# HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM, INC. (a nonprofit organization)

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Year Ended August 31, 2020 (with Summarized Comparative Information for the year ended August 31, 2019)

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors Higher Achievement Program, Inc. Washington, DC

## Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Higher Achievement Program, Inc. (Higher Achievement) which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2020, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows 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 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 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 above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Higher Achievement as of August 31, 2020, 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.

## **Emphasis of Matter - Contingencies**

As noted in Note 17 to the financial statements, economic uncertainties have arisen as a result of the spread of the novel coronavirus which are likely to negatively impact Higher Achievement's operations. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter and no pandemic implications are accounted for in these financial statements.

## Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited Higher Achievement's 2019 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated July 22, 2020. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 31, 2021, on our consideration of Higher Achievement's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Higher Achievement'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 Higher Achievement's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Alexandria, Virginia May 31, 2021

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information as of August 31, 2019)

## **ASSETS**

	 2020	 2019
CURRENT ASSETS  Cash and cash equivalents Grants receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts Contributions receivable, net Prepaid expense	\$ 2,272,456 541,345 43,957 57,573	\$ 1,420,373 928,662 59,457 64,985
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 2,915,331	 2,473,477
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, at cost, net	2,422,214	 2,509,986
OTHER ASSETS Investments Security deposit	1,227,510 3,656	1,086,761 3,656
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	1,231,166	1,090,417
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,568,711	\$ 6,073,880
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES  Accounts payable and accrued expenses Deferred revenue Deferred rent Paycheck Protection Program Ioan Note payable	\$ 455,387 49,310 - 1,008,375 23,472	\$ 585,184 94,050 2,666 - 24,249
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	 1,536,544	 706,149
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES  Note payable, net of current portion	622,822	644,331
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,159,366	1,350,480
NET ASSETS  With donor restriction Without donor restriction Without donor restriction - board designated	 440,080 2,357,331 1,611,934	 844,256 2,267,210 1,611,934
TOTAL NET ASSETS	 4,409,345	 4,723,400
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 6,568,711	\$ 6,073,880

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended August 31, 2020 (with Summarized Comparative Information for the year ended August 31, 2019)

	2020					
	Wi	thout Donor	V	Vith Donor		
	F	Restriction	F	Restriction	Total	2019
REVENUE AND SUPPORT	,	_				
Grants and contributions, net of						
discount on long term pledges	\$	1,952,170	\$	1,545,250	\$ 3,497,420	\$ 2,884,182
Governmental grants		2,419,298		-	2,419,298	3,663,821
Individual and corporate contributions		1,270,474		-	1,270,474	1,980,092
In-kind donations		501,632		-	501,632	376,941
Investment and other		81,598		-	81,598	48,255
Net assets released from restrictions		1,949,426		(1,949,426)		
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT		8,174,598		(404,176)	7,770,422	8,953,291
EXPENSES						
Program		5,423,305		-	5,423,305	7,116,219
General and administrative		1,508,178		-	1,508,178	1,541,078
Fundraising		1,152,994			1,152,994	1,388,516
TOTAL EXPENSES		8,084,477			8,084,477	10,045,813
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		90,121		(404,176)	(314,055)	(1,092,522)
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NET ASSETS, beginning of year		3,879,144		844,256	4,723,400	5,815,922
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$	3,969,265	\$	440,080	\$ 4,409,345	\$ 4,723,400

## STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year Ended August 31, 2020 (with Summarized Comparative Information for the year ended August 31, 2019)

2020				2019	
		General and			
	Program	Administrative	Fundraising	Total	Total
Payroll	\$ 3,096,939	\$ 594,332	\$ 731,807	\$ 4,423,078	\$ 5,324,471
Professional fees	665,349	378,797	131,910	1,176,056	1,305,227
Fringe benefits and payroll taxes	604,242	109,988	149,045	863,275	974,071
Consulting fees - In-kind	424,195	-	-	424,195	371,941
Information technology	67,451	28,785	31,566	127,802	189,676
Occupancy	91,542	10,434	12,475	114,451	98,933
Dues and subscriptions	63,687	25,966	4,275	93,928	41,035
Depreciation and amortization	-	87,772	-	87,772	98,499
Insurance	67,777	7,625	9,319	84,721	85,075
Legal - Inkind	-	77,438	-	77,438	5,000
Special events	7,827	-	62,118	69,945	205,019
Scholar transportation and housing	69,495	-	-	69,495	255,433
Cleaning, utilities and security	54,060	6,162	7,367	67,589	58,132
Center educational supplies	60,802	-	-	60,802	112,674
Telephone	15,554	36,025	94	51,673	55,565
Elective programs	45,872	-	-	45,872	97,613
Security and maintenance	35,878	-	-	35,878	76,226
Travel and training	21,819	8,911	3,273	34,003	143,019
Copying and printing	7,340	21,684	4,108	33,132	43,650
Payroll processing fees	22,067	2,483	3,034	27,584	32,550
Interest	-	27,312	-	27,312	32,843
Real estate taxes	-	24,877	-	24,877	16,607
Licenses and fees	22,200	878	30	23,108	15,573
Audit fees	-	23,067	-	23,067	17,592
Recognition	11,825	3,166	322	15,313	22,896
Meetings	7,672	4,930	1,096	13,698	37,338
Office supplies	1,035	11,693	298	13,026	70,138
Scholar meals	10,985	-	-	10,985	29,613
Bank service fees	7,300	2,481	-	9,781	15,303
Job posting and background checks	9,651	-	95	9,746	35,957
Tuition reimbursement	-	6,200	-	6,200	26,367
Professional development	189	4,197	-	4,386	9,884
Postage	76	2,537	762	3,375	7,443
Field trips	2,119	-	-	2,119	43,348
Promotional materials	711	-	-	711	41,454
Miscellaneous	-	438	-	438	957
Bad debt	(72,354)	-	-	(72,354)	11,417
Repairs and maintenance	<u> </u>		-		37,274
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,423,305	\$ 1,508,178	\$ 1,152,994	\$ 8,084,477	\$ 10,045,813

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information for the year ended August 31, 2019)

	2020	2019
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Cash received from operations		
Government grants, fees, contributions received Interest income	\$ 7,545,187 41,867	\$ 10,210,744 41,443
Total cash received from operations	7,587,054	10,252,187
Cash disbursed by operations Payments to employees and suppliers Interest paid	7,607,098 13,026	9,733,553 29,613
Total cash paid by operations	7,620,124	9,763,166
NET CASH (USED) PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(33,070)	489,021
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Sale of investments Purchase of investments	84,994 (185,930)	98,137 (182,749)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(100,936)	(84,612)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES  Proceeds from Paycheck Protection Program Loan	1,008,375	_
Payment on note payable	(22,286)	(20,372)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	986,089	(20,372)
NET INCREASE IN CASH	852,083	384,037
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND CASH WITH DONOR RESTRICTION, beginning of year	1,420,373	1,036,336
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CASH WITH DONOR RESTRICTION, end of year	\$ 2,272,456	\$ 1,420,373
NON-CASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES  Unrealized loss in fair value of investments	\$ 3,493	\$ 64,037
Decrease in fair value of investments	(3,493)	(64,037)
	\$ -	\$ -

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information for the year ended August 31, 2019)

RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH (USED) PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		2020	2019
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$	(314,055)	\$ (1,092,522)
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE CHANGE IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH (USED) PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES Depreciation Realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments Non-cash occupancy costs  NET ADJUSTMENTS		87,772 (39,813) (2,666) 45,293	98,499 18,188 (6,239) 110,448
CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AFFECTING		10,270	
OPERATIONS (USING) PROVIDING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALEN	ITS		
ASSETS Grants receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts Contributions receivable, net of discount Prepaid expense Advances		387,317 15,500 7,412	641,352 595,806 (15,523) 1,200
LIABILITIES  Accounts payable and accrued expenses  Deferred revenue		410,229 (129,797) (44,740)	1,222,835 204,710 43,550
		(174,537)	248,260
NET CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		235,692	1,471,095
NET CASH (USED) PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	(33,070)	\$ 489,021

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019)

#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, ORGANIZATION, AND PURPOSE

## Organization

The Higher Achievement Program, Inc. (Higher Achievement) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in 1985 under the laws of the District of Columbia. In Baltimore, DC Metro, and Richmond, Higher Achievement steps up to support middle school scholars in systemically under-resourced communities with the tools and encouragement to reach their highest potential for academic performance and community leadership. Higher Achievement's programs are supported primarily through grants and contributions.

#### **Program Descriptions**

Higher Achievement delivers academic enrichment through a holistic approach grounded in social justice principles. Higher Achievement's afterschool program for 5th-8th grade scholars combines small-group, high-impact tutoring with social-emotional skill building, culminating in placement in college preparatory high schools.

#### Classes of Assets

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, Higher Achievement's net assets are classified into two categories: without donor restriction and with donor restriction. Net assets without donor restriction are available for the general operations of Higher Achievement or are designated by the Board for future use or a particular purpose. Net assets with donor restriction are subject to donor-imposed stipulations as to their use for specific programs conducted by Higher Achievement or are held in perpetuity.

#### **Net Assets Without Donor Restriction**

Higher Achievement includes operating net assets which are available for the general operations of Higher Achievement as net assets without donor restriction, as well as Board-designated net assets set aside for future use or a particular purpose.

#### Net Assets With Donor Restriction

Higher Achievement reports gifts of cash and other restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of donated assets as net assets with donor restriction. When a donor restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restriction are reclassified to net assets without donor restriction and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Investment gains and losses earned on donor restricted funds held by Higher Achievement are recorded as an increase or decrease in net assets with donor restriction.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019)

## 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, ORGANIZATION, AND PURPOSE (CONTINUED)

## **Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements are presented in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

## **Summarized Comparative Information**

The financial statements include certain summarized comparative information. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with Higher Achievement's financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2019, from which the summarized information was derived.

#### Reclassifications

Certain amounts from the prior year have been reclassified to conform to the current year financial statement presentation.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash consists of checking accounts. Higher Achievement considers all highly liquid debt instruments with an initial maturity of 90 days or less and money market funds held with investment brokers to be cash equivalents.

#### **Grants Receivable**

Grants receivable are stated at unpaid balances, less an allowance for doubtful accounts and a discount on long-term grants receivable. Higher Achievement provides for losses on grants receivable using the allowance method. The allowance is based on the reserve method using management's judgment and Higher Achievement's approved policy. Higher Achievement utilizes an allowance method for amounts past due. A balance is considered past due 30 days after the invoice date. When all collection efforts have been exhausted, the receivable is written off against the related reserve. An allowance was recorded in the amount of \$0 and \$80,000 as of August 31, 2020 and August 31, 2019, respectively.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019)

## 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, ORGANIZATION, AND PURPOSE (CONTINUED)

#### **Contributions Receivable**

Conditional contributions receivable are recognized as support in the period the contribution is made. Conditional contributions receivable are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional. Contributions receivable are carried at the original amount promised less any estimates made for doubtful contributions based on a review of all outstanding promises on a monthly basis. Management determines the allowance for doubtful contributions by regularly evaluating individual contributions and considering the prior history of the donor and proven collectability of past donations. Contributions receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of contributions receivable previously written off are recorded when received. Contributions due in more than one year are reflected at the present value of estimated future cash flows using a discount rate of 4%.

## **Property and Equipment**

Buildings and related improvements, furniture, equipment and software are stated at cost and are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, with no salvage value. The estimated useful lives used for depreciating fixed assets range from three to five years for furniture, equipment, and software, to 30 years for buildings. Building improvements are depreciated over the shorter of the remaining life of the building or the life of the improvements. Expenditures for major repairs and improvements are capitalized; conversely, expenditures for minor repairs and maintenance costs are expensed when incurred. All acquisitions greater than \$5,000 with expected useful lives greater than one year are capitalized.

#### Fair Value Measurements

Higher Achievement applies U.S. GAAP for fair value measurements of financial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019)

## 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, ORGANIZATION, AND PURPOSE (CONTINUED)

#### **Donor Restricted Revenue**

Grants received are recorded as net assets without donor restriction, or net assets with donor restriction, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

All donor-restricted revenue is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restriction, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restriction are reclassified to net assets without donor restriction and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restriction.

Revenue from government grants is recognized on the basis of allowable direct and indirect costs incurred. Revenue from government grants earned but not collected by year-end is included in grants and contribution receivable in the accompanying statement of financial position.

Deferred revenue represents revenue collected in advance for future services.

#### In-kind Contributions

In-kind contributions of professional volunteer services have been recorded based on estimated fair value. In-kind items donated for various special events are recorded based on estimated fair value.

#### **Income Taxes**

Higher Achievement is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, no provision for federal income taxes has been recorded except as may be determined for unrelated business income.

In accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, accounting standards require an entity to recognize the financial statement impact of a tax position when it is more-likely-than-not that the position will not be sustained upon examination. Management evaluated Higher Achievement's tax position and concluded there are no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements to comply with the provisions of the guidance.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019)

## 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, ORGANIZATION, AND PURPOSE (CONTINUED)

## **Allocated Expenses**

Direct costs associated with specific programs are recorded as program expenses. Administrative staff and staff working on multiple programs use time sheets to capture actual hours devoted to project areas.

Higher Achievement's policy is to allocate allocable general operating expenses and management expenses to certain programs based on the direct costs. Allocated management and general expenses not reimbursed by grant programs are borne by Higher Achievement.

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs, such as payroll, professional fees, fringe benefits and payroll taxes, information technology, occupancy, dues and subscriptions, insurance, cleaning, utilities and security, telephone, travel and training, copying and printing, payroll processing fees, licenses and fees, recognition, meetings, office supplies, and postage have been allocated among the program and supporting services based on level of effort.

#### **Estimates**

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The significant estimates affecting the financial statements include the estimated fair value of the inkind professional volunteer services.

Higher Achievement participates in a number of federally assisted programs which are subject to financial and compliance audits by the federal agencies or their representatives. As such, there is a possibility that questioned costs might result from such an audit. Management does not anticipate any significant adjustments as a result of such an audit for the current year costs.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019)

## 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, ORGANIZATION, AND PURPOSE (CONTINUED)

## Liquidity

Higher Achievement maintains a liquid cash balance in checking and money market accounts in an amount necessary to meet its anticipated expenditures for the next 30 days. Cash in excess of this amount is invested in short-term investments.

Higher Achievement has secured a line of credit of up to \$600,000 to help manage cash flow. There was no borrowing during the year ended August 31, 2020.

Higher Achievement reconciles the balance of financial assets subject to donor restrictions monthly, based on restricted amounts used and received. Restricted cash and investments are separately identified and monitored as part of the Higher Achievement's monthly financial reporting process.

Higher Achievement's financial assets available within one year to meet cash needs for general expenditures through August 31, 2021 are as follows:

Financial Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,272,456
Grants receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	541,345
Contributions receivable, net	43,957
Investments	 1,227,510
Total Financial assets	 4,085,268
Less amounts not available within one year	
Purpose restricted net assets	(440,080)
Board-designated net assets	(1,611,934)
Financial assets available within one year to meet cash needs	 
for general expenditures within one year	\$ 2,033,254

#### 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at August 31, 2020, and 2019 consisted of the following:

	2020		2019
Checking	\$ 2,210,846	\$	1,379,792
Money market fund	61,610		40,581
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	<u>\$ 2,272,456</u>	<u></u>	1,420,373

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Bank balances in a financial institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. The amounts in excess of the limit of the FDIC coverage as of August 31, 2020 and 2019 were \$1,736,882 and \$862,709, respectively. Cash and cash equivalents subject to donor restriction as of August 31, 2020 and 2019 totaled \$470,080 and \$844,256, respectively.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019)

## 3. GRANTS RECEIVABLE

Grants receivable as of August 31, 2020 and 2019 consisted of the following:

	2020			2019
Government grants and other	\$	99,823	\$	906,981
Corporation and individual contributions		305,811		101,681
Foundation grants		135,711		-
		541,345		1,008,662
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		-		(80,000)
	\$	541,345	\$	928,662

## 4. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions receivable as of August 31, 2020 and 2019 consisted of the following:

	 2020	2019
Corporation and individual contributions	\$ 60,000	\$ 75,500
Less: discounts on pledges	 (16,043)	(16,043)
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	\$ 43,957	\$ 59,457

Contributions receivable at August 31, 2020 and 2019 were due over the following periods:

	 2020	2019
Due in less than one year	\$ 43,957	\$ 59,457
Due in one to five years	 -	-
Total	\$ 43,957	\$ 59,457

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019)

## 5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment as of August 31, 2020 and 2019 consisted of the following:

			2020		
		Depreciation		Ac	cumulated
	Cost	E	Expense Depre		preciation
Land and building	\$ 2,561,054	\$	53,288	\$	654,601
Property improvements	633,137		21,398		139,953
Software	66,352		-		66,352
Computers and equipment	10,000		750		10,000
Furniture	87,478		9,226		70,168
Scholar library	2,442		-		2,442
Closing costs	27,931		3,110		22,664
	\$ 3,388,394	\$	87,772	\$	966,180
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			2019		
			preciation		cumulated
	Cost		xpense		preciation
Land and building	\$ 2,561,054	\$	53,289	\$	601,313
Property improvements	633,137		22,726		118,555
Software	66,352		301		66,352
Computers and equipment	10,000		9,847		9,250
Furniture	87,478		9,226		60,942
Scholar library	2,442		-		2,442
Closing costs	27,931		3,110		19,554
	\$ 3,388,394	\$	98,499	\$	878,408

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019)

## 6. INVESTMENTS

Investments at August 31, 2020 consisted of the following:

	 Cost Fair Value		Accumulated Unrealized gain/(loss)		
Mutual funds					
Corporate bond	\$ 79,696	\$	85,359	\$	5,663
Foreign small growth	30,289		37,326		7,037
Large blend	175,754		190,743		14,989
Large growth	297,200		339,108		41,908
Large value	152,696		144,174		(8,522)
Medium value	44,508		41,182		(3,326)
Mid-cap growth	137,302		131,262		(6,040)
Mid-cap value	89,415		80,705		(8,710)
Short-term bond	100,000		100,240		240
Small blend	37,702		27,261		(10,441)
Ultra short bond	 50,000		50,150		150
	\$ 1,194,562	\$ 1	1,227,510	\$	32,948

Investments at August 31, 2019 consisted of the following:

						cumulated nrealized
		Cost	F	air Value	ga	ain/(loss)
Equity	\$	6,245	\$	6,350	\$	105
Mutual funds						
Corporate bond		82,794		81,263		(1,531)
Foreign small growth		262,499		277,983		15,484
Large blend		156,783		144,938		(11,845)
Large growth		131,760		123,009		(8,751)
Large value		100,000		101,199		1,199
Medium value		50,000		50,100		100
Mid-cap growth		42,001		43,753		1,752
Mid-cap value		52,103		56,354		4,251
Short-term bond		146,063		142,249		(3,814)
Small blend		30,129		31,259		1,130
Ultra short bond		34,929		28,304		(6,625)
	\$ ^	1,095,306	\$	1,086,761	\$	(8,545)

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2020 (with Comparative Information as of and for the year ended August 31, 2019)

## 6. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investment income for the years ended August 31, 2020 and 2019 is comprised of the following:

	 2020	2019
Realized and unrealized gain (loss)	\$ 39,814	\$ (18,188)
Interest and dividends	41,867	41,443
Total investment income	\$ 81,681	\$ 23,255

#### 7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Higher Achievement records investments based on fair value on a recurring basis. Financial accounting and reporting standards define fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The standard emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity specific measurement. Therefore, a fair value measurement should be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, the standards established a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market participant assumptions based on market data obtained from sources independent from the reporting entity (observable inputs that are classified within Levels 1 and 2 of the hierarchy) and the reporting entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions (unobservable inputs classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy).

Level 1 inputs utilize unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Center has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liabilities, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs may include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, as well as inputs that are observable for the assets or liabilities (other than quoted prices), such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the assets or liabilities, which are typically based on an entity's own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity.

The determination of the fair value level within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Higher Achievement's assessment of the significance of the particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the assets and liabilities.

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## 7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following summarizes investments, measured at fair value on a recurring basis, aggregated by the level in the fair value hierarchy within which those measurements fall, as of August 31, 2020:

	<u>F</u>	Fair Value		Level 1
Mutual funds				
Corporate Bond	\$	85,359	\$	85,359
Foreign Small Growth		37,326		37,326
Large Blend		190,743		190,743
Large Growth		339,108		339,108
Large Value		144,174		144,174
Medium Value		41,182		41,182
Mid-Cap Growth		131,262		131,262
Mid-Cap Value		80,705		80,705
Short-Term Bond		100,240		100,240
Small Blend		27,261		27,261
Ultra Short Bond		50,150		50,150
	\$	1,227,510	\$	1,227,510

The following summarizes investments, measured at fair value on a recurring basis, aggregated by the level in the fair value hierarchy within which those measurements fall, as of August 31, 2019:

Fai	ir Value		Level 1
\$	6,350	\$	6,350
	81,263		81,263
	277,983		277,983
	144,938		144,938
	123,009		123,009
	101,199		101,199
	50,100		50,100
	43,753		43,753
	56,354		56,354
	142,249		142,249
	31,259		31,259
	28,304		28,304
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#### 8. NOTE PAYABLE

Higher Achievement was awarded a capital grant from Freddie Mac in the amount of \$640,000 for the purchase of a new building in Washington DC. In May 2013, Higher Achievement also entered into a business loan agreement and executed a Promissory Note in the principal amount of \$800,000, with a maturity date of May 31, 2023.

The note required monthly payments of \$4,249 for 119 payments with a balloon payment of \$576,380 in 2023, and it is secured by the newly acquired building. Interest rate on the note is a variable 3.0% points over the Treasury Index, rounded to the nearest 0.125%. At no time will the interest be less than 4%. The note agreement includes restrictive covenants. As of August 31, 2020, management believes Higher Achievement was in compliance with the covenants.

On October 19, 2018, Higher Achievement renegotiated the terms of the note payable to reflect that, as of September 30, 2018, interest began accruing on the principal balance at a fixed rate of 4.75% per annum computed on a 365/360 basis. The modification requires monthly payments of \$4,507 for 55 months with a balloon payment of \$583,458 in 2023.

Estimated future principal payments due on the note as of August 31, 2020 are as follows:

Year Ending August 31,		
2021	\$	23,472
2022		24,628
2023		598,194
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	_ \$	646,294

The interest expense related to the note payable was \$27,312 and \$32,843 for the years ended August 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### 9. LINE OF CREDIT

Higher Achievement has a \$600,000 line of credit secured by the property located at 1750 Columbia Road, with an open-ended maturity date. Bank advances on the credit line are payable on demand. The interest rate is 0.500 percentage points over U.S. Prime Rate, rounded up to the nearest 0.125 percent. Under no circumstances will the interest rate on this line of credit be less than 4.25% per annum.

For the year ended August 31, 2020, the interest rate was 4.75% and the unused line of credit was \$600,000. There was no outstanding balance on this line of credit as of August 31, 2020 and 2019 because no borrowing was made during both years. Thus, there was no interest expense for the years ended August 31, 2020 and 2019.

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## 10. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTION

Net assets with donor restrictions as of August 31, 2020 and 2019 consisted of the following:

	2020						
	Balance		Net assets	Balance			
	August 31,	Support and	released from	August 31,			
	2019	Revenue	restriction	2020			
Program support and other	\$ 794,256	\$ 1,455,250	\$ 1,869,426	\$ 380,080			
Time restricted	50,000	90,000	80,000	60,000			
Total	\$ 844,256	\$ 1,545,250	\$ 1,949,426	\$ 440,080			
	2019						
	Balance		Net assets	Balance			
	August 31,	Support and	released from	August 31,			
	2018	Revenue	restriction	2019			
Capacity building, expansion, and							
program evaluation	\$ 264,688	\$ 10,000	\$ 274,688	\$ -			
Program support and other	1,315,713	1,722,208	2,243,665	794,256			
Time restricted	139,895	95,000	184,895	50,000			
Total	\$ 1,720,296	\$ 1,827,208	\$ 2,703,248	\$ 844,256			

## 11. SPECIAL EVENTS

Higher Achievement held an annual fundraising event in November 2019 and December 2018. The event activity was as follows:

	 2020	2019
Corporate and individual contributions	\$ 550,875	\$ 622,312
Foundation revenue	 	49,000
Total	\$ 550,875	\$ 671,312
It is reflected as follows in the statement of activities:  Corporate and individual contributions	\$ 550,875	\$ 622,312
Foundation revenue	 -	49,000
Total	\$ 550,875	\$ 671,312

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#### 12. LEASES

Higher Achievement entered into a lease agreement for office space in Baltimore, Maryland which commenced on April 1, 2012 with an initial termination of April 30, 2015 that was extended to March 31, 2021. The lease extension requires annual rental payments of \$19,536, and includes a provision for annual 3% increase of base rent, if extension beyond March 31, 2021 is exercised. On March 31, 2021, Higher Achievement entered into a month-to-month agreement at this location.

Higher Achievement entered into a lease agreement for office space in Richmond, Virginia which commenced on January 15, 2014 with an initial termination of January 30, 2017 that was extended to January 31, 2020. The lease extension requires annual rental payments of \$38,160 with a monthly rental payment increase to \$3,212 in February 2019. In FY 2019, Higher Achievement extended this lease agreement through January 31, 2021. The lease requires annual rental payments of \$39,312. On January 31, 2021, Higher Achievement vacated this location.

Higher Achievement entered into a lease agreement for office space in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania which commenced on September 15, 2014 with an initial termination of August 31, 2017 that was extended to April 30, 2020 and was renewed on a month-to-month basis thereafter. In the current year, the Pittsburgh office was closed and no lease was continued into the new year.

Total rent expense for the year ended August 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$114,451 and \$98,933, respectively. Future minimum lease payments required under the leases as of August 31, 2020 are \$44,156.

#### 13. IN-KIND DONATIONS

During the years ended August 31, 2020 and 2019 Higher Achievement recognized the following inkind support services:

Professional fees (supporting service)		2020	 2019
Consulting and mentorship	\$	501,194	\$ 371,941
Legal and business		438	 5,000
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Total	\$	501,632	\$ 376,941

#### 14. RETIREMENT PLAN

Higher Achievement has a 403(b) defined contribution plan that is available to all employees. Employees are eligible to participate in the plan immediately and employer contributions are made upon completion of two years of service. The plan requires an annual employer contribution of 5% of each eligible employee's earnings, as defined by the plan, and provides for a one time matching contribution of up to \$3,000. For the years ended August 31, 2020 and August 31, 2019, Higher Achievement incurred estimated expenses of \$106,186 and \$127,834, respectively, related to this plan.

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#### 15. CONCENTRATIONS

Approximately 30% and 37% of Higher Achievement's revenue was derived from various grants and contracts awarded by agencies of the United States Department of Education and other governmental entities for the year ended August 31, 2020 and August 31, 2019, respectively. Higher Achievement has no reason to believe that relationships with these agencies will be discontinued in the foreseeable future apart from the termination of an existing grant period. However, any interruption of these relationships (i.e., the failure to renew grant agreements or withholding of funds) would adversely affect Higher Achievement's ability to finance ongoing operations.

#### 16. PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Higher Achievement received loan proceeds in the amount of \$1,008,375 under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The PPP, established as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), provides for loans to qualifying businesses for amounts up to 2.5 times of the average monthly payroll expenses of the qualifying business. The loans and accrued interest are forgiveable after twenty-four weeks as long as the borrower uses the loan proceeds for eligible purposes, including payroll, benefits, rent and utilities, and also as long as Higher Achievement maintains its payroll levels. The amount of loan forgiveness will be reduced if the borrower terminates employees or reduces salaries during the twenty-four week period. The unforgiven portion of the PPP loan is payable over two years at an interest rate of 1% with a deferral of payments for the first six months. Higher Achievement intends to use the proceeds for the purposes consistent with the PPP and has applied for forgiveness of the loan in full.

#### 17. CONTINGENCIES - NOVEL COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

Citizens and economies of the United States and other countries have been significantly impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. While it is premature to accurately predict how the coronavirus will ultimately affect Higher Achievement's operations, because the disease's severity and duration are uncertain, we expect 2021 financial results will be significantly impacted and the implications beyond 2021, while unclear, could also be adversely impacted. No pandemic implications are accounted for in these financial statements.

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#### 18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these financial statements, Higher Achievement has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through May 31, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## Payroll Protection Program - Second Draw

Subsequent to year end, Higher Achievement received loan proceeds in the amount of \$834,907 under the second draw of the Paycheck Protection Progam (PPP). The PPP, established as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), provides for loans to qualifying businesses for amounts up to 2.5 times of the average monthly payroll expenses of the qualifying business. The loans and accrued interest are forgiveable after twenty-four weeks as long as the borrower uses the loan proceeds for eligible purposes, including payroll, benefits, rent and utilities, and also as long as Higher Achievement maintains its payroll levels. The amount of loan forgiveness will be reduced if the borrower terminates employees or reduces salaries during the twenty-four week period. The unforgiven portion of the PPP loan is payable over two years at an interest rate of 1% with a deferral of payments for the first six months. Higher Achievement intends to use the proceeds for the purposes consistent with the PPP.