leasehold Improvements	553,668	13,125	566,793
Furniture and Equipment	388,941	19,599	408,540
<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>942,609</u>	<u>32,724</u>	<u>975,333</u>
	<u>\$ 276,905</u>	<u>\$ 259,297</u>	<u>\$ 536,202</u>

Depreciation on the capital assets is unallocated in the Statement of Activities.

### 6) LEASES

The Academy leases its school building from the School District of the City of Highland Park. The lease was entered into on July 1, 2019 and is coterminous with the term of the charter contract that runs through June 30, 2028. The lease is cancelable in the event of the charter contract between the Academy and School District of the City of Highland Park being terminated. The Annual rent for the year 2024-2025 was calculated as 4 percent of total state aid revenue received by the Academy. Rent expense for the year was \$169,030. Since this is a variable term lease with no fixed component, the requirements under GASB 87 of a lessee to record a right-to-use asset and a lease liability are not applicable and therefore not recorded on the statement of net position.

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### **7) MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

The Academy has entered into a management agreement with Accel Schools Michigan LLC for one year effective through June 30, 2027. The management company is responsible for all of the management, operation, administration, and education at the Academy. The Academy subcontracts all employees from the management company and reimburses the management company for operating costs. The contract provides that the Academy shall pay the management company an annual fee of 10% of the State school aid the Academy receives directly or indirectly from the State of Michigan.

In addition to the base fee, the management company is to receive an additional two percent (2%) of the Funds for increasing enrollment compared to the prior school year, plus an additional one percent (1%) of the Funds for improving academic performance of the school compared to the prior school year, and an additional one percent (1%) of the Funds for accomplishing an academic target agreed upon between the Parties on or before July 31 of each school year (collectively, the "Management Fee"). In total of 14% compensation.

Compensation for the year ended June 30, 2025 was \$679,061.

### **8) RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability. Commercial insurance policies to cover certain risks of loss have been obtained. Claims did not exceed coverage less retained risk deductible amounts since the Academy's inception in July 2012. Coverage relating to workers' compensation and medical benefits is provided through the management company.

### **9) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 28, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No items were noted requiring disclosure in this report.



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Education of  
Highland Park Public School Academy System  
DBA Barber Preparatory Academy  
Highland Park, Michigan

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of Highland Park Public School Academy System DBA Barber Preparatory Academy (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 28, 2025.

### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Academy'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 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 significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**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  
(Continued)**

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

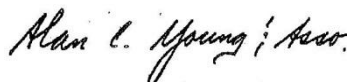
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and is reported as item 2025-001.

Academy's Response to Finding

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Academy's response to findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Academy's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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



Detroit, Michigan  
October 28, 2025

# HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SYSTEM

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Schedule of Findings and Responses  
Year Ended June 30, 2025

### SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT FINDINGS

Reference Number	Findings
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**2025-001**      **Finding Type** – Noncompliance with Laws and Regulations

**Condition and Description** – For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Academy’s expenses exceeded the final budgeted level for the categories shown in the following table. Additionally, total expenditures exceeded the final budgeted level by \$230,111. Expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts are a violation of State law.

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Final Budget
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<u>Instruction</u>				
Basic Program	\$ 1,981,669	\$ 2,068,634	\$2,134,486	\$ 65,852
Added Needs	536,616	587,895	642,702	54,807
<u>Support Services</u>				
Pupil	202,739	338,217	394,601	56,384
Instructional Staff	398,869	564,881	574,101	9,220
Business	204	770	895	125
Operations and Maintenance	815,668	811,929	845,007	33,078
Pupil Transportation	219,928	199,148	221,896	22,748
Central	189,830	165,676	268,576	102,900
Capital Outlay	-	264,604	273,515	8,911
Community Services	-	51,125	51,871	746

**Recommendation** – We recommend the Academy monitor variances between actual and budgeted figures for expenditures.

**View of Responsible Officials and Corrective Action Plan** – Effective immediately, we have implemented the necessary measures to improve our controls related to the budget in order to better safeguard the school's funds. Below is the corrective action plan:

- We will continue to work with our Board on our budget proposal to ensure their strategic priorities are met.
- We will make sure that we have controls in place to make sure expenses are hitting the correct months and are not spanning over the fiscal year.
- We will improve our ability to time expenses accurately and forecast expenses in the correct fiscal year.
- Budget Amendments will be brought to the attention of board members in a timely manner with more precise information to ensure the current forecast is compliant.
- We will monitor variances between actual and budgeted figures for expenditures.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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Required Supplemental Information  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule-General Fund  
Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Final Budget</u>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Local Sources	\$ 26,396	\$ 419,583	\$ 350,771	\$ (68,812)
State Sources	4,906,109	4,892,534	4,830,674	(61,860)
Federal Sources	505,192	653,692	597,454	(56,238)
Other Sources	235,971	161,357	158,014	(3,343)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>5,673,668</u>	<u>6,127,166</u>	<u>5,936,913</u>	<u>(190,253)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<u>Instruction</u>				
Basic Program	1,981,669	2,068,634	2,134,486	65,852
Added Needs	536,616	587,895	642,702	54,807
<u>Support Services</u>				
Pupil	202,739	338,217	394,601	56,384
Instructional Staff	398,869	564,881	574,101	9,220
General Administration	922,162	1,009,370	959,257	(50,113)
School Administration	334,547	412,941	338,394	(74,547)
Business	204	770	895	125
Operations and Maintenance	815,668	811,929	845,007	33,078
Pupil Transportation	219,928	199,148	221,896	22,748
Central	189,830	165,676	268,576	102,900
Other Support Services	4,175	-	-	-
<b>Total Support &amp; Instructional Services</b>	<u>5,606,406</u>	<u>6,159,461</u>	<u>6,379,915</u>	<u>220,454</u>
Capital Outlay	-	264,604	273,515	8,911
Community Services	-	51,125	51,871	746
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>5,606,406</u>	<u>6,475,190</u>	<u>6,705,301</u>	<u>230,111</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	<u>\$ 67,262</u>	<u>\$ (348,024)</u>	<u>(768,388)</u>	<u>\$ (420,364)</u>
Fund Balances - July 1, 2024			<u>1,703,332</u>	
<b>Fund Balances - June 30, 2025</b>			<u>\$ 934,944</u>	