

**KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy**  
(A Component Unit of Denver Public Schools)

Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

June 30, 2015

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors  
KIPP Colorado Schools  
Denver, Colorado

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy (the School), a component unit of School District Number 1 in the City and County of Denver and State of Colorado (Denver Public Schools), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### ***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.

#### ***Auditor's 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 from 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 auditor's 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 opinions.

Board of Directors  
KIPP Colorado Schools

### **Opinions**

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 School as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 10, during the year ended June 30, 2015, the School adopted new accounting guidance, Statement No. 68 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

### **Other Matter**

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary and pension information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the 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 financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the 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 September 15, 2015, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, 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 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.

**BKD, LLP**

Denver, Colorado  
September 15, 2015

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

As management of KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy, a KIPP Colorado School, we offer readers of the School's financial statements this narrative and analysis of the financial activities of KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy (the School) for the period from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information provided in the accompanying financial statements and footnotes.

### **Financial Highlights**

- With the implementation of GASB 68, the Government-wide Financial Statements of KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy, like those of all Colorado PERA participants, present a significant change this year. This change consists of the inclusion of a net pension liability as well as deferred inflows, deferred outflows, and expenses related to the pension. Though these amounts are material and reflects a sharp decline in net position, the new GASB standard only impacts the accounting presentation of these pension related items, and the change does not represent an actual change in the funding obligation of KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy. A review of the Government Fund Financial Statements presents a more accurate depiction of the flow of funds for the organization in the fiscal year. For further information on this change, see the attached statements and Notes 3 and 10 in the Notes to the Financial Statements.
- The period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 covers the 12th year of operation for the School. The net position at the end of the year according to the Government-wide Financial Statements is \$70,204.
- The total fund balance at the end of the year according to the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet is \$1,265,850, representing an increase of \$91,935 over the previous year.
- The operations of the School are funded primarily by tax revenue received under the State School Finance Act (the Act). Tax revenue for the year from Per Pupil Revenue was \$2,794,934 compared to \$2,637,072 the prior year.

### **Overview of Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the School's financial statements. The statements are comprised of three components: 1) Government-wide Financial Statements, 2) Fund Financial Statements, and 3) Notes to the Financial Statements.

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***Government-wide Financial Statements***

The Government-wide Financial Statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the School's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

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

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the School's net position changed during the period. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods.

***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. The School keeps track of these monies to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the Government-wide financial statements.

***Notes to Financial Statements***

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

**Government-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted previously, net position over time may serve as a useful indicator of the School's financial position. For the year ended June 30, 2015, the School's assets exceeded liabilities by \$70,204. Of the total net position, \$106,692 is restricted to comply with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, known as the TABOR Amendment. \$7,009 is restricted for school programming use in the subsequent fiscal year, and \$489,297 is the Net Investment in Capital Assets. Accordingly, these funds are not available to satisfy general operating expenses of the School. The inclusion this year of the net pension liability as well as the deferred outflows, deferred inflows, and expenses related to the pension result in an unrestricted deficit of \$525,785 in the Government-wide statements.

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**Condensed Statement of Net Position**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current (noncapital)	\$ 1,283,860	\$ 1,407,545
Noncurrent (capital)	512,661	524,652
Cash held by Denver Public Schools	84,231	80,654
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>1,880,752</u>	<u>2,012,851</u>
<b>Deferred Outflow of Resources*</b>	<u>148,989</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current	102,241	314,286
Noncurrent*	1,785,261	88,524
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>1,887,502</u>	<u>402,810</u>
<b>Deferred Inflow of Resources*</b>	<u>72,035</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	489,297	436,128
Restricted for emergencies	106,692	97,585
Restricted for school programming	7,009	-
Unrestricted*	(532,794)	1,076,328
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 70,204</u>	<u>\$ 1,610,041</u>

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**Condensed Statement of Activities**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Charges for services	\$ 40,475	\$ 47,281
Grants & contributions	897,751	698,984
Per pupil revenue	2,794,934	2,637,072
Mill levy	298,596	327,729
Investment earnings	1,972	2,636
Miscellaneous income	2,753	1,432
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>4,036,481</u>	<u>3,715,134</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Instruction*	2,204,227	2,027,791
Support services*	1,845,007	1,555,440
Interest on long-term debt	4,119	8,494
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>4,053,353</u>	<u>3,591,725</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	(16,872)	123,409
<b>Net Position - July 1, as previously reported</b>	1,610,041	1,486,632
Change in accounting principle - GASB 68*	(1,522,965)	-
<b>Net Position - July 1, as restated</b>	<u>87,076</u>	<u>1,486,632</u>
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 70,204</u>	<u>\$ 1,610,041</u>

\* See notes 3 and 10 in Notes to the Financial Statements for further information on GASB 68. Information in this table regarding fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 has not been restated with the implementation of GASB 68.

The School's total enrollment for the year was 380 students, resulting in an increase in per pupil operating revenue.

The FYE 2015 increase in expenses is primarily driven by increases to teacher and administrator salaries, a change in KIPP Colorado policy to pay out unused personal time off upon termination of employment, an increase in the KIPP Colorado management fee to support the centralization of certain expense items, such as liability insurance and technology support, and the previously mentioned reflection of pension expense related to GASB 68.

**Financial Analysis of the School's Funds**

The focus of the School's governmental fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the School's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned, unrestricted fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the School's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. Given that the changes required by GASB 68 are not represented in the Governmental



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Fund Statements, the Government Fund Statements are a more accurate depiction of the actual flow of funds for the School in the given fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2015, the School's Governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,265,850. This amount represents an increase of \$91,937 from the previous year.

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy presents an annual budget to the board for monitoring and approval. The School budgeted for expenditures of \$4,009,522 for the year ended June 30, 2015. Actual expenditures were \$3,944,544.

There were two budget amendments during the year. These amendments were primarily due to the receipt of unexpected revenues (ELPA Excellence Award and Charter Credit).

### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

#### *Capital assets*

The School's capital assets consist of modular buildings and equipment (transportation vans). Depreciation on equipment in 2014-2015 was \$5,200 and depreciation on buildings was \$32,791. Total capital asset value at June 30, 2015 net of accumulated depreciation was \$512,661.

#### *Long-term debt*

As of June 30, 2015, the School had debt due within one year of \$23,364 for the modular buildings.

### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

The primary factor driving the budget for the School is student enrollment. Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year was 380. Enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year is projected to be 390. The School has budgeted according to the current estimates provided by the Colorado Department of Education and Denver Public Schools for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and anticipates an increase in per pupil operating revenue of approximately 3.7% per student.

## **Financial Statements**

**KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy**  
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**Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2015**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and investments	\$ 945,219
Grants receivable	338,641
Emergency reserve held by Denver Public Schools	84,231
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	512,661
Total assets	1,880,752
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	148,989
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	52,747
Accrued liabilities	49,494
Noncurrent liabilities	
Due within one year	
Loan payable	23,364
Due in more than one year	
Net pension liability	1,761,897
Total liabilities	1,887,502
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	72,035
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	489,297
Restricted for emergencies	106,692
Restricted for school programming	7,009
Unrestricted (deficit)	(532,794)
Total net position	\$ 70,204

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**Statement of Activities**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants	
<b>Primary Government</b>					
Governmental activities					
Instruction	\$ 2,204,227	\$ 34,528	\$ 392,607	\$ 102,223	\$ (1,674,869)
Supporting services	1,845,007	5,947	257,800	-	(1,581,260)
Interest on long-term debt	4,119	-	-	-	(4,119)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 4,053,353</u>	<u>\$ 40,475</u>	<u>\$ 650,407</u>	<u>\$ 102,223</u>	<u>(3,260,248)</u>
		<b>General Revenues</b>			
					2,794,934
					98,940
					298,596
					46,181
					1,972
					<u>2,753</u>
					<u>3,243,376</u>
					<b>Change in Net Position</b> (16,872)
					<b>Net Position - July 1, as Previously Reported</b> 1,610,041
					<b>Change in Accounting Principle - GASB 68</b> <u>(1,522,965)</u>
					<b>Net Position - July 1, as Restated</b> <u>87,076</u>
					<b>Net Position, Ending</b> <u>\$ 70,204</u>

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**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Fund**  
**June 30, 2015**

	<b>General Fund</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and investments	\$ 945,219
Grants receivable	338,641
Emergency reserve held by Denver Public Schools	84,231
Total assets	\$ 1,368,091
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 52,747
Accrued liabilities	49,494
Total liabilities	102,241
<b>Fund Balance</b>	
Restricted for emergencies	106,692
Restricted for school programming	7,009
Unrestricted, Unassigned	1,152,149
Total fund balance	1,265,850
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 1,368,091

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Total fund balance of the Governmental Fund	\$ 1,265,850
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds	512,661
Deferred inflows of resources are not available in the current period and, therefore, are not recorded in the funds	(72,035)
Deferred outflows of resources are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	148,989
The net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the governmental funds	(1,761,897)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current year-end, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds	(23,364)
Total net position of governmental activities	\$ 70,204

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Governmental Fund**  
**June 30, 2015**

	<b>General Fund</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Local sources	\$ 3,222,804
State sources	333,601
Federal sources	480,076
Total revenues	4,036,481
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Current	
Instruction	2,074,339
Supporting services	1,774,926
Capital outlay	26,000
Debt service	
Principal	65,160
Interest	4,119
Total expenditures	3,944,544
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	91,937
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning</b>	1,173,913
<b>Fund Balance, Ending</b>	\$ 1,265,850

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Net change in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund	\$ 91,937
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.

Depreciation expense	(37,991)
Capital outlay	26,000

Excess of depreciation expense over capital outlay	(11,991)
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Some expenses recorded in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds

Pension expense	(161,978)
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Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in governmental funds, but reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and does not affect the Statement of Activities. This amount represents loan payments in the current year

	65,160
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ (16,872)
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**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

KIPP Colorado Schools was formed to operate charter schools as provided in the Colorado Charter Schools Act. KIPP Colorado Schools is a non-profit organization as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy (the School) is a middle school within KIPP Colorado Schools. These financial statements present only the School and are not intended to be a complete presentation of the financial statements of KIPP Colorado Schools.

The accounting policies of the School conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Following is a summary of the more significant policies.

***Reporting Entity***

The financial reporting entity consists of the School, organizations for which the School is financially accountable, and organizations that raise and hold economic resources for the direct benefit of the School. All funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments and offices that are not legally separate are part of the School. Legally separate organizations for which the School is financially accountable are considered part of the reporting entity. Financial accountability exists if the School appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and is able to impose its will on the organization, or if the organization provides benefits to, or imposes financial burdens on, the School. Based on the application of this criteria, the School does not include additional organizations within its reporting entity.

The School is a component unit of the Denver Public Schools (the District). The District granted the charter and provides the majority of the funding to the School.

***Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements***

The government-wide financial statements (*i.e.*, the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all activities of the School. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported in a single column.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of the given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to students or others who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Unrestricted revenues not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Available means collected within the current year or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current year, not to exceed 60 days.

Intergovernmental revenues, grants, and interest associated with the current year are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current year. All other revenues are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the School. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for a specific use, it is the School's policy to use restricted resources first, and the unrestricted resources as they are needed.

The School reports the following major governmental fund:

**General Fund**

This fund is the general operating fund of the School. It is currently used to account for all financial activities of the School.

***Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance/Net Position***

**Receivables**

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

**Prepaid Expenses**

Payments to vendors for services that will benefit subsequent years are reported as prepaid expenses.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include buildings, vehicles and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more 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 on the date of donation.



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Depreciation of exhaustible capital assets is charged as an expense against operations, and accumulated depreciation is reported in the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Depreciation is provided over the following estimated useful lives of the capital assets using the straight-line method.

Vehicles and equipment	4 - 5 years
Modular buildings	25 years

**Long-term Debt**

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt is reported as a liability. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds recognize the face amount of debt issued during the current year as other financing sources.

**Net Position/Fund Balance**

In the government-wide and fund financial statements, net position and fund balance are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are externally imposed. The Board of Directors is authorized to establish a fund balance commitment through passage of a resolution, and may assign fund balances to a specific purpose through an informal action.

The School has not established a formal policy for its use of restricted and unrestricted fund balances. However, if both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for a specific purpose, the School uses restricted fund balance first, followed by committed, assigned and unassigned balances.

***Risk Management***

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The School carries commercial insurance for risks of loss, including liability, property, errors and omissions, and workers' compensation. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the School's insurance coverage for fiscal years 2015, 2014, and 2013.

***Budgets and Budgetary Accounting***

Annually, the Board of Directors adopts a budget for the School as a whole, on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

A proposed budget is submitted to the Board of Directors for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1, for their approval. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. Revisions that alter the total expenditures must be approved by the Board of Directors. All appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

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**Note 2: Cash and Investments**

***Deposits***

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires all local governments to deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by State regulations. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. The PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held. The pool is to be maintained by another institution, or held in trust for all uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

***Investments***

The School is required to comply with state statutes which specify investment instruments meeting defined rating, maturity and concentration risk criteria in which local governments may invest, which include the following. State statutes generally limit investments to an original maturity of five years unless the governing board authorizes the investment for a period in excess of five years. State statutes do not address custodial risk.

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. Agency securities
- Certain international agency securities
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts
- Local government investment pools

The following is a summary of the School's cash balances at June 30, 2015.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>Amount Covered Under PDPA</b>
Checking	<u>\$ 945,219</u>	<u>\$ 960,925</u>	<u>\$ 960,925</u>

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**Note 3: Capital Assets**

Changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2015 are summarized below.

	<b>Balance at July 1, 2014</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>Balance at June 30, 2015</b>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Vehicles and equipment	\$ 61,795	\$ 26,000	\$ -	\$ 87,795
Buildings and improvements	819,767	-	-	819,767
Total capital assets, being depreciated	881,562	26,000	-	907,562
Less accumulated depreciation				
Vehicles and equipment	(61,795)	(5,200)	-	(66,995)
Buildings and improvements	(295,115)	(32,791)	-	(327,906)
Total accumulated depreciati	(356,910)	(37,991)	-	(394,901)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	\$ 524,652	\$ (11,991)	\$ -	\$ 512,661

Depreciation expense was charged to the instructional program.

**Note 4: Long-term Debt**

Following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the year ended June 30, 2015:

	<b>Balance at July 1, 2014</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Balance at June 30, 2015</b>	<b>Due Within One Year</b>
Modular Loan	\$ 88,524	\$ -	\$ (65,160)	\$ 23,364	\$ 23,364

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In May 2005, the School entered into a loan agreement in the amount of \$500,000 to finance a portion of the purchase and construction of a modular building to be used as an education facility. The loan accrues interest at the rate of 6.875% per annum and is due in monthly payments of \$5,773 through October, 2015. Future debt service requirements are as follows:

<b>Year Ended June 30,</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2016	<u>\$ 23,364</u>	<u>\$ 347</u>	<u>\$ 23,711</u>

**Note 5: Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

***Summary of Significant Accounting Policies***

The School participates in the Denver Public Schools Division Trust Fund (DPS Division), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan. In accordance with GASB 68, the School accounts for and reports its participation in the plan as if it was a cost sharing employer. The plan is administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position of the School have been determined using the same basis as they are reported by the DPS Division, which was using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

***General Information about the Pension Plan***

**Plan Description**

Eligible employees of the School are provided with pensions through the DPS Division. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), administrative rules set forth at eight C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

**Benefits Provided**

PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

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The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Benefit Structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5 percent and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- Fifteen times the first 10 years of service credit plus 20 times service credit over 10 years plus a monthly amount equal to the annuitized member contribution account balance based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

The service retirement benefit is limited to 100 percent of highest average salary and also cannot exceed the maximum benefit allowed by federal Internal Revenue Code.

Members may elect to withdraw their member contribution accounts upon termination of employment with all PERA employers; waiving rights to any lifetime retirement benefits earned. If eligible, the member may receive a match of either 50 percent or 100 percent on eligible amounts depending on when contributions were remitted to PERA, the date employment was terminated, whether five years of service credit has been obtained and the benefit structure under which contributions were made.

Benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit are generally eligible to receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S. Benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment before January 1, 2007 and all benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure receive an annual increase of two percent, unless PERA has a negative investment year, in which case the annual increase for the next three years is the lesser of two percent or the average of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the prior calendar year. Benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment after January 1, 2007 receive an annual increase of the lesser of two percent or the average CPI-W for the prior calendar year, not to exceed 10 percent of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve for the DPS Division.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the retirement benefit formula shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

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**Contributions**

Eligible employees and the School are required to contribute to the DPS Division at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, *et seq.* Eligible employees are required to contribute eight percent of their PERA-includable salary. The employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	<b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2014</b>	<b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2015</b>
Employer Contribution Rate <sup>1</sup>	13.75%	10.15%
Amount of Employer Contribution apportioned to the DPS Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f) <sup>1</sup>	(1.02)%	(1.02)%
PCOP Offset as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-412 <sup>1</sup>	(16.89)%	(15.97)%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411 <sup>1</sup>	3.80%	4.20%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411 <sup>1</sup>	3.50%	4.00%
Total Employer Contribution Rate to the DPS <sup>1</sup>	3.14%	1.36%

<sup>1</sup> Rates are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42)

Employer contributions are recognized by the DPS Division in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the DPS Division. Employer contributions recognized by the DPS Division from the School were \$56,295 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources  
and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

At June 30, 2015, the School reported a liability of \$1,761,897 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2013. Standard update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2014. The School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School's contributions to the DPS Division for the calendar year 2014 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the DPS Division.

At December 31, 2014, the School's proportion was 0.28 percent, which was a decrease of 0.02 percent from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2013.

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For the year ended June 30, 2015, the School recognized pension expense of \$218,273. At June 30, 2015, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ —	\$ 395
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	125,093	—
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	—	71,640
Differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	3,284	—
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	20,612	—
 Total	 \$ 148,989	 \$ 72,035

\$20,612 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<b>Year Ending June 30</b>		
2016	\$	11,113
2017		11,113
2018		11,113
2019		11,113
2020		11,113
Thereafter		777
	\$	56,342

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***Actuarial Assumptions***

The total pension liability in the December 31, 2013 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Price inflation	2.80 percent
Real wage growth	1.10 percent
Wage inflation	3.90 percent
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.90 – 10.10 percent
Long-term investment Rate of Return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.50 percent
Future post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA Benefit Structure hired prior to January 1, 2007; and DPS Benefit Structure (automatic)	2.00 percent
PERA Benefit Structure hired after December 31, 2006 (ad hoc, substantively automatic)	Financed by the Annual Increase Reserve

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on a projection of Scale AA to 2020 with Males set back one year, and Females set back two years.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2013 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011, adopted by PERA’s Board on November 13, 2012, and an economic assumption study, adopted by PERA’s Board on November 15, 2013 and January 17, 2014.

The DPS Division’s long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation.



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As of the most recent analysis of the long-term expected rate of return, presented to the PERA Board on November 15, 2013, the target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>10 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</b>
U.S. Equity – Large Cap	26.76%	5.00%
U.S. Equity – Small Cap	4.40%	5.19%
Non U.S. Equity – Developed	22.06%	5.29%
Non U.S. Equity – Emerging	6.24%	6.76%
Core Fixed Income	24.05%	0.98%
High Yield	1.53%	2.64%
Long Duration Gov't/Credit	0.53%	1.57%
Emerging Market Bonds	0.43%	3.04%
Real Estate	7.00%	5.09%
Private Equity	<u>7.00%</u>	7.15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

\* In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected rate of return assumption of 7.50 percent

***Discount Rate***

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law, including current and future AED and SAED, until the Actuarial Value Funding Ratio reaches 103 percent, at which point, the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50 percent every year until they are zero. Based on those assumptions, the DPS Division's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate determination does not use the Municipal Bond Index Rate. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

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***Sensitivity of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate***

The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.50 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease (6.50%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.50%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (8.50%)</b>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,001,493	\$ 1,761,897	\$ 722,734

***Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position***

Detailed information about the DPS Division's fiduciary net position is available in PERA's comprehensive annual financial report which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

**Note 6: Defined Contribution Pension Plan**

In 2010, the School's employees began participating in PERA's elective 401k plan. Employees determine the amount, if any, of their elective contributions to the plan. The School does not contribute to the plan.

**Note 7: Pension Certificates of Participation**

The District issued Taxable Pension Certificates of Participation (PCOPs) to fully fund the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of its pension plan (See Note 5). For the years ended June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the School contributed 9.84%, 10.80% and 11.36% of covered salaries, respectively, to the District to cover its obligation relating to the PCOPs.

During the years ended June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the School contributed \$169,682, \$171,637 and \$181,176, respectively, to the District for its PCOPs obligation.

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**Note 8: Postemployment Healthcare Benefits**

***Plan Description***

The School contributes to the Denver Public Schools Health Care Trust Fund (DPS HCTF), considered to be a cost-sharing multiple-employer healthcare trust administered by PERA. The DPS HCTF benefit provides a health care premium subsidy and health care programs (known as PERACare) to PERA participating benefit recipients and their eligible beneficiaries. Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the C.R.S., as amended, establishes the DPS HCTF and sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carry out the purposes of the PERACare program, including the administration of health care subsidies. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the DPS HCTF. That report can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

***Funding Policy***

The School is required to contribute at a rate of 1.02 percent of PERA-includable salary for all PERA members as set by statute. No member contributions are required. The contribution requirements for the School are established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 4 of the C.R.S., as amended. The apportionment of the contributions to the DPS HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1)(f.5) of the C.R.S., as amended. For the years ended June 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the School's contributions to the DPS HCTF were \$17,583, \$16,423 and \$18,082, respectively, equal to their required contributions for each year.

**Note 9: Commitments and Contingencies**

***Claims and Judgments***

The School participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by revenues received from other governmental entities. Expenditures financed by these revenues are subject to audit by the appropriate government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with program regulations, the School may be required to reimburse the other government. At June 30, 2015, significant amounts of related expenditures have not been audited but management believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on the overall financial position of the School.

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***TABOR Amendment***

In November 1992, Colorado voters approved the TABOR Amendment to the State Constitution which limits state and local government taxing powers and imposes spending limitations. The TABOR Amendment is subject to many interpretations, but the School believes it is in substantial compliance with the Amendment. In accordance with the TABOR Amendment, the School has established an emergency reserve representing 3% of qualifying expenditures. At June 30, 2015, the District held \$84,231 on behalf of the School for this reserve, which was included in the \$106,692 restricted net position/fund balance.

**Note 10: Implementation of New Accounting Standard**

The School implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* (Statement No. 68), which revises and establishes new financial reporting requirements for most governments that provide their employees with pension benefits. The School provides its employees with pension benefits through the plan described in Note 5. Statement No. 68 requires employers participating in such plans to record their proportionate share, as defined in Statement No. 68, of PERA's unfunded pension liability. The School has no legal obligation to fund this shortfall nor does it have any ability to affect funding, benefit, or annual required contribution decisions made by PERA. The implementation of GASB 68 resulted in a \$1,522,965 restatement of net position as of July 1, 2014. Information regarding PERA's current funding status can be found in their Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

## **Required Supplementary Information**

**KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy**  
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**Schedule of School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy's proportion of the net pension liability	0.28%
KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,761,897
KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,731,719
KIPP Sunshine Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	101.74%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	83.94%

**Note:** Information is not available prior to 2015. In future reports, additional years will be added until 10 years of historical data are presented.

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**Schedule of the School's Contributions**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Contractually required contribution	\$ 56,295
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>56,295</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy's required contribution	<u><u>\$ 1,731,719</u></u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	3.25%

**Note:** Information is not available prior to 2015. In future reports, additional years will be added until 10 years of historical data are presented.

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**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**General Fund**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Positive (Negative)</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Local sources				
Per pupil revenue	\$ 2,675,228	\$ 2,794,900	\$ 2,794,934	\$ 34
District mill levy	292,875	296,780	298,596	1,816
Student activities	40,800	40,800	34,528	(6,272)
Food service fees	7,000	7,000	5,947	(1,053)
Grants and contributions	75,000	10,000	46,181	36,181
Investment income	2,500	2,500	1,973	(527)
Miscellaneous	-	37,890	40,645	2,755
Total local sources	<u>3,093,403</u>	<u>3,189,870</u>	<u>3,222,804</u>	<u>32,934</u>
State sources				
Capital construction	33,750	63,460	64,331	871
Grants	75,900	265,514	269,270	3,756
Total state sources	<u>109,650</u>	<u>328,974</u>	<u>333,601</u>	<u>4,627</u>
Federal sources				
Grants	444,188	492,507	480,076	(12,431)
Total revenues	<u>3,647,241</u>	<u>4,011,351</u>	<u>4,036,481</u>	<u>25,130</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current				
Salaries	1,727,720	1,755,420	1,760,071	(4,651)
Employee benefits	436,482	423,922	382,830	41,092
Purchased professional services	40,100	42,500	43,651	(1,151)
Purchased property services	75,300	84,700	96,017	(11,317)
Other purchased services	1,134,352	1,203,811	1,175,279	28,532
Supplies and materials	188,400	210,000	206,963	3,037
Property and equipment	134,000	211,390	204,204	7,186
Miscellaneous	16,500	8,500	6,250	2,250
Debt Service				
Principal	65,160	65,160	65,160	-
Interest	4,119	4,119	4,119	-
Total expenditures	<u>3,822,133</u>	<u>4,009,522</u>	<u>3,944,544</u>	<u>64,978</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	(174,892)	1,829	91,937	90,108
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning</b>	<u>1,131,918</u>	<u>1,173,913</u>	<u>1,173,913</u>	-
<b>Fund Balance, Ending</b>	<u>\$ 957,026</u>	<u>\$ 1,175,742</u>	<u>\$ 1,265,850</u>	<u>\$ 90,108</u>
<b>Appropriated Reserves</b>				
Contingency	\$ 38,672	\$ -	N/A	N/A
Release of appropriated fund balance	220,000	25,000	N/A	N/A
Fund balance reserve	698,354	1,150,742	N/A	N/A
	<u>\$ 957,026</u>	<u>\$ 1,175,742</u>		



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**Note 1: Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability**

***Budgets and Budgetary Accounting***

A budget is adopted for the School on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

A proposed budget is submitted to the Board of Directors for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1, for their approval. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

As stipulated in state statutes, expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Board of Directors.

All appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over  
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed  
in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

Board of Directors  
KIPP Colorado Schools  
Denver, Colorado

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 the governmental activities and the major fund of KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy (the School), a component unit of School District Number 1 in the City and County of Denver and State of Colorado, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 2015.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

Management of the School is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting (internal control). In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School's 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 School's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Board of Directors  
KIPP Colorado Schools

### ***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, including the Colorado Department of Education's *Financial Policies and Procedures Handbook*, 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*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the School's management in a separate letter dated September 15, 2015.

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

**BKD, LLP**

Denver, Colorado  
September 15, 2015