

**Gateway Science Academy Board of Directors Meeting  
December 13, 2023, at 4:00 pm**

**6025 Chippewa Street, Ste#206  
St. Louis, MO 63109**

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**AGENDA**

**Call to Order** Dr. Bagwell

**Roll Call** Dr. Bagwell

**Mission Statement** Dr. Bagwell

**Approval of the Agenda** Dr. Bagwell

**Public Input Session** Dr. Bagwell

*(Please note, the GSA Board public participation policy allows each speaker no more than three minutes, and each topic is limited to no more than 20 minutes except with the concurrence of the majority of the Board. Individuals who do not have an opportunity to speak during the allotted time will be given the first opportunity at the next regularly scheduled meeting, and they can also submit their comments via email to [gsaboard@gsastl.org](mailto:gsaboard@gsastl.org))*

**Announcements/Acknowledgements**

**Consent Agenda** Dr. Bagwell

*Approval of October 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes* Dr. Bagwell  
*Approval of October and November 2023 Financials* Mr. Damar  
*Approval Personnel Report* Mr. Blackstone

**Items for Action**

*Approval of FY23 Audit Report* Mr. Damar  
*Approval of Holiday Bonus* Mr. Blackstone  
*Approval of Additional Sick Days* Mr. Blackstone

**Student Achievement and Activities**

**Superintendent's Report** Mr. Blackstone

Academic Update Dr. Schick  
School Dashboard and DESE APR 2023 Report Mr. Blackstone

**Board Related:**

*Approval of New Board Member* Dr. Bagwell  
Board Training – Book Study Mr. Durhan

**Other Business:**

Facility Update – Renovation Project and GSA South

**Adjourn the Meeting** Dr. Bagwell

*Items in italics are action items.*

## **MISSION**

The mission of the Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis is to provide quality education with an emphasis on science, mathematics, and technology while balancing all core subjects. We strive to create an atmosphere that provides students, parents, and teachers opportunities for continuous growth, enabling them to reach their highest potential.

## **VISION**

### **Elementary and Middle School Vision**

Our students will enter high school ready to tackle any academic challenge and will excel in the STEM subjects.

### **High School Vision**

Our students will achieve 100% graduation and college acceptance.

**Gateway Science Academy  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 11, 2023, at 4:00 pm**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Session Opening:**

Dr. Bagwell commenced the meeting to order with the roll call at 4:01 pm.

**Members Present:** Tim Bagwell, Orville (Beau) Goerger, Kennedy Maranga (online)-left 5:03 pm, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris (online), Ali Durhan

**Members Absent:** Patricia Hunt

**GSA:** Nuh Celik – Principal, Brian Schick – DTL, Debra Weaver - Principal

**Concept Schools:** Engin Blackstone – Superintendent, Hasan Damar - Treasurer

Dr. Bagwell read the mission statement.

**2. Adopt an Agenda:**

Mr. Goerger made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Durhan seconded.

**Roll Call to Adopt the Agenda:**

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

**Motion approved.**

**3. Public Input:**

None

**4. Announcements/Acknowledgements**

- Mr. Blackstone invited the Board members to the MCPSA Leadership Conference. It will be on November 8-9 at Columbia.
- NICHE released its 2024 school ratings, and GSA is ranked as the best charter school district in the State.

## 5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mr. Goerger made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Mr. Durhan seconded.

### Approval of August 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

No discussion

### Approval of July, August and September 2023 Financials

Mr. Damar presented the budget details below:

- The July P&L report shows \$1,957,583 in total revenue and \$1,799,593 in expenses. It shows a \$157,990 surplus
- The August P&L report shows \$1,876,587 in total revenue and \$2,203,612 in expenses. It shows a \$327,025 deficit.
- The September P&L report shows \$2,289,950 in total revenue and \$2,471,716 in expenses. It shows a \$181,767 deficit.
- End of September revenue is 25.3%, and expenditure is 26.8%. They are expected to be close to 25%
- The total cash balance is \$5,518,644 as of September 30, 2023. We have 86 days of unrestricted cash on hand.
- The total loan balance is \$2,551,315.

### Approval of 23.24 Personnel Report

Mr. Blackstone presented the new hires and resignations since the last Board meeting.

#### Roll Call to Approve the Consent Agenda:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

**The consent agenda approved unanimously.**

## 6. Items for Action:

### Approval of MS/HS Expansion Project

Mr. Blackstone shared the renovation project details to create additional space for the Fyler Campus. The project's estimated cost is \$3.5M, will create seats for 200-250 students, and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2024.

Mr. Goerger made a motion to approve the MS/HS expansion project, Dr. Lewis-Harris seconded.

#### Roll call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

The motion approved unanimously.

## 7. Student Achievement and Activities - Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schick provided updates about the District's academic priorities, and Mr. Blackstone provided the school dashboard data.

## 8. Board Related:

### Superintendent and CMO Evaluation

Mr. Durhan briefed the Board about the Superintendent and CMO evaluation report.

### New Board Member Candidate Statement

Mr. Ahmet Baltaci's candidate statement is included in the Board packet for consideration, and Mr. Durhan recommended him to the Board. The Governing Committee will meet with Mr. Baltaci prior to the December meeting and finalize their recommendation to the Board.

### Acknowledgment of Conflict of Interest Statement:

All Board members reviewed and signed the conflict of interest policy, which is required by the sponsor annually.

### Board Training:

The Governing Committee recommended to study the book called Governing for Greatness by Brian Carpenter. Mr. Blackstone will provide it for each Board member, and Mr. Durhan will create a plan for the study.

## 9. Other Business

**Facility Update:** Mr. Blackstone shared the idea of purchasing GSA South Campus. The annual rent amount and building improvement expenses are too high, and it is worth exploring the purchase option. He shared the intention with NPL, the facility owner, and asked them to create their proposal.

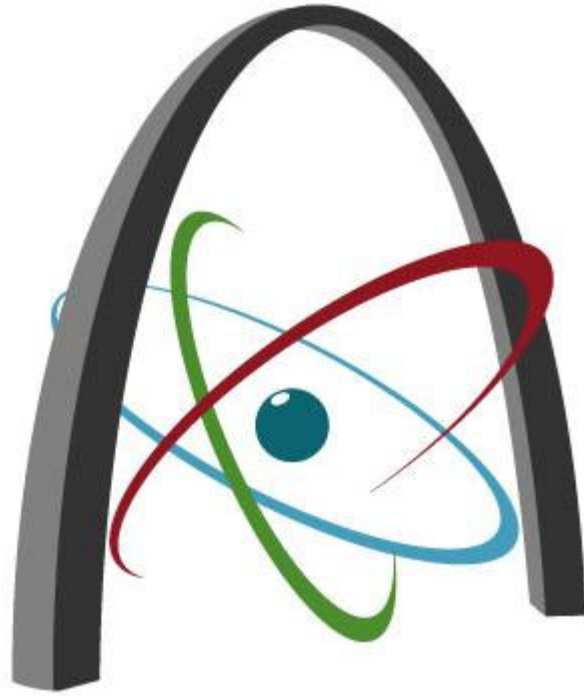
## 10. Adjourn the Meeting

Mr. Goerger made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Durhan seconded.

### Roll Call to Adjourn:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**,

**The meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.**



GATEWAY SCIENCE ACADEMY  
of  
**ST. LOUIS**

**December 13, 2023**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

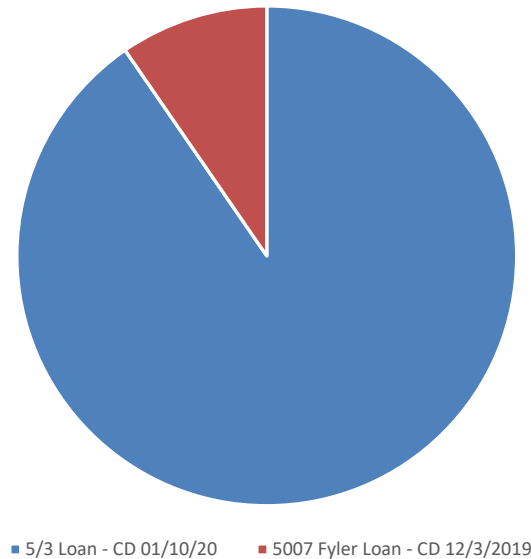
### GSA Financial Dashboard November 2023

- GSA has \$326,154 deficit at the end of November 2023.
- Total cash-in-hand is \$ 5,925,932.24.
- Unrestricted days cash on hand:92.58.
- Long-term loan total is 2,442,785.
- The total Current Enrollment in is 1637.
- 23-24 PK-12 Estimated ADA is 1375.
- 23-24 PK-12 Estimated WADA is 1567.

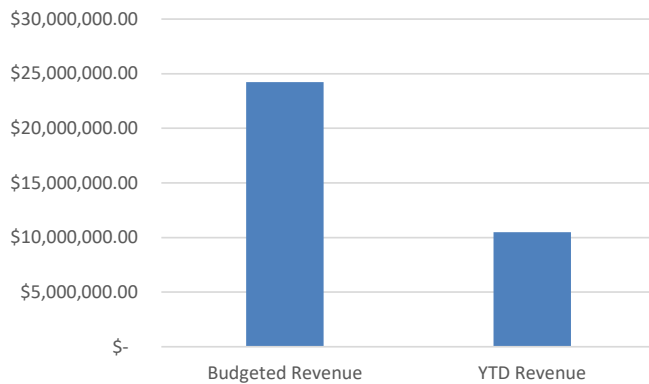
Budgeted Revenue	\$ 24,219,012.68	100.00%
YTD Revenue	\$ 10,495,017.94	43.33%

Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 24,171,211.27	100.00%
YTD Expenditures	\$ 10,821,171.76	44.77%

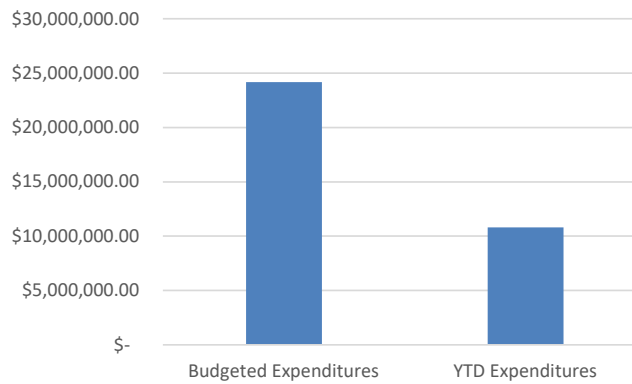
Loan Details



Budget Vs Actual - Revenue



Budget Vs Actual - Expense



### Definition of Terms

**ADA:** Average Daily Attendance

**WADA:** Weighted Average Daily Attendance

**YTD:** Year to Date

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

GATEWAY SCIENCE ACADEMY OF ST LOUIS				Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24
Current Enrollment															
	BUDGET-FY24	YTD													
	LOCAL REVENUE	2,520,450	\$ 1,257,980.27	49.9%	302,087	175,482	269,164	248,153	263,095						
	STATE REVENUE	19,893,146	\$ 7,827,544.23	39.3%	1,655,495	1,486,554	1,558,479	1,579,279	1,547,737						
	FEDERAL REVENUE	1,805,417	\$ 1,409,493.44	78.1%	-	214,552	462,307	470,396	262,238						
Total Revenues	24,219,013	10,495,018	43.3%	1,957,583	1,876,587	2,289,950	2,297,828	2,073,070	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SALARIES	12,900,000	\$ 5,221,968.94	40.5%	824,834	981,640	1,186,526	1,006,881	1,222,088							
BENEFITS	4,089,300	\$ 1,745,165.86	42.7%	304,283	360,005	363,360	347,544	369,975							
PURCHASED SERVICES	5,001,111	\$ 2,489,860.70	49.8%	377,283	649,669	616,459	389,530	456,919							
SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	1,963,000	\$ 1,126,131.59	57.4%	261,422	196,314	288,850	222,495	157,050							
CAPITAL OUTLAY	217,800	\$ 238,044.67	109.3%	31,772	15,984	16,520	135,547	38,222							
Total Expenditures	24,171,211	10,821,172	44.8%	1,799,593	2,203,612	2,471,716	2,101,997	2,244,253	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET INCOME	47,801	(326,154)		157,990	(327,025)	(181,767)	195,831	(171,183)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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BUSINESS	
5/3 Loan - 2022	2,208,327
5007 Fyler Loan - CD 12/3/2019	234,458
Total Loan Principal Payment for FY22	271,014
<b>Payments Over \$5,000</b>	
The Link Development STL	\$ 8,550.00
Coralic Architecture	\$ 19,750.00
Hankenkamp Electric Company Inc	\$ 5,199.92
Gateway Security Service	\$ 5,937.75
Gateway Security Service	\$ 5,785.50
Ramazan Mutallimli	\$ 10,040.00
Blue Technologies	\$ 9,412.83
Martin Rosso	\$ 7,200.00
The Link Development STL	\$ 5,710.00
Go Guardian	\$ 16,670.45
Apple Tree Institute	\$ 5,957.04
Bluum of Minnesota LLC	\$ 11,811.00
Tynker	\$ 7,938.00

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\*Recurring transactions aren't included.

**Gateway Science Academy of St Louis**  
**Budget Vs Actual**  
**As of November 30, 2023**

	July 23 - Nov. 23	FY 2024 Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Local Revenue	1,257,980.27	2,520,450.00	49.91%
State Revenue	7,827,544.23	19,893,145.68	39.35%
Federal Revenue	1,409,493.44	1,805,417.00	78.07%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,495,017.94</b>	<b>\$ 24,219,012.68</b>	<b>43.33%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Salaries	5,221,968.94	12,900,000.00	40.48%
Benefits	1,745,165.86	4,089,300.00	42.68%
Professional Services	563,474.71	833,000.00	67.64%
Property Services (Rent, Repairs, Cleaning)	644,236.55	1,233,623.00	52.22%
Transportation Services	7,831.08	50,000.00	15.66%
Building & Property Insurance	83,111.82	120,587.00	68.92%
Communication (Phone, Printing, Ads)	26,330.04	135,000.00	19.50%
Management, Membership Fees and Other Dues	1,088,935.69	2,471,901.27	44.05%
Other Purchased Services (Student Activities)	75,940.81	157,000.00	48.37%
General Supplies (Supplies, Textbooks, Uniforms, etc.)	1,126,131.59	1,963,000.00	57.37%
Interest Expense	42,811.65	133,800.00	32.00%
Capital Outlay	195,233.02	84,000.00	232.42%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 10,821,171.76</b>	<b>\$ 24,171,211.27</b>	<b>44.77%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (326,153.82)</b>	<b>\$ 47,801.41</b>	<b>-682.31%</b>

Difference Between Budget and YTD Actuals	Color Codes
Difference is less than 4%	
Difference is more than 4% but less than 15%	
Difference is more than 15%	

**November Perc.**  
**41.67%**

**Explanations**

<b>Income</b>
<b>Expense</b>

**Nov 30, 23**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

1072 · Bill.com Money Out Clearing	-10,000.00
1111-05 · Mid West Bank	49,955.92
1111-06 · Midwest Savings Account	5,017,653.20
1111-07 · Fifth Third Bank 2066	602,944.88

**Total Checking/Savings** 5,660,554.00

**Other Current Assets**

1400-00 · Other Current Assets	
1411 · Security Deposits	2,000.00
<b>Total 1400-00 · Other Current Assets</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>

**Total Other Current Assets** 2,000.00

**Total Current Assets** 5,662,554.00

**Fixed Assets**

**1500-00 · Fixed Assets**

1529 · Soft Costs	56,219.06
1520 · Buildings	5,232,547.78
1521 · Building Improvements	5,270,681.87
1531 · Improvements Other Than Building	431,678.75
1541 · Equipment	1,700,838.09
1542 · Classroom Instructional Apparatus	314,419.69
1543 · Vehicles	227,783.50
1549 · Accumulated Depreciation	-7,436,338.49

**Total 1500-00 · Fixed Assets** 5,797,830.25

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**TOTAL ASSETS**

**11,460,384.25**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

**Accounts Payable**

2111-00 · Accounts Payable	-689.90
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**Total Accounts Payable** -689.90

**Credit Cards**

2172-05 · Commercial Card - Ending 6461	8,400.04
2172-08 · Commercial Card - Ending 8314	21,586.77
2172-09 · Commercial Card - Ending 1330	4,987.61
2172-10 · Commercial Card - Ending 5298	23.96
2172-11 · Commercial Card - Ending 2513	314.47
2172-12 · Midwest Card - Ending 6878	254.19

**Total Credit Cards** 35,567.04

**Other Current Liabilities**

2150-00 · Payroll Deduction & Withholdings	
2156-00 · Health/Dental/Life Insurance	-45,128.06
2158-00 · Teacher Retirement	478,981.78

**Total 2150-00 · Payroll Deduction & Withholdings** 433,853.72

**Total Other Current Liabilities** 433,853.72

**Total Current Liabilities** 468,730.86

**Long Term Liabilities**

**2121 · Loans Payable**

5/3 Loan - 2022	2,208,327.00
5007 Fyler Loan - CD 12/3/2019	234,458.06

**Total 2121 · Loans Payable** 2,442,785.06

**Total Long Term Liabilities** 2,442,785.06

**Total Liabilities** 2,911,515.92

**Equity**

3113-00 · Unrestricted Net Assets 8,875,022.15

**Net Income** -326,153.82

**Total Equity** 8,548,868.33

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** **11,460,384.25**

**PERSONNEL REPORT 12.13.2023****NEW HIRES**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Campus</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Hire Date</b>
Glen	Banks	Paraprofessional	GSA Middle School	\$ 22,900	10/9/23
Kimberly	Weaver	Math Teacher	GSA Middle School	\$ 39,577	10/19/23
Gabby	Blanchard	Paraprofessional	GSA Smiley	\$ 17,748	11/27/23
Jay	Stinebrook	Occupational Therapist	GSA Middle School	\$ 31,482	11/14/23

**RESIGNATIONS**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Campus</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Resignation Date</b>
Brianna	Woodward	Secretary	GSA Middle and High	New Job	11/3/23
Michelle	Harney-Schlueter	Paraprofessional	GSA Smiley	Dismissed	10/12/23
Catherine	Bolozky	Secretary	GSA South	Resigned	12/1/23

### **HOLIDAY GIFT FOR GSA STAFF**

The GSA Administration and Finance Committee recommends \$400 extra pay for full-time contracted employees and \$100 for part-time contracted employees in December as a token of the GSA's appreciation for their invaluable service.

### **ADDITIONAL SICK/PERSONAL DAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR**

The GSA Administration and Finance Committee recommends adding **three more days** to the GSA staff's eight current sick/personal days due to the high volume of COVID and other contagious illnesses encountered during the first half of the school year. It is for this school year only, and we plan to propose an update to the sick/personal days structure at the next Board meeting.

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

Financial Statements Together with Auditors' Report  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023



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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors  
Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis  
Saint Louis, Missouri

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position – modified cash basis as of June 30, 2023, and the related modified cash basis statement of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting in Note 1.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

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

#### ***Basis of Accounting***

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

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

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Academy's financial statements. The accompanying information presented on pages 17 through 22, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying information presented on pages 17 through 22 and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 1, 2023, on our consideration of Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*KPM CPAs, PC*

KPM CPAs, PC  
Springfield, Missouri  
December 1, 2023

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Statement of Financial Position – Modified Cash Basis

June 30, 2023

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### Assets

#### Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,019,999
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#### Property and Equipment

##### Depreciable

Capital assets, net	5,795,598
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>11,815,597</b>
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### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities

Accrued payroll taxes	226,775
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Current portion of notes payable	651,696
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<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>878,471</b>
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#### Long-Term Liabilities

Notes payable, less current portion	2,062,104
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,940,575</b>
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### Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	\$ 8,875,022
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See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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### Support and Revenue

Local	\$ 2,452,826
State	18,667,511
Federal	5,177,081
<b>Total Support and Revenues</b>	<u>26,297,418</u>

### Expenses

Instruction	17,011,241
Student services	715,636
Instructional staff support	187,024
Building level administration	1,474,304
General administration and central services	965,539
Operation of plant	2,175,768
Transportation	15,357
Food service	772,045
Community service	9,001
Interest	125,297
Depreciation	735,313
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>24,186,525</u>

<i>Increase in Net Assets</i>	2,110,893
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Net Assets, beginning of year	6,764,129
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 8,875,022</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Statement of Cash Flows – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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### Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Increase in net assets	\$ 2,110,893
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	735,313
Loss on capital asset disposal	715
Changes in	
Accrued expenses	(189,345)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<u>2,657,576</u>

### Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Acquisition of property and equipment	(7,975)
<b>Net Cash (Used) by Investing Activities</b>	<u>(7,975)</u>

### Cash Flows from Financing Activities

Principal payments on notes payable	(646,257)
<b>Net Cash (Used) by Financing Activities</b>	<u>(646,257)</u>

*Net Increase in Cash* 2,003,344

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of year	4,016,655
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 6,019,999</u></u>

### Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information

Interest paid	<u><u>\$ 125,297</u></u>
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See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

## Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

### Statement of Functional Expenses – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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	<b>Program Services</b>	<b>Support Services</b>	
	<b>Charter School</b>	<b>Management and General</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salaries	\$ 10,858,037	\$ 1,206,448	\$ 12,064,485
Employee Benefits	3,569,873	396,653	3,966,526
Purchased Services	4,671,887	519,098	5,190,985
Supplies	1,892,884	210,320	2,103,204
Loss on capital asset disposal	715	-	715
Depreciation	635,054	100,259	735,313
Interest and fees	125,297	-	125,297
<b>Total Functional Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 21,753,747</b>	<b>\$ 2,432,778</b>	<b>\$ 24,186,525</b>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis (the “Academy”) is a Missouri not-for-profit corporation. The purpose of the Academy is to operate a Charter School established within the boundaries of the Saint Louis, Missouri School District. The Academy is legally separate from the Saint Louis, Missouri School District and is not financially accountable to it.

#### Basis of Accounting

The Academy has elected to present its financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting. This modified cash basis of accounting is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and as a result, these financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Basis of accounting is a reference to when financial events are recorded, such as timing of recognizing receipts, disbursements, and their related assets and liabilities. Under the modified cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements and the related assets are recorded when they result from cash transactions. The modification to cash basis relates to the presentation of capital assets and related depreciation, payroll liabilities, and long-term debt.

#### Basis of Presentation

The Academy is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restriction and net assets with donor restriction.

*Net assets without donor restrictions* – net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objective of the Academy. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Academy’s management and the board of directors.

*Net assets with donor restrictions* – net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of the Academy pursuant to those stipulations, that expire by the passage of time, or that include funds of perpetual donation.

Donor restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are classified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the statement of activities.

#### Property and Equipment

Depreciation of property and equipment is calculated on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. These assets have been recorded at historical cost. It is the policy of the Academy to capitalize expenditures for equipment, furniture, and fixtures in excess of \$1,000 per item and useful life of over one year.

Asset Class	Useful Life
Building	10-30 years
Building improvements	10-30 years
Improvements other than building	10 years
Classroom instructional apparatus	3-10 years
Equipment	3-10 years
Equipment Electronics	3-10 years
Vehicles	5 years

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

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### Compensated Absences

Vacation time, personal business days, and sick leave are considered as expenses in the year paid.

### Recognition of Donor Restrictions

Contributions are recognized when they are unconditionally received. All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as with donor restriction support that increases those net assets. If a restriction is fulfilled in the same time period in which the contribution is received, the Academy reports the support as without donor restrictions.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting described above requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Academy defines its cash and equivalents to include only cash in demand deposits.

### Revenue and Other Support

The Academy reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets.

When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restrictions end or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

### Functional Expense Allocation

The cost of providing the program and support services have been summarized on the statement of functional expense on a functional basis. Most expenses can be directly allocated to the program or supporting functions. Certain categories of expenses are attributed to both program and supporting functions. Therefore, these expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied and determined by management.

The expenses that are allocated include the following:

Expense	Method of Allocation
Salaries	Time and effort
Employee benefits	Time and effort
Purchased services	Time and effort
Supplies	Time and effort
Depreciation	Direct
Interest and fees	Direct

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

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### Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes

The Academy does not believe there are any material uncertain tax positions and, accordingly, it will not recognize any liability for unrecognized tax benefits. No interest or penalties were accrued as of June 30, 2023.

### Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through December 1, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## 2. Retirement Plan

The Academy contributes to The Public School Retirement System of the School District of Saint Louis, Missouri a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Participation is mandatory for employees of the Saint Louis, Missouri Public School District, the Saint Louis Public Library, and the Public School Retirement System. The Retirement System provides service and disability retirement benefits to full-time employees and optional benefits to members' beneficiaries. Positions covered by The Retirement System are also covered by Social Security. The Retirement System is administered by a twelve-member Board of Trustees. The Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to: The Public School Retirement System of the School District of Saint Louis, Missouri, 3641 Olive Street, Suite 300, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63108, or by calling 1-314-534-7444.

The Retirement System members are required to contribute 7.50% of their annual covered salary for members with start dates prior to December 31, 2017 and 9.00% for members with start dates on or after January 1, 2018, and the Academy is required to contribute an amount of 14.00%. After January 1, 2023, the Academy is required to contribute 13.50%. The contribution requirements of members and the school are established, and may be amended, by the Board of Trustees. The Academy's contributions to the system for the year ended June 30, 2023, were \$1,527,075, equal to the required contributions.

## 3. Lease Obligation

On June 1, 2010, the Academy entered into an original extendable five-year lease with the St. Louis City Catholic Church Real Estate Corporation, a Missouri nonprofit corporation. As part of the original lease agreement, the Academy paid a base rent of \$11,000 to \$13,000 each month plus operating expenses of the leased facility, including all costs associated with the use, maintenance, financing, or repair of the property and all utilities, insurance, periodic capital replacement reserve amounts and management fees through July 31, 2019. A renewal option for August 1, 2019 through June 30, 2030 was exercised on August 1, 2019. The renewal set rates varying from \$12,500 to \$17,500 per month. The base rent for the current period was \$14,000 per month. The amount the Academy recognized in rent expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, was \$168,000.

On May 14, 2013, the Academy entered into a fifteen-year lease with 6651 Gravois, LLC, and New Plan Learning, Inc. As part of the lease agreement, the Academy pays a base rent each month plus tax, insurance, and operating expenses of the leased facility, including all costs associated with the use, maintenance, financing, or repair of the property and all utilities, insurance, periodic capital replacement reserve amounts and management fees. There is a renewal option for two successive extension periods of five additional years each. The first period base rent is \$32,800 per month with increases annually equaling 103% of the base rent of the immediately preceding lease year, rounded to the nearest whole dollar. This agreement is for the period of August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2028. The amount the Academy recognized in rent expense for this lease for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, was \$502,666.

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

Future base rent commitments for these leases at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	New Plan Learning	St. Louis City Catholic Church Real Estate Corp.
2024	\$ 512,312	\$ 174,000
2025	543,512	180,000
2026	559,817	186,000
2027	576,612	192,000
2028	48,168	198,000
2029	-	204,000
2030	-	210,000
	<u>\$ 2,240,421</u>	<u>\$ 1,344,000</u>

### 4. Education Management Agreement

Effective July 1, 2015, the Academy entered into an agreement with Concept Schools, an Illinois non-profit corporation to provide management and operating services to the Academy at a rate of 10% of School's total annual revenue, including grant funding, to the extent that such grants do not prohibit the transfer of grant funds to a third party in the form of a management fee.

The agreement will continue until the end of the charter agreement and automatically renew for additional, successive terms commensurately with the charter agreement unless one party notifies the other party on or before April 1, prior to the expiration of the then-current term, of its intention not to renew the agreement. During the year, the Academy disbursed \$2,583,609 to Concept Schools.

### 5. Claims & Adjustments

The Academy participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Disbursements financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. As of June 30, 2023, significant amounts of grant disbursements have not been audited by grantor governments, but the Academy believes that disallowed disbursements, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on the overall financial position of the Academy.

### 6. Notes Payable

On December 3, 2019, the Academy entered into a note payable with JND Entities, Inc., in the amount of \$730,000 in order finance the purchase and improvement of a new building at 5007 Fyler & 5050 Connecticut. As part of the financing agreement, beginning July 20, 2020, the Academy pays a monthly payment of \$13,441, which includes interest at 3.99%.

Future base payments for this agreement at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	151,692	9,597	161,289
2025	145,446	3,432	148,878
	<u>\$ 297,138</u>	<u>\$ 13,029</u>	<u>\$ 310,167</u>

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

On April 5, 2022, the Academy entered into a five-year note agreement with Fifth Third Bank in the amount of \$3,000,000 to refinance debt and fund various capital improvements. As part of the note agreement, the Academy pays a monthly principal payment of \$41,667 and an interest rate of 1.90% fixed swap plus .75% margin for a total of 2.65%.

Future base payments for this agreement at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 500,004	\$ 59,073	\$ 559,077
2025	500,004	45,823	545,827
2026	500,004	32,573	532,577
2027	916,650	17,022	933,672
	<u>\$ 2,416,662</u>	<u>\$ 154,491</u>	<u>\$ 2,571,153</u>

The following represents the changes in notes payable for the year ended June 30, 2023:

Notes Payable, June 30, 2022	\$ 3,360,057
Additions	-
Deletions	(646,257)
Notes Payable, June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 2,713,800</u>
Current portion	\$ 651,696

## 7. Property & Equipment

The cost and accumulated depreciation of building improvements and equipment were as follows as of June 30, 2023:

<b>Depreciable</b>	
Building	\$ 5,288,767
Building improvements	5,212,513
Improvements other than building	177,099
Classroom instructional apparatus	297,422
Equipment	1,734,880
Equipment Electronics	293,471
Vehicles	227,784
	<u>13,231,936</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(7,436,338)</u>
	<u>\$ 5,795,598</u>

Depreciation charged to expense for the year ended June 30, 2023, was \$735,313. Depreciation is allocated to management and administration in the amount of \$100,259 and to program costs in the amount of \$635,054.

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

### 8. Significant Concentration of Credit Risk

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require disclosure of certain significant estimates on current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations. Those matters include the disclosure that the Academy maintains its cash deposits in local banks. Fifth Third Bank holds the majority of the Academy's cash deposits and has provided additional collateral for deposits over FDIC insurance coverage amounts as of June 30, 2023. The Academy also has funds on deposit with Midwest BankCentre, and FDIC insurance coverage is provided on these deposits as of June 30, 2023.

### 9. Liquidity & Availability

The Academy Financial assets available for general expenditures, that is, without donor restrictions or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statements of financial position date, comprise of the following:

Financial assets at year end

Cash and cash equivalents

\$ 6,019,999

**Total financial assets**

**\$ 6,019,999**

Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next twelve months

\$ 6,019,999

The Academy does not have a policy to maintain a particular number of days of operating expenses as liquid assets. The Academy is substantially supported by grant revenues that are based on formulas enacted by the legislation in the State of Missouri. The Academy also participates in various state and federally funded programs. As such, the future cash needs of the Academy are substantially met by these revenues, which are primarily received during the period in which expenses are incurred.

### 10. Open Tax Years

The Academy's informational and tax returns are subject to examination by taxing authorities for a period of three years from the date they are filed. As of June 30, 2023, the following tax years are subject to examination:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Open Years for Filed Returns</u>	<u>Returns to be Filed in 2023</u>
Federal	2019-2021	2022
Missouri	2019-2021	2022

## Supplementary Information

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis

June 30, 2023

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,019,999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,019,999
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>\$ 6,019,999</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,019,999</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>				
Current Liabilities				
Accrued payroll taxes	\$ 226,775	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226,775
Fund Balance				
Unassigned	5,793,224	-	-	5,793,224
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 6,019,999</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,019,999</u>

The supplementary modified cash basis financial statement above has been provided for purposes of reporting to the State of Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This statement conforms to the presentation of the Annual Secretary of the Board Report. The modification to cash basis relates only to the presentation of deposits and payroll liabilities.

## Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

### Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Financial Position – Modified Cash Basis

June 30, 2023

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The following items reconcile the differences between the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Financial Position - Modified Cash Basis:

Fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 5,793,224
Assets on the Statement of Financial Position	
Governmental capital assets	13,231,936
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(7,436,338)</u>
	5,795,598
Liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position	
Notes payable	<u>(2,713,800)</u>
<b>Net Assets on the Statement of Financial Position</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 8,875,022</u></u></b>

## Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Local	\$ 1,674,596	\$ 778,022	\$ 208	\$ 2,452,826
State	10,402,142	7,648,374	616,995	18,667,511
Federal	460,023	4,717,058	-	5,177,081
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>12,536,761</u>	<u>13,143,454</u>	<u>617,203</u>	<u>26,297,418</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Instruction	4,824,040	12,187,201	7,975	17,019,216
Student services	9,263	706,373	-	715,636
Instructional staff support	140,441	46,583	-	187,024
Building level administration	1,280,684	193,620	-	1,474,304
General administration and central services	965,539	-	-	965,539
Operation of plant	2,169,793	5,260	-	2,175,053
Transportation	15,357	-	-	15,357
Food service	772,045	-	-	772,045
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	-	-
Community service	4,584	4,417	-	9,001
Debt service - principal	-	-	646,257	646,257
Debt service - interest	-	-	125,297	125,297
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>10,181,746</u>	<u>13,143,454</u>	<u>779,529</u>	<u>24,104,729</u>
<i>Excess (Deficit) of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	2,355,015	-	(162,326)	2,192,689
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers in (out)	(162,326)	-	162,326	-
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>(162,326)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>162,326</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	2,192,689	-	-	2,192,689
Fund Balance, Beginning of year	3,600,535	-	-	3,600,535
<b>Fund Balance, End of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 5,793,224</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,793,224</u></u>

The supplementary modified cash basis financial statement above has been provided for purposes of reporting to the State of Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This statement conforms to the presentation of the Annual Secretary of the Board Report. The modification to cash basis relates only to the presentation of deposits and payroll liabilities.

## Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

### Reconciliation of the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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The following items reconcile the differences between the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds and the Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 2,192,689
Changes in assets on the Statement of Financial Position	
Capital outlay	7,975
Loss on disposal of capital assets	(715)
Depreciation	<u>(735,313)</u>
	(728,053)
Changes in liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position	
Notes payable	<u>646,257</u>
Increase in Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 2,110,893</u></u>

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Schedule of Receipts Collected by Source

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total
<b>Local</b>				
Sales tax	\$ 1,296,703	\$ 778,022	\$ -	\$ 2,074,725
Earnings on investments	45,007	-	208	45,215
 Sales to pupils - reimbursable school meals	52,997	-	-	52,997
Admissions - student activities	32,252	-	-	32,252
Revenue from enterprise activities	17,105	-	-	17,105
Community services	80,065	-	-	80,065
Gifts	101,670	-	-	101,670
Miscellaneous local revenue	48,797	-	-	48,797
<b>Total Local</b>	1,674,596	778,022	208	2,452,826
 <b>State</b>				
Basic formula	10,375,721	7,648,374	-	18,024,095
Basic formula - classroom trust fund	-	-	616,995	616,995
Food service - state	2,783	-	-	2,783
Teacher baseline grant	21,350	-	-	21,350
Other - state	2,288	-	-	2,288
<b>Total State</b>	10,402,142	7,648,374	616,995	18,667,511
 <b>Federal</b>				
Medicaid	-	160,557	-	160,557
ARP - ESSER III	-	2,708,348	-	2,708,348
CRRSA - ESSER II	-	210	-	210
CARES - ESSER fund	-	46,067	-	46,067
ARP - IDEA 611 entitlement funds	-	75,295	-	75,295
IDEA entitlement funds part B IDEA	-	306,727	-	306,727
National school lunch program	379,019	-	-	379,019
School breakfast program	81,004	-	-	81,004
Title I - ESEA	-	953,616	-	953,616
Title IV.A student support and academic enrichment	-	68,495	-	68,495
Title III, english language acquisition	-	45,027	-	45,027
Title II, Part A&B, ESEA - teacher and principal training	-	98,304	-	98,304
Other federal	-	254,412	-	254,412
<b>Total Federal</b>	460,023	4,717,058	-	5,177,081
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 12,536,761	\$ 13,143,454	\$ 617,203	\$ 26,297,418

The Schedule of Receipts Collected by Source agrees to the Annual Secretary of the Board Report.

## Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

### Schedule of Disbursements Paid by Object

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salaries	\$ 1,871,901	\$ 10,192,584	\$ -	\$ 12,064,485
Employee benefits	1,070,243	2,896,283	-	3,966,526
Purchased services	5,136,398	54,587	-	5,190,985
Supplies	2,103,204	-	-	2,103,204
Capital outlay	-	-	7,975	7,975
Principal expense	-	-	646,257	646,257
Interest expense	-	-	125,297	125,297
	<u>\$ 10,181,746</u>	<u>\$ 13,143,454</u>	<u>\$ 779,529</u>	<u>\$ 24,104,729</u>

The Schedule of Disbursements Paid by Object agrees to the Annual Secretary of the Board Report

## **Internal Control and Compliance**



**KPM**  
**CPAS & ADVISORS**  
**Independent Accountants' Report**

Board of Directors  
Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis  
Saint Louis, Missouri

We have examined Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis' compliance with the requirements of Missouri laws and regulations regarding budgetary and disbursement procedures; accurate disclosure of the Academy's attendance records of average daily attendance, standard day length, resident membership on the last Wednesday of September, pupil transportation records of the average daily transportation of pupils eligible and ineligible for state aid, the number of miles eligible and ineligible for state aid and other statutory requirements as listed in the Schedule of Selected Statistics during the year ended June 30, 2023. Management of Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis is responsible for the Academy's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis' compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA, and those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagement.

Our examination engagement does not provide a legal determination on Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis' compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis, complied in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2023.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education, Academy management, and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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December 1, 2023

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# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Schedule of Selected Statistics

Year Ended June 30, 2023

### 1. Calendar (Sections 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033 RSMo)

Report each unique calendar the district/charter school has as defined by Sections 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo.

School Code	Begin Grade	End Grade	Half Day Indicator	Standard Day Length	Days	Hours in Session
6997	K	5	-	6.33	173	1,050.61
6980	K	5	-	6.33	173	1,050.61
3935	6	8	-	6.33	173	1,050.61
1940	9	12	-	6.33	173	1,050.61

### 2. Attendance Hours

Report the total attendance hours of PK-12 students allowed to be claimed for the calculation of Average Daily Attendance.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time Hours	Part-Time Hours	Remedial Hours	Other Hours	Summer School Hours	Total Hours
6997/6980	K	93,256.35	1,089.28	-	-	-	94,345.63
6997/6980	1	101,390.26	63.33	-	-	-	101,453.59
6997/6980	2	116,737.69	924.62	-	-	-	117,662.31
6997/6890	3	112,475.45	-	-	-	-	112,475.45
6997/6890	4	132,218.90	335.65	-	-	-	132,554.55
6997/6890	5	125,642.91	411.64	-	-	-	126,054.55
3935	6	115,608.95	1,018.92	-	-	-	116,627.87
3935	7	113,053.81	1,412.26	-	-	-	114,466.07
3935	8	112,305.89	-	-	-	-	112,305.89
1940	9	97,865.46	-	-	-	-	97,865.46
1940	10	108,911.33	386.31	-	-	-	109,297.64
1940	11	82,975.46	-	-	-	-	82,975.46
1940	12	66,974.31	614.30	-	-	-	67,588.61
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,379,416.77</b>	<b>6,256.31</b>	-	-	-	<b>1,385,673.08</b>

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Schedule of Selected Statistics

Year Ended June 30, 2023

### 3. September Membership

Report the FTE count of resident students in grades PK-12 taken the last Wednesday in September who are enrolled on the count day **and** in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days, by grade at each attendance center. This count should only include PK students marked as being eligible to be claimed for state aid in the October MOSIS Student Core File.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
6997/6980	K	100	-	-	100
	1	109	-	-	109
	2	126	-	-	126
	3	115	-	-	115
	4	138	-	-	138
	5	128	-	-	128
3935	6	126	-	-	126
	7	121	-	-	121
	8	118	-	-	118
1940	9	102	-	-	102
	10	112	-	-	112
	11	86	-	-	86
	12	71	-	-	71
<b>Grand Total</b>	-	<b>1,452</b>	-	-	<b>1,452</b>

Notes:	

### 4. Free and Reduced Priced Lunch FTE Count (Section 163.011(6), RSMo)

Report the FTE count taken the last Wednesday in January of resident students enrolled in grades PK-12 and in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days whose eligibility for free or reduced lunch is documented through the application process using federal eligibility guidelines or through the direct certification process. Desegregation students are considered residents of the district in which the students are educated.

School Code	Free Lunch	Reduced Lunch	DESEG In Free	DESEG In Reduced	Total
6997	217.00	32.02	-	-	249.02
6980	98.00	29.00	-	-	127.00
3935	162.00	46.00	-	-	208.00
1940	149.01	41.00	-	-	190.01
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>626.01</b>	<b>148.02</b>	-	-	<b>774.03</b>

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Schedule of Selected Statistics

Year Ended June 30, 2023

### 5. Finance

Answer the following questions with an appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

Section	Question	Answer
5.1	The district/charter school maintained a calendar in accordance with 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo and all attendance hours were reported.	True
5.2	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation and reporting by category of Average Daily Attendance, which includes the reporting of calendar and attendance hours, for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations. Sampling of records included those students receiving instruction in the following categories:	
	Academic Programs Off-Campus	N/A
	Career Exploration Program – Off Campus	N/A
	Cooperative Occupational Education (COE) or Supervised Occupational Experience Program	N/A
	Dual enrollment	N/A
	Homebound instruction	N/A
	Missouri Options	N/A
	Prekindergarten eligible to be claimed for state aid	N/A
	Remediation	N/A
	Sheltered Workshop participation	N/A
	Students participating in the school flex program	N/A
	Traditional instruction (full and part-time students)	True
	Virtual instruction (MOCAP or other option)	True
	Work Experience for Students with Disabilities	N/A
5.3	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation of September Membership for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	True
5.4	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance and other applicable records allowing for the accurate reporting of the State FTE count for Free and Reduced Lunch for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	True
5.5	As required by Section 162.401, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the district's/school treasurer or as required by Section 160.405, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the charter schools chief financial officer or an insurance policy issued by an insurance company that proves coverage in the event of employee theft in the total amount of:	\$1,000,000
5.6	The district's/charter school's deposits were secured during the year as required by Sections 110.010 and 110.020, RSMo., and the Missouri Financial Accounting Manual	True
5.7	The district maintained a separate bank account for all Debt Service Fund monies in accordance with Section 108.180 and 165.011, RSMo. (Not applicable to charter schools)	N/A

## Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

### Schedule of Selected Statistics

Year Ended June 30, 2023

5.8	Salaries reported for educators in the October MOSIS Educator Core and Educator School files are supported by complete and accurate payroll and contract records. This includes payments for Teacher Baseline Salary Grants and Career Ladder if applicable.	True
5.9	If a \$162,326 or 7% x SAT x WADA transfer was made in excess of adjusted expenditures, the board approve a resolution to make the transfer, which identified the specific projects to be funded by the transfer and an expected expenditure date for the projects to be undertaken. (Not applicable to charter schools)	N/A
5.10	The district/charter school published a summary of the prior year's audit report within thirty days of the receipt of the audit pursuant to Section 165.121, RSMo.	True
5.11	The district has a professional development committee plan adopted by the board with the professional development committee plan identifying the expenditure of seventy-five percent (75%) of one percent (1%) of the current year basic formula apportionment. Remaining 25% of 1% if not spent must be restricted and spent on appropriate expenditures in the future. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	N/A
5.12	The amount spent for approved professional development committee plan activities was:	-
5.13	The district/charter school has posted, at least quarterly, a searchable expenditure and revenue document or database detailing actual income, expenditures, and disbursement for the current calendar or fiscal year on the district or school website or other form of social media as required by Section 160.066, RSMo.	True

Notes:	

All above "False" answers must be supported by a finding or management letter comment.

Finding:	None
Management Letter Comment:	N/A

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Schedule of Selected Statistics

Year Ended June 30, 2023

### 6. Transportation (Section 163.161, RSMo)

Answer the following questions with an appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

Section	Question	Answer
6.1	The school transportation allowable costs substantially conform to 5 CSR 30-261.040, Allowable Costs for State Transportation Aid.	N/A
6.2	The district's/charter school's pupil transportation ridership records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the average number of regular riders transported.	N/A
6.3	Based on the ridership records, the average number of students (non-disabled K-12, K-12 students with disabilities and career education) transported on a regular basis (ADT) was:	N/A
	Eligible ADT	-
	Ineligible ADT	-
6.4	The district's/charter school's transportation odometer mileage records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the eligible and ineligible mileage for the year.	N/A
6.5	Actual odometer records show the total district/charter-operated and contracted mileage for the year was:	-
6.6	Of this total, the eligible non-disabled and students with disabilities route miles and the ineligible non-route and disapproved miles (combined) was:	N/A
	Eligible Miles	-
	Ineligible Miles (Non-Route/Disapproved)	-
6.7	Number of days the district/charter school operated the school transportation system during the regular school year:	N/A

Notes:	

All above "False" answers must be supported by a finding or management letter comment.

Finding:	None
Management Letter Comment:	N/A



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

Board of Directors  
Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis  
Saint Louis, Missouri

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 modified cash basis financial statements of the Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis' financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 2023.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*KPM CPAs, PC*

KPM CPAs, PC  
Springfield, Missouri  
December 1, 2023



## **Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Board of Directors  
Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis  
Saint Louis, Missouri

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

#### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023. Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis's major federal program is identified in the Summary Schedule of Auditors' Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023.

#### ***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Academy's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of the effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Academy's federal programs.

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### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*KPM CPAs, PC*

KPM CPAs, PC  
Springfield, Missouri  
December 1, 2023

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Grantor's Number or Other Identifying Number	Amounts Passed Through to Subrecipients	Federal Expenditures
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>				
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education				
Child Nutrition Cluster				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	20221N119943	\$ -	\$ 36,338
		20232N119943	-	44,666
			-	81,004
National School Lunch Program - Cash	10.555	20221N119943	-	132,246
		20232N119943	-	197,911
		20221N890343	-	32,776
		20232N890343	-	16,086
National School Lunch Program - Noncash Commodities	10.555	115-916	-	52,369
			-	431,388
<b>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</b>			-	512,392
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			-	512,392
<b>U.S. Department of Education</b>				
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education				
Title I Grants to LEAs	84.010A	S010A210025	-	162,774
		S010A220025	-	441,513
		S367A210024	-	39,190
		S367A220024	-	21,207
		S424A210026	-	29,911
		S424A210026	-	19,422
			-	714,017
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U	S425U210021	-	2,006,730
	84.425D	S425D210021	-	13,652
			-	2,020,382
Special Education Grants Cluster				
Special Education Grants to States	84.027A	H027A210040	-	306,727
COVID-19 - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027X	H027X210040	-	75,295
<b>Total Special Education Cluster</b>			-	382,022
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365A	S365A210025	-	32,027
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			-	3,148,448

See accompany Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended June 30, 2023

<b>Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/Program Title</b>	<b>Assistance Listing Number</b>	<b>Pass-through Grantor's Number or Other Identifying Number</b>	<b>Amounts Passed Through to Subrecipients</b>	<b>Federal Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>				
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Cooperative Agreements to Promote Adolescent Health through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance	93.079	18NU87	-	100
Every Student Succeeds Act/Preschool Development Grants	93.434	90TP0066	-	200
CCDF Cluster				
COVID-19 Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	2101MOCCC5	-	165,525
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services COVID 19 - Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for infectious Disease	93.323	NU50CK000546	-	88,587
<b>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>			-	254,412
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			\$ -	\$ 3,915,252

N/A - Not Applicable

See accompany Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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### 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the District for the year ended June 30, 2023, and is presented on the modified cash basis of accounting as described below. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the District.

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified cash basis of accounting which is described in Note 1 to the District's financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

### 3. Indirect Cost Rate

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

### 4. Noncash Assistance

Commodities received and expended are valued by the Food Service Section of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended June 30, 2023

### Section I: Summary Schedule of Auditors' Results

<b>Financial Statements</b>		
Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting:		Unmodified
Internal Control over Financial Reporting:		
Material weakness(es) identified?		No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?		None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?		No
<b>Federal Awards</b>		
Internal control over major federal programs:		
Material weakness(es) identified?		No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?		None Reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal program:		Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2CFR 200.516(a)?		No
Identification of major federal program: <div> <div> <b>Assistance Listing Number(s)</b>  84.425D, 84.425U </div> <div> <b>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</b>  COVID – 19 Education Stabilization Fund </div> </div>		
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:		\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		No

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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## Section II: Financial Statement Findings

None

## Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None

# Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis

## Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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There were no prior year audit findings.



Board of Directors  
Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis  
Saint Louis, Missouri

In planning and performing our audit of the modified cash basis financial statements of Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis, for the year ended June 30, 2023, we considered the Academy's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

However, we became aware of matters to bring to your attention. The following paragraphs summarize our comments regarding these matters:

#### **1. Cybersecurity**

Cybersecurity threats continue to escalate, and nonprofit entities of all sizes are at risk for a breach of their information systems. As a school, the Academy houses a large amount of information that would be considered valuable to a cybercriminal. This situation elevates the risk the Academy faces compared to other nonprofits. With this increase in risk, there is a need to continually evaluating risk and take steps necessary to ensure the security of information systems. Steps include identifying critical information systems and introducing safeguards and modifications when possible, actively training employees to properly identify threats received in emails or by other means and adopting internal communication methods other than email.

It is important that entities develop a recovery plan outlining procedures that personnel should follow once a cybersecurity breach is discovered. Additionally, entities should be aware of any insurance in place to help protect them from liabilities that can occur as the result of a breach.

#### *We Recommend:*

The Academy continue to evaluate its cybersecurity risks and take the appropriate necessary steps to reduce the risk of cybersecurity threats to their information systems. This evaluation should be performed continuously as technology, information systems and related risks are continually changing.

## **2. Basis of Presentation of Financial Statements**

RSMo 160.405(4)(4) requires charter schools to comply with financial management practices consistent with the Missouri DESE accounting manual. The revised accounting manual, effective July 1, 2021 seems to require that financial statements be presented in accordance with the accounting model established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). For the Academy, this would mean changing to a regulatory basis of accounting (GASB). The financial impact of this change is not expected to materially affect the Academy.

*We Recommend:*

The Academy review the accounting manual and consider adopting a change to its financial reporting model to ensure ongoing compliance with the requirements outlined in the Missouri DESE Accounting Manual as required by RSMo 160.405(4)(4).

## **3. Financial Management Practices – Possible New Compliance Requirements**

RSMo 160.405(4)(4) requires charter schools to comply with financial management practices consistent with the Missouri DESE accounting manual. Included within the revised accounting manual, effective July 1, 2022, are various other requirements pertaining to salary compliance, revenue placement, expense placement, budgeting practices and presentation that have been previously considered as not applicable to charter schools.

*We Recommend:*

The Academy review the Missouri DESE Accounting Manual to identify compliance elements that might be considered applicable based on the revised accounting manual and make changes as necessary to ensure ongoing compliance with the requirements outlined in the Missouri DESE Accounting Manual as required by RSMo 160.405(4)(4).

We appreciate this opportunity to serve as Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis' independent auditor and the courtesies and assistance extended to us by the Academy's employees.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "KPM CPAs, PC".

KPM CPAs, PC  
Springfield, Missouri  
December 1, 2023



Board of Directors  
Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis  
Saint Louis, Missouri

We have audited the modified cash basis financial statements of Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis for the year ended June 30, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 13, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### **Significant Audit Matters**

##### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Academy did not adopt any new standards and the application of existing standards was unchanged. We noted no transactions entered into by the Academy for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

##### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

##### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. We noted no misstatements regarding assets or net assets.

##### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

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### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 1, 2023.

### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Academy’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors’ opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Academy’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### **Other Matters**

We were engaged to report on the information presented on pages 17 through 22 of the report and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, which accompany the financial statements. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with the modified cash basis of accounting, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

### **Restriction on Use**

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KPM CPAs, PC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KPM CPAs, PC  
Springfield, Missouri  
December 1, 2023