

NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Novato Charter School
Novato, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Novato Charter School (the School), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2018, and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to on page 1 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2018, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the School's financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated November 21, 2018 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 on 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.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Glendora, California
November 21, 2018

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2018**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 642,357
Accounts Receivable - Federal and State	42,621
Accounts Receivable - Other	1,985
Total Current Assets	<u>686,963</u>

LONG-TERM ASSETS

Property, Plant, and Equipment, Net	<u>487,374</u>
Total Long-Term Assets	<u>487,374</u>

Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,174,337</u></u>
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	<u>\$ 456,366</u>
Total Current Liabilities	456,366

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	<u>717,971</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>717,971</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 1,174,337</u></u>
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See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

REVENUES

State Revenue:		
State Aid	\$	983,721
Other State Revenue		153,014
Local Revenue:		
In-Lieu Property Tax Revenue		974,037
Contributions		302,500
Interest Income		3,185
Other Revenue		6,453
Total Revenues		<u>2,422,910</u>

EXPENSES

Program Services		2,070,099
Management and General		<u>375,002</u>
Total Expenses		<u>2,445,101</u>

CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS (22,191)

Net Unrestricted Assets - Beginning of Year 740,162

NET UNRESTRICTED ASSETS - END OF YEAR \$ 717,971

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (22,191)
Change in Net Assets	
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash	
Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	30,312
Change in Operating Assets:	
Accounts Receivable - Federal and State	31,796
Change in Operating Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	128,984
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>168,901</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Repayments of Debt	<u>(10,207)</u>
Net Cash Used by Financing Activities	<u>(10,207)</u>
 NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	158,694
 Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>483,663</u>
 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 642,357</u></u>
 SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION	
Cash Paid for Interest During Fiscal Year	<u><u>\$ 49</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,153,429	\$ 206,952	\$ 1,360,381
Pension Expense	160,027	27,662	187,689
Other Employee Benefits	146,995	19,738	166,733
Payroll Taxes	32,328	13,891	46,219
Management Fees	-	61,154	61,154
Accounting Expenses	-	8,475	8,475
Instructional Materials	32,516	-	32,516
Other Fees for Services	343,669	-	343,669
Advertising and Promotion Expenses	-	700	700
Office Expenses	16,072	9,401	25,473
Printing and Postage Expenses	-	-	-
Information Technology Expenses	7,235	-	7,235
Occupancy Expenses	129,339	-	129,339
Interest Expense	-	49	49
Depreciation Expense	30,312	-	30,312
Insurance Expense	-	9,784	9,784
Other Expenses	18,177	10,962	29,139
	<u>\$ 2,070,099</u>	<u>\$ 375,002</u>	<u>\$ 2,445,101</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,070,099</u>	<u>\$ 375,002</u>	<u>\$ 2,445,101</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2018**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Activities

Novato Charter School (the School) is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation and is organized to manage and operate a public K-8 charter school. The School is a community of parents and teachers using educational methods that inspire creativity, critical thinking, and motivated learning. The School began serving students in August 1996 and is sponsored by the Novato Unified School District (the District).

The School is funded principally through state of California public education monies received through the California Department of Education and the District. The charter may be revoked by the District for material violations of the charter, failure to meet pupil outcomes identified in the charter, failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management, or violation of any provision of the law.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The School defines its cash and cash equivalents to include only cash on hand, demand deposits, and liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual method of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables and liabilities.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

Costs of providing the School's programs and other activities have been presented in the statement of functional expenses. During the year, such costs are accumulated into separate groupings as either direct or indirect. Indirect or shared costs are allocated among program and support services by a method that best measures the relative degree of benefit.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as prescribed by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2018**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Net Asset Classes

The School is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted. Net assets of the School are defined as:

Unrestricted

All resources over which the governing board has discretionary control to use in carrying on the general operations of the School.

Temporarily Restricted

These net assets are restricted by donors to be used for specific purposes. The School does not currently have any temporarily restricted net assets.

Permanently Restricted

These net assets are permanently restricted by donors and cannot be used by the School. The School does not currently have any permanently restricted net assets.

Receivables

Accounts receivable primarily represent amounts due from federal and state governments as of June 30, 2018. Management believes that all receivables are fully collectible; therefore, no provisions for uncollectible accounts were recorded.

Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment are stated at cost if purchased or at estimated fair market value if donated. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the asset.

Property Taxes

Secured property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on September 1 and are payable in two installments on or before November 1 and February 1. Unsecured property taxes are not a lien against real property and are payable in one installment on or before August 31. The County bills and collects property taxes for all taxing agencies within the County and distributes these collections to the various agencies. The sponsor agency of the School is required by law to provide in-lieu property tax payments on a monthly basis, from August through July. The amount paid per month is based upon an allocation per student, with a specific percentage to be paid each month.

Compensated Absences

The School does not allow employees to carryover unused vacation. Accordingly, there were no accumulated compensated absence benefits at June 30, 2018.

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2018**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue Recognition

Amounts received from the California Department of Education are recognized as revenue by the School based on the average daily attendance (ADA) of students. Revenue that is restricted is recorded as an increase in unrestricted net assets if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized. All other restricted revenues are reported as increases in temporarily restricted net assets.

Contributions

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are restricted to specific use or future periods are reported as temporarily restricted. Restricted contributions that are received and released in the same period are reported as unrestricted revenue. Unconditional promises to give expected to be received in one year or less are recorded at net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give expected to be received in more than one year are recorded at fair market value at the date of the promise. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

Income Taxes

The School is a nonprofit entity exempt from the payment of income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 23701d. Accordingly, no provision has been made for income taxes. Management has determined that all income tax positions are more likely than not of being sustained upon potential audit or examination; therefore, no disclosures of uncertain income tax positions are required. The School files informational returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and the state of California. The statute of limitations for federal and California state purposes is generally three and four years, respectively.

Subsequent Events

The School has evaluated subsequent events through November 21, 2018, the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2 CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The School maintains cash in the County Treasury (the County). The County pools these funds with those of other educational organizations in the County and invests the cash. These pooled funds are carried at costs which approximates market value. Interest earned is deposited quarterly into participating funds. Any investment losses are proportionately shared by all funds in the pool. The County is authorized to deposit cash and invest excess funds by California Government Code Section 53648 et. seq. The funds maintained by the County are either secured by federal depository insurance or collateralized. The fair value of the School's deposits in this pool as of June 30, 2018, as provided by the pool sponsor was approximately \$427,000.

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2018**

NOTE 2 CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)

The School also maintains cash balances held in banks and revolving funds which are insured up to \$250,000 by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC). At times, cash in these accounts exceeds the insured amounts. The School has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on its cash and cash equivalents.

NOTE 3 PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant, and equipment in the accompanying financial statements is presented net of accumulated depreciation. The School capitalizes all expenditures for land, buildings, and equipment in excess of \$5,000. The range of useful lives is between 3 and 30 years. Depreciation expense was \$30,312 for the year ended June 30, 2018.

The components of property, plant, and equipment as of June 30, 2018 are as follows:

Building	\$ 638,829
Leasehold Improvements	170,307
Total	<u>809,136</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	(321,762)
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u><u>\$ 487,374</u></u>

NOTE 4 LINE OF CREDIT

The School has a revolving line of credit with Umpqua Bank for \$100,000 with an annual interest rate of 5.25%. There was no balance as of June 30, 2018.

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2018**

NOTE 5 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

Multi-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Qualified employees are covered under multi-employer defined benefit pension plans maintained by agencies of the state of California.

The risks of participating in these multi-employer defined benefit pension plans are different from single-employer plans because: (a) assets contributed to the multi-employer plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers, (b) the required member, employer, and state contribution rates are set by the California Legislature, and (c) if the School chooses to stop participating in the multi-employer plan, it may be required to pay a withdrawal liability to the plan. The School has no plans to withdraw from this multi-employer plan.

State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description

The School contributes to the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS), a cost-sharing multi-employer public employee retirement system defined benefit pension plan administered by STRS. Plan information for STRS is not publicly available. The plan provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State statutes, as legislatively amended, within the State Teachers' Retirement Law. According to the most recently available Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Actuarial Valuation Report for the year ended June 30, 2017, total STRS plan net assets are \$210 billion, the total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is \$362 billion, contributions from all employers totaled \$4.2 billion, and the plan is 62.6% funded. The School did not contribute more than 5% of the total contributions to the plan.

Copies of the STRS annual financial reports may be obtained from STRS, 7667 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95826 and www.calstrs.com.

Funding Policy

Active plan members hired before January 1, 2013 are required to contribute 10.25% of their salary and those hired after are required to contribute 9.205% of their salary. The School is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The actuarial methods and assumptions used for determining the rate are those adopted by the STRS Teachers' Retirement Board. Under the 2014 funding plan, employer contributions on compensation creditable to the program will increase every year for the next 7 years, up to 19.10% in 2020-21. The required employer contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2017 was 14.43% of annual payroll. The contribution requirements of the plan members are established and may be amended by State statute.

The School's contributions to STRS for the past three years are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Required Contribution</u>	<u>Percent Contributed</u>
2016	\$ 89,799	100%
2017	\$ 103,822	100%
2018	\$ 120,167	100%

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2018**

NOTE 6 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description

The School contributes to the School Employer Pool under the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), a cost-sharing multi-employer public employee retirement system defined benefit pension plan administered by CalPERS. Plan information for PERS is not publicly available. The plan provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State statutes, as legislatively amended, within the Public Employees' Retirement Law. According to the most recently available Actuarial Valuation Report for the year ended June 30, 2017, the School Employer Pool total plan assets are \$61 billion, the total pension liability is \$84.9 billion, contributions from all employers totaled \$1.8 billion, and the plan is 72.1% funded. The School did not contribute more than 5% of the total contributions to the plan.

Copies of the CalPERS' annual financial reports may be obtained from the CalPERS Executive Office, 400 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 and www.calpers.ca.gov.

Funding Policy

Active plan members are required to contribute 7.0% of their salary while new members after January 1, 2013 are required to contribute 6.0% of their salary. The School is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The actuarial methods and assumptions used for determining the rate are those adopted by the CalPERS Board of Administration. The required employer contribution rate for year ended June 30, 2018 was 15.53%. The contribution requirements of the plan members are established and may be amended by State statute.

The School's contributions to PERS for each of the last three years are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30.</u>	<u>Required Contribution</u>	<u>Percent Contributed</u>
2016	\$ 58,475	100%
2017	\$ 64,774	100%
2018	\$ 67,522	100%

NOTE 6 TRANSACTIONS WITH THE SPONSORING DISTRICT

One percent of the School's apportionment is paid to the District for oversight and a two percent fee is also paid for certain business services handled by the District.

NOTE 7 CONTINGENCIES

The School has received state and federal funds for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Although such audits could generate disallowances under terms of the grants, it is believed that any required reimbursement would not be material.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

Novato Charter School (the School) is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation and is organized to manage and operate a public K-8 charter school. The School began serving students in August 1996 and is sponsored by the Novato Unified School District (the District).

The District extended the charter through June 30, 2021.

The Charter school number is 0089.

The Board of Directors and the Administrators as of the year ended June 30, 2018 were as follows:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>Member</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires (3 year term)</u>
Nicol Brescia	Chairman	2019
Erik Berkowitz	Treasurer	2019
Ali Quam	Secretary	2020
Lia Heath	Trustee	2021
Craig Allender	Trustee	2021

ADMINISTRATORS

Nikki Lloyd	Director
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**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

	Instructional Minutes		Traditional Calendar	Status
	Requirement	Actual	Days	
Kindergarten	36,000	38,910	180	In compliance
Grade 1	50,400	54,610	180	In compliance
Grade 2	50,400	54,610	180	In compliance
Grade 3	50,400	54,610	180	In compliance
Grade 4	54,000	54,610	180	In compliance
Grade 5	54,000	54,610	180	In compliance
Grade 6	54,000	54,610	180	In compliance
Grade 7	54,000	54,610	180	In compliance
Grade 8	54,000	54,610	180	In compliance

See accompanying Auditors' Report and the Notes to Supplementary Information

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

	Second Period Report		Annual Report	
	Classroom Based	Total	Classroom Based	Total
Grades TK/K-3	128.89	128.89	129.34	129.34
Grades 4-6	79.36	79.36	79.46	79.46
Grades 7-8	50.86	50.86	50.57	50.57
ADA Totals	259.11	259.11	259.37	259.37

See accompanying Auditors' Report and the Notes to Supplementary Information

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
RECONCILIATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT WITH
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

There were no differences between the Annual Financial Report and the Audited Financial Statements.

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

PURPOSE OF SCHEDULES

NOTE 1 SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

This schedule presents information on the amount of instructional time offered by the School and whether the School complied with the provisions of California Education Code.

NOTE 2 SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

Average daily attendance is a measurement of the number of pupils attending classes of the School. The purpose of attendance accounting from a fiscal standpoint is to provide the basis on which apportionments of state funds are made to charter schools. This schedule provides information regarding the attendance of students at various grade levels.

NOTE 3 RECONCILIATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT WITH AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This schedule provides the information necessary to reconcile the net assets of the charter schools as reported on the Annual Financial Report form to the audited financial statements.



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

Board of Directors
Novato Charter School
Novato, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Novato Charter School (the School), a nonprofit California public benefit corporation, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2018, and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the year then ended, the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 21, 2018.

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 that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Glendora, California
November 21, 2018

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT ON STATE COMPLIANCE

Board of Directors
 Novato Charter School
 Novato, California

We have audited Novato Charter School’s (the School) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *2017-2018 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, published by the Education Audit Appeals Panel for the year ended June 30, 2018. The School’s state compliance requirements are identified in the table below.

Management’s Responsibility

Management is responsible for the compliance with the state laws and regulations as identified below.

Auditors’ Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the School’s compliance based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to below. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *2017-2018 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, published by the Education Audit Appeals Panel. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the specific areas listed below has occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the School’s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on state compliance. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School’s compliance.

Compliance Requirements Tested

In connection with the audit referred to above, we selected and tested transactions and records to determine the School’s compliance with the laws and regulations applicable to the following items:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Procedures Performed</u>
School Districts, County Offices of Education, and Charter Schools:	
Educator Effectiveness	Yes
California Clean Energy Jobs Act	Yes
Before/After School Education and Safety Program	Not applicable
Proper Expenditure of Education Protection Account Funds	Yes

<u>Description</u>	<u>Procedures Performed</u>
Unduplicated Local Control Funding Formula Pupil Counts	Yes
Local Control and Accountability Plan	Yes
Independent Study-Course Based	Not applicable
Charter Schools:	
Attendance	Yes
Mode of Instruction	Yes
Nonclassroom-based instructional/independent study	Not applicable
Determination of funding for nonclassroom-based instruction	Not applicable
Annual instructional minutes – classroom based	Yes
Charter School Facility Grant Program	Not applicable

Opinion on State Compliance

In our opinion, the School complied with the laws and regulations of the state programs referred to above in all material respects for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report on state compliance is solely to describe the results of testing based on the requirements of the *2017-2018 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, published by the Education Audit Appeals Panel. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Glendora, California
November 21, 2018

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

All audit findings must be identified as one or more of the following categories:

<u>Five Digit Code</u>	<u>Finding Types</u>
10000	Attendance
20000	Inventory of Equipment
30000	Internal Control
40000	State Compliance
42000	Charter School Facilities Program
50000	Federal Compliance
60000	Miscellaneous
61000	Classroom Teacher Salaries
62000	Local Control Accountability Plan
70000	Instructional Materials
71000	Teacher Misassignments
72000	School Accountability Report Card

There were no findings and questioned costs related to the basic financial statements state awards for June 30, 2018.

Our audit did not disclose any matters required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

**NOVATO CHARTER SCHOOL
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

There were no findings and questioned costs related to the basic financial statements or state awards for the prior year.