



Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

GOBPT January Board Meeting

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Date and Time

Wednesday January 15, 2025 at 5:30 PM EST

Location

375 Howard Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:30 PM
A. Record Attendance & Begin Recording Meeting		Bob Carlson	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Bob Carlson	1 m
C. Approve Last Month's Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Bob Carlson	1 m
Approve minutes for GOBPT December Board Meeting on December 11, 2024			
II. Finance Committee			5:33 PM
A. Vendor Approvals	Vote	Corey Sneed	5 m

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
B. Finance Committee Updates	FYI	Benjamin Chan	15 m
• Dashboard and Future Budget Update			
III. Governance Committee			5:53 PM
A. Chief Operating Officer's Report	FYI	Latoya Hubbard	15 m
B. High School Presentation	FYI	Christopher Pellegrino	10 m
C. Middle School Presentation	FYI	Denise Linares	10 m
D. Chief Executive Officer's Report	FYI	John Scalice	15 m
IV. Other Business			6:43 PM
A. New Business		Bob Carlson	5 m
V. Closing Items			6:48 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Bob Carlson	2 m

Attention: Times and Locations are subject to change.

Coversheet

Approve Last Month's Meeting Minutes

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: C. Approve Last Month's Meeting Minutes
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material: Minutes for GOBPT December Board Meeting on December 11, 2024



Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

Minutes

GOBPT December Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday December 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location

375 Howard Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Directors Present

Bob Carlson, Corey Sneed (remote), David Zieff, Tenssie Ramsay (remote)

Directors Absent

Bea Bagley, Daniel Luciano, Eva Vega, Matthew Nwosu

Guests Present

Farah Martin

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance & Begin Recording Meeting

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Bob Carlson called a meeting of the board of directors of Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport to order on Wednesday Dec 11, 2024 at 5:31 PM.

C. Approve Last Month's Meeting Minutes

Corey Sneed made a motion to approve the minutes from GOBPT November Board Meeting on 11-13-24.

Tensie Ramsay seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Finance Committee

A. Audit presentation to Board of Directors

Jennifer Bull, PKF, went over Audit and financial report with the board of directors. Board of Directors were able to get their questions answered.

B. Chan, went over Receivables for Q1 grant expenses include:

- *Special Ed from Bridgeport Public Schools : \$153,875*
- *Commissioner's Network: \$150,353*
- *School Improvement Grant: \$59,000*
- *Title 1 & 2: \$132,073*

In addition, the actual updated per pupil rate based on the new equitable funding formula will show up in the Q3 per pupil funding at the end of this month.

CFO, B. Chan, went over Dashboard for all board members.

Expenses are in line. Salaries are being tracked and there are now projections of what we can expect in a year. The only bump in the road is that the accounting fees are front loaded while the budget is accruing it every month across the 12 months. However, the ADP admin fee is much higher. A suggestion from C. Sneed is that if there are significant changes that we know of, that affect the basis of the budget, then we should bring it up, let the board know and adjust accordingly. Another is to go through Dinsmore Steele if needed.

B. Motion from the board to authorize Corey to sign documents and ratify the audit.

Bob Carlson made a motion to authorize Corey to sign documents and ratify the audit.

Tensie Ramsay seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Vendor Approvals

Boca Oyster Bar needs to be approved as a new vendor for school holiday party.

David Zieff made a motion to approve new vendor for school holiday party.

Bob Carlson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Governance Committee

A. Chief Operating Officer's Report

COO, L. Hubbard, went over COO Report.

Enrollment:

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 School Year Launch Date: December 1, 2024

- Application Access: Families can now complete the enrollment application on our website.

Upcoming Marketing Efforts:

- Postcard Mailing: First batch scheduled for distribution after the Holiday break.
- Outreach Strategies:
 - Call Banking to reach potential families.
 - Radio and Social Media Advertisements to maximize visibility.
 - Canvassing in local communities.
 - Referral Campaign for current students and families.

Goal: Build awareness and excitement about joining our school community for the upcoming academic year!

Teacher Certification updates:

- **Returning Staff**
 - 91% Certified
 - 9% Covered under 60 Day Provision
- **New Staff**
 - 50% Certified
 - 50% Covered under 60 Day Provision
- **Overall Staff**
 - 80% Certified
 - 20% Covered under 60 Day Provision

Operations Staff updates:

Ryanne Davis- **Human Resources**
Onboarding Process
Leadership Support
Staff Events (Potluck)

Calley Tinley - EdTech Administrator

**Scheduling
Staff Training
Parent & Student Support**

These two operations staff members got an award for Staffuly of the Month.
Congratulations to both!

B. Chief Executive Officer's Report

J. Scalice went over CEO report.

CEO did a report for our board of directors on General Performance regarding School Wide Discipline and Teacher Experience.

School Wide Discipline so far:

District Target - <10%

- Middle School - 8.7%
- High School - 1.5%

Total = 4.2%

Our contributing factors:

- The Social Media Social Worker has had a significant impact on reducing the need for out of school suspensions related to off school incidents involving Social Media interactions
- Increased time spent on mediation, parent meetings, and support for students experiencing issues has led to a decrease in significantly disruptive behavior requiring suspension.

Grant Related Performance:

Two grants are being used to implement coaching model and teacher support regarding classroom instruction. These are the School Improvement Grant (SIG) at 100% and Commissioner's Network at 31%.

This coaching model has given us the following results:

Positive Responses Reported

- Constructive and Actionable Feedback - **92.5%**
- Address specific challenges of practice - **92.5%**
- Help me reflect on teaching practices - **92.5%**
- Contribute to my professional growth - **85.1%**
- Specific strategies for my classroom - **92.5%**
- Makes me feel more confident - **81.5%**

- Improved ability to meet diverse needs - **81.5%**
- Positively impact student outcomes - **88.8%**
- Focuses on student centered practices- **88.8%**

B. Carlson asked what happens when the money goes away? J. Scalice reports When the SIG money goes away this year, we will be able to recoup that money through Title 1. We will still have the funding for these positions.

Overall Experience: 85.2% of Overall Satisfaction

2023-2024 - 68%

State Looks-For - 75%

This is a huge recruiting point! This will likely have an impact in certification rate and get teachers that have a longer time teaching that usually has a good amount of impact on our students.

IV. Other Business

A. New Business

Holiday Dinner for all board members and leaders of the school on Friday, December 20th, 2024. More information has been sent to your emails. Happy Holidays!

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Carlson

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Coversheet

Finance Committee Updates

Section: II. Finance Committee
Item: B. Finance Committee Updates
Purpose: FYI
Submitted by:
Related Material: 2024-12 GO-BPT Dashboard.pdf
Great Oaks 6-30-2024 Financial Statements FINAL.pdf
Sage Intacct Proposal.pdf

Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport
Financial Dashboard
 January 15, 2025

Cash	12/31/2024	11/30/2024	10/31/2024
Cash Balance - Chase Operating Account	2,362,212	349,257	1,248,983
Cash Burn/Month	- 2,012,955	899,726	908,491
Cash Balance to Burn Rate (months)	- 1.17	0.39	1.37
Cash Balance - Chase Food Account	18,377	2,681	2,681
Cash Balance - Chase Reserve Account	288,322	288,318	288,318
Total Cash Position:	2,668,911	640,256	1,539,982
Key:	Greater than 2 months in reserve Between 1 and 2 months in reserve Less than 1 month in reserve		

Balance Sheet	12/31/2024	11/30/2024	10/31/2024
Current Ratio (current assets to current liabilities)	1.31	1.44	1.40
Debt to Assets Ratio	-	-	-

Fundraising	FY 25 Target	Actual
Capital/Building		
Operating Support	30,000	

Summary of Material Expense Variances	Budget	Actual	Delta	Comments:
Enrollment	661	661		+ is favorable
Description				
State/SpEd Funding	4,951,878	5,001,109	49,231	New per pupil adjustment included
Title Funding	295,445	295,445	0	
SIG & FY25 Mental Health	81,683	59,000	(22,683)	
USDA School Lunch Program	154,257	98,020	(56,237)	Dec meal claims pending
FY23 Mental Health & FY24 HD Tutoring	193,727	327,482	133,755	
	5,676,990	5,781,056	104,066	
Personnel - Salaries	3,091,168	3,042,377	48,791	Summer payroll now included
Personnel - Payroll Taxes	216,381	154,448	61,933	
Personnel - Benefits	340,029	323,248	16,781	
Professional/Contracted	200,000	337,639	(137,639)	ADP admin fee & tutor fee
School Ops	413,907	375,477	38,430	
Facilities (excluding depreciation)	1,291,650	1,245,872	45,778	
Tutor NP	157,308	144,263	13,045	
Sum of All Known Material Variances	5,710,443	5,623,324	87,119	



Financial Statements, Uniform
Guidance, and State
Single Audit Schedules Together With
Independent Auditors' Reports

June 30, 2024 and 2023

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.

Financial Statements, Uniform Guidance, and State Single Audit Schedules Together With Independent Auditors' Reports June 30, 2024 and 2023

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Independent Auditors' Report

**Board of Directors
Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport, Inc. ("GOCS-B"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years 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 financial position of GOCS-B as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about GOCS-B's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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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 GOCS-B'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 GOCS-B'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.

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Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying 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* and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance as required by the Connecticut State Single Audit Act, 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance 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 30, 2024, on our consideration of GOCS-B'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 GOCS-B'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 GOCS-B's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

Shelton, Connecticut
December 30, 2024

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.

Statements of Financial Position

	June 30,	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 189,653	\$ 462,888
Grants and contracts receivable	778,342	1,158,593
Account receivable	16,000	-
Prepaid expenses and other	155,395	45,418
Security deposits	380,303	380,303
Property and equipment	2,355,405	2,514,448
Finance lease right-of-use asset	175,281	217,348
Operating lease right-of-use asset	<u>16,744,353</u>	<u>17,671,623</u>
	<u>\$ 20,794,732</u>	<u>\$ 22,450,621</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 328,092	\$ 287,533
Accrued payroll and taxes	357,816	398,354
Finance lease liability	178,139	218,306
Operating lease liability	<u>17,675,308</u>	<u>18,528,198</u>
Total Liabilities	18,539,355	19,432,391
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	<u>2,255,377</u>	<u>3,018,230</u>
	<u>\$ 20,794,732</u>	<u>\$ 22,450,621</u>

See notes to financial statements

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.

Statements of Activities

	Year Ended June 30,	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
State grants and contracts	\$ 8,207,322	\$ 7,976,871
Federal grants and contracts	1,612,597	3,538,892
Employee Retention Credit	288,307	-
Private donations and other funding	901,108	746,441
In-kind revenues	<u>918,875</u>	<u>689,440</u>
Total Public Support and Revenue	<u>11,928,209</u>	<u>12,951,644</u>
 EXPENSES		
Program Services		
Education	9,575,768	9,503,926
Special education	<u>2,613,222</u>	<u>3,020,665</u>
Total Program Services	12,188,990	12,524,591
Supporting services		
Management and general	<u>502,072</u>	<u>430,682</u>
Total Expenses	<u>12,691,062</u>	<u>12,955,273</u>
 Change in Net Assets	(762,853)	(3,629)
 NET ASSETS		
Beginning of Year	<u>3,018,230</u>	<u>3,021,859</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 2,255,377</u>	<u>\$ 3,018,230</u>

See notes to financial statements

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Program Services			Supporting Services	Total
	Education	Special Education	Total	Management and General	
EXPENSES					
Salaries	\$ 4,449,083	\$ 1,255,524	\$ 5,704,607	\$ 243,964	\$ 5,948,571
Payroll taxes and employee benefits	697,962	259,243	957,205	39,884	997,089
In-kind tutor services	258,979	45,840	304,819	-	304,819
Professional development	89,180	24,659	113,839	4,614	118,453
Professional fees	389,968	104,584	494,552	95,735	590,287
Student and staff recruitment	27,748	6,008	33,756	570	34,326
Curriculum and classroom	208,793	80,798	289,591	228	289,819
Supplies and materials	128,606	26,993	155,599	2,200	157,799
Food service	335,243	59,339	394,582	-	394,582
In-kind transportation	495,713	87,743	583,456	-	583,456
Insurance	108,529	30,009	138,538	5,615	144,153
Information technology	249,435	68,550	317,985	12,686	330,671
Occupancy and facility costs	1,718,429	448,202	2,166,631	74,894	2,241,525
Non-capitalized equipment and furnishings	4,375	1,210	5,585	226	5,811
Repairs and maintenance	91,592	25,247	116,839	4,698	121,537
Interest on lease liabilities	4,132	1,142	5,274	214	5,488
Amortization of ROU assets	57,210	16,019	73,229	3,051	76,280
Depreciation and amortization	260,791	72,112	332,903	13,493	346,396
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 9,575,768</u>	<u>\$ 2,613,222</u>	<u>\$ 12,188,990</u>	<u>\$ 502,072</u>	<u>\$ 12,691,062</u>

See notes to financial statements

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.Statement of Functional Expenses
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Services			Supporting Services	Total
	Education	Special Education	Total	Management and General	
EXPENSES					
Salaries	\$ 4,233,304	\$ 1,358,527	\$ 5,591,831	\$ 203,309	\$ 5,795,140
Payroll taxes and employee benefits	763,592	283,620	1,047,212	43,634	1,090,846
In-kind tutor services	228,362	58,066	286,428	-	286,428
Professional development	118,362	37,580	155,942	5,394	161,336
Professional fees	572,419	179,711	752,130	72,460	824,590
Student and staff recruitment	12,589	3,474	16,063	197	16,260
Curriculum and classroom	293,711	119,599	413,310	708	414,018
Supplies and materials	150,680	41,937	192,617	2,612	195,229
Food service	297,805	75,723	373,528	-	373,528
In-kind transportation	310,814	79,031	389,845	-	389,845
Insurance	110,710	35,151	145,861	5,045	150,906
Information technology	239,307	75,981	315,288	10,905	326,193
Occupancy and facility costs	1,654,881	510,164	2,165,045	64,422	2,229,467
Non-capitalized equipment and furnishings	16,979	5,391	22,370	773	23,143
Repairs and maintenance	81,016	25,530	106,546	3,552	110,098
Interest	4,862	1,544	6,406	222	6,628
Amortization of ROU assets	67,831	21,083	88,914	2,750	91,664
Depreciation and amortization	302,444	96,027	398,471	13,782	412,253
Other	44,258	12,526	56,784	917	57,701
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 9,503,926</u>	<u>\$ 3,020,665</u>	<u>\$ 12,524,591</u>	<u>\$ 430,682</u>	<u>\$ 12,955,273</u>

See notes to financial statements

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.

Statements of Cash Flows

	Year Ended June 30,	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ (762,853)	\$ (3,629)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities:		
Amortization of financing lease right-of-use asset	1,900	958
Amortization of operating lease right-of-use asset	74,380	90,706
Depreciation and amortization	346,397	412,253
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
Government grants and contracts receivable	380,251	(192,245)
Account receivable	(16,000)	-
Prepaid expenses	(109,977)	85,147
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	40,559	(183,696)
Accrued payroll and taxes	<u>(40,538)</u>	<u>119,986</u>
Net Cash from Operating Activities	(85,881)	329,480
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of property and equipment	(187,354)	(127,973)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of loan	<u>-</u>	<u>(113,715)</u>
Net Change in Cash	(273,235)	87,792
CASH		
Beginning of Year	<u>462,888</u>	<u>375,096</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 189,653</u>	<u>\$ 462,888</u>

See notes to financial statements

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

1. Description of the School

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc. (“GOCS-B”), a not-for-profit organization, is recognized by the State of Connecticut as a charter school under Public Act No. 97-214, as amended by Sections 56 and 57 of Public Act 96-244. The Board of Education of the State of Connecticut has granted GOCS-B’s charter to operate grades 6 – 12 through June 2027. GOCS-B was organized to create a rigorous, supportive middle, and high school program that ensures its graduates have the requisite knowledge and habits of mind to earn a degree from a competitive four-year college or university. During fiscal years 2024 and 2023, GOCS-B operated classes for 661 students in grades 6 through 12. GOCS-B is primarily funded by governmental grants and contracts.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”).

Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncement

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued an accounting pronouncement related to the measurement of credit losses on financial instruments. This pronouncement and subsequently issued Accounting Standards Updates, clarified certain provisions of the new guidance, changes the impairment model for most financial assets and require the use of an “expected loss” model for instruments measured at amortized cost. Under this model, entities are required to estimate the lifetime expected credit losses on such instruments and record an allowance to offset the amortized cost basis of the financial asset, resulting in a net presentation of the amount expected to be collected on the financial asset. The adoption of this guidance on July 1, 2023 expanded GOCS-B’s required disclosures for its expected credit losses for account receivable but did not have a material impact on its financial statement.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash

From time to time, GOCS-B has cash in the bank in excess of the federal deposit insurance amount of \$250,000. GOCS-B did not exceed federally insured limits at June 30, 2024. At June 30, 2023, GOCS-B exceeded federally insured limits by \$94,204.

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2024 and 2023

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

Government Grants and Contracts Receivable

Grants and contracts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances.

GOCS-B continuously monitors the creditworthiness of grantors and establishes an allowance for amounts that may become uncollectible in the future based on current economic trends, historical payment, bad debt write-off experience and any specific grantor related collection issues. Balances that remain outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a reduction in accounts receivable. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been deemed necessary.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is carried at cost and includes expenditures which substantially increase their useful lives. The cost of property and equipment purchased in excess of \$2,500 is capitalized. Depreciation is being provided by use of the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related asset ranging from three to twenty years. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred.

Refundable Advances

GOCS-B records certain grants and contracts as refundable advances until related services are performed, at which time they are recognized as revenue.

Net Assets

Net assets without donor restrictions – net assets without donor restrictions are available for use at the discretion of the Board of Directors (“Board”) and/or management for general operating purposes. From time to time, the Board designates a portion of these net assets for specific purposes which makes them unavailable for use at management’s discretion. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Board has not designated any funds for specific purposes.

Net assets with donor restrictions – net assets with donor restrictions consist of assets whose use is limited by donor-imposed, time and/or purpose restrictions.

No gifts of cash or other assets with donor restrictions were received in 2024 and 2023.

Grants and Contracts

Revenue from the state and local government resulting from the GOCS-B’s charter status is based on the number of students enrolled and is recorded when services are performed in accordance with the charter agreement.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

Grants and Contracts (continued)

GOCS-B receives a substantial portion of its operating support and revenue from the Connecticut State Department of Education. If the charter school laws were modified, reducing or eliminating these revenues, GOCS-B's finances could be materially affected.

Contributions

GOCS-B recognizes contributions when cash, securities or other assets; an unconditional promise to give; or a notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give – that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return – are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met. Federal and state contracts and grants are conditioned upon certain performance requirements and/or the incurrence of allowable qualifying expenses. Refundable government grants consists of government grants received for which performance requirements or incurrence of allowable qualifying expenses have not yet been met or incurred. Contributions are reported as revenue without donor restrictions or revenues with donor restrictions 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 restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified in the statements of activities to net assets without donor restriction. Contributions with donor restrictions that are used for the purpose specified by the donor in the same year as the contribution is received are recognized as revenues without donor restrictions. Conditional promises to give are recognized when conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

GOCS-B reports gifts of property and equipment as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Absent donor stipulations about how long those assets must be maintained, GOCS-B reports expirations of donor restrictions when the assets are placed in service.

Contributed Goods and Services

GOCS-B's policy related to gifts-in-kind is to utilize the assets given to carry out its mission. If an asset is provided that does not allow the GOCS-B to utilize it in its normal course of business, the asset will be sold. Contributions of donated non-cash assets are recorded at their fair value in the period received.

Contributed services are recognized as contributions if the services create or enhance non-financial assets or require specialized skills that are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and typically would need to be purchased, if not provided by donation. In-kind contributions are reflected in the accompanying statements of activities at their fair value at the time the services are rendered or goods are received.

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June 30, 2024 and 2023

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing programs and supporting activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. The statements of functional expenses presents expenses by function and natural classification. Expenses directly attributable to a specific functional area are reported as expenses of those functional areas while indirect costs that benefit multiple functional areas have been allocated based on job function and time allocation for office, occupancy, professional fees and depreciation expense and student enrollment type ratio for payroll and instructional related expenses.

Income Taxes

GOCS-B is exempt from federal and state income taxes as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, however, GOCS-B is subject to federal income tax on any unrelated business taxable income.

GOCS-B recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not to be sustained. Management has determined that GOCS-B had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition or disclosure. GOCS-B is no longer subject to examinations by the applicable taxing jurisdictions for years prior to 2021.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure and/or recognition in the financial statements through December 30, 2024, the date the financial statements were available for issue.

Employee Tax Deferred Compensation Plan

Effective January 1, 2016, GOCS-B sponsors a qualified tax deferred compensation plan as defined under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Plan"). All employees who normally work more than 20 hours per week are eligible to make elective salary reduction contributions to the Plan upon employment. GOCS-B matches 50% of contributions up to a maximum of 4%. GOCS-B's contributions to the Plan were \$12,888 and \$11,154 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

3. Government Grants Receivable

Grants receivable of \$778,342 and \$1,158,593 at June 30, 2024 and 2023 are all due in less than one year.

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4. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following at June 30:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Leasehold improvements	\$ 475,813	\$ 356,225	3-20 years
Furniture and fixtures	508,246	508,246	7 years
Equipment	1,467,906	1,400,140	3 years
Building improvements	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	20 years
	4,951,965	4,764,611	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,596,560)</u>	<u>(2,250,163)</u>	
	<u>\$ 2,355,405</u>	<u>\$ 2,514,448</u>	

5. Commitments

GOCS-B leases operating facilities and equipment under noncancellable operating leases expiring at various dates through 2038.

The following summarizes the weighted average remaining lease term and discount rate:

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>Finance</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Finance</u>	<u>Operating</u>
Weighted Averaged Remaining Lease Term	4.25	14.17	5.25	15.17
Weighted Averaged Discount Rate	2.80%	3.17%	2.80%	3.17%

The maturities of lease liabilities at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Year ending June 30	<u>Finance</u>	<u>Operating</u>
2025	\$ 45,240	\$ 1,440,791
2026	45,240	1,457,475
2027	45,240	1,474,577
2028	45,240	1,491,624
2029	7,540	1,509,236
Thereafter	<u>-</u>	<u>14,662,039</u>
	188,500	22,035,742
Less: imputed interest	<u>(10,361)</u>	<u>(4,360,434)</u>
	<u>\$ 178,139</u>	<u>\$ 17,675,308</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

5. Commitments *(continued)*

The following summarizes the line items in the statements of activities which include the components of lease expense for the years ended June 30:

	2024	2023
Lease Expense		
Finance lease expense		
Amortization of ROU assets	\$ 42,067	\$ 42,067
Interest on lease liabilities	5,488	6,627
Operating lease expense	1,498,565	1,498,565
	\$ 1,546,120	\$ 1,547,259

The following summarizes cash flow information related to leases for the years ended June 30:

	2024	2023
Supplemental cash flows		
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities		
Operating cash flows from finance leases (interest)	\$ 5,582	\$ 6,119
Financing cash flows from finance leases (principal portion)	40,074	41,617
Operating cash flows from operating leases	1,424,185	1,407,856
	\$ 1,469,841	\$ 1,455,592

6. Net Assets

Net assets without donor restrictions is comprised of undesignated amounts at June 30:

	2024	2023
Property and equipment	\$ 2,355,405	\$ 2,514,448
General	(100,028)	503,782
	\$ 2,255,377	\$ 3,018,230

7. Contributed Services and Goods

Great Oaks Foundation (“GOF”) is a not-for-profit charter management organization. In prior years, GOCS-B was managed by GOF. In October 2023, GOCS-B separated from GOF. In 2024 and 2023, GOCS-B received the services of tutors paid for by GOF. These services include both tutors and tutor leaders. These services were valued at the amount of salaries and benefits paid by GOF to the tutors and leaders. The value of these services was \$304,819 and \$286,428 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

In addition, the City of Bridgeport provided transportation and special education services to the students of GOCS-B. Transportation services were valued at \$570,655 and \$359,611 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. Special education services were valued at \$43,401 for both years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. The contributed assistance is valued at fair value based on current rates for these services.

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8. Major Contributors

GOCS-B received approximately 82% of its support from two granting agencies in 2024 and 81% of its support from two granting agencies in 2023. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, GOCS-B has outstanding receivables in the amount of \$446,417 and \$864,593 from one granting agency.

9. Academic and Business Services Agreement

GOCS-B entered into an academic, tutor and business service agreement with GOF until October 1, 2023. The agreement provides academic, tutor, financial and operational services to GOCS-B. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, GOCS-B shall pay a total of \$75,000 for these three months of service, as set forth in the budget adopted by the Board of Directors prior to the commencement of the fiscal year. Since October 1, 2023, GOCS-B is an independent charter school responsible for its own academic, operating, administrative, human resources, and financial functions. In addition, GOCS-B shall pay GOF a tutor fee ranging from \$7,500 to \$14,400 per year for each tutor and tutor leaders. Service and tutor fees are included in professional fees expense.

Included in professional fees on the statements of functional expenses, GOCS-B incurred GOF fees of:

	2024	2023
Service Fee	\$ 82,000	\$ 477,387
Tutor Fee	244,500	196,730
	\$ 326,500	\$ 674,117

10. Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Plan

All certified administrators and teachers participate in the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement System that is administered by the State of Connecticut (the "State"). The Plan requires mandatory contributions by employees of 8.25% of their eligible annual compensation. The State provides the remaining funding of retirement benefits and is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate, which may be reduced by an act of State Legislature. Administrative costs of the Plan are funded by the State. The GOCS-B has no obligation under this plan.

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2024 and 2023**11. Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets**

GOCS-B's financial assets available within one year of the statements of financial position date for general expenditure are as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash	\$ 189,653	\$ 462,888
Grants and contracts receivable	778,342	1,158,593
Account receivable	<u>16,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Financial Assets Available to Management for General Expenditures Within One Year	<u>\$ 983,995</u>	<u>\$ 1,621,481</u>

As part of GOCS-B's liquidity management, GOCS-B has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due.

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Uniform Guidance and State Single Audit Schedules and Reports

June 30, 2024

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass- Through Identifying Number	Provided Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Pass through program from the State of Connecticut				
Education Department				
Child Nutrition Cluster				
National School Lunch Program	10.555	00294	\$ -	\$ 286,778
COVID-19 Allocation of Supply Chain Assistance Funds	10.555A	00294	-	20,028
School Breakfast Program	10.553	00294	-	80,904
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			-	387,710
COVID-19 State Pandemic Electronic Benefit				
Transfer (P-EBT) Administrative Cost Grant	10.649	00294	-	653
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			-	388,363
U.S. Department of Education				
Pass through program from the State of Connecticut				
Education Department				
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Elementary and				
Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds				
Connecticut High Dosage Tutoring Program	84.425U	00294	-	317,525
Homeless Children and Youth II	84.425W	00294	-	2,200
Total COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds			-	319,725
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	84.010	00294	-	485,312
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies (Title I, Part A)	84.010A	00294	-	236,000
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants (Formerly Improving Teacher Quality State Grants)	84.367	00294	-	44,628
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	00294	-	11,455
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	00294	-	35,349
Special Education Grants to States - COVID-19	84.027A	00294	-	10,000
Total U.S. Department of Education			-	1,142,469
U.S. Department of the Treasury				
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act				
ARPA Dual Credit Expansion	21.027	00294	-	9,400
Free Application for Federal Student Aid	21.027	00294	-	1,000
School Mental Health Specialist	21.027	00294	-	59,766
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			-	70,166
U.S. Federal Communication Commission				
Pass through the U.S. Department of the Treasury				
Emergency Connectivity Fund	32.009	00294	-	11,599
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ -	\$ 1,612,597

See Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended June 30, 2024

1. Basis of presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the “Schedule”) includes the federal award activity of Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc. (‘GOCS-B’) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. 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 GOCS-B, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of GOCS-B.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. 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

GOCS-B has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



**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**

Independent Auditors' Report

**Board of Trustees
Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.**

We have audited, 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 the financial statements of the Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport, Inc. ("GOCS-B") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 30, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered GOCS-B's 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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of GOCS-B's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the GOCS-B'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 material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether GOCS-B's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 GOCS-B's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering GOCS-B's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

Shelton, Connecticut
December 30, 2024



Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Independent Auditors' Report

**Board of Directors
Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.**

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport, Inc. ("GOCS-B")'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 each of GOCS-B's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. GOCS-B's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, GOCS-B 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 programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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 GOCS-B 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 GOCS-B'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 effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to GOCS-B'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 GOCS-B'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 a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about GOCS-B'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 GOCS-B'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 GOCS-B'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 GOCS-B'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 a 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.

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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.

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

Shelton, Connecticut
December 30, 2024

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs - Federal
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? yes no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes none reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major Federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? yes no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes none reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major Federal programs:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2CFR section 200.516(a)?

yes no

Identification of major Federal programs:

Federal Assistance Listing Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies
84.010A	Every Student Succeeds ACT School Improvement Grant Competitive

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and type B programs:

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as a low risk auditee?

yes no

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Schedule of Federal Findings and Questioned Costs (*continued*)
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section II - Financial Statement Findings:

- During our audit, we noted no material findings for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs:

- During our audit, we noted no material instances of noncompliance and none of the costs reported in the federal financially assisted programs are questioned or recommended to be disallowed.

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Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance
Year Ended June 30, 2024

State Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	State Grant Program Core-CT Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total State Expenditures
Connecticut Department of Education			
Charter Schools	11000-SDE64000-16119	\$ -	\$ 8,135,355
School Breakfast	11000-SDE64000-17046	-	2,652
Health Food Initiative	11000-SDE64000-16212	-	5,416
Bilingual Education English Learner Pilot Program	11000-SDE64000-17042	-	8,370
Children Nutrition State Match Grant	11000-SDE64000-16211	-	2,875
Commissioner's Network	11000-SDE64000-12547	-	50,000
Talent Development - TEAM	11000-SDE64000-12552	-	2,654
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Expenditures of State Financial Assistance		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,207,322</u>

See Independent Auditors' Report and Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance Year Ended June 30, 2024

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance (the “Schedule”) includes state grant activity of Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc. under programs of the State of Connecticut for the year ended June 30, 2024. Various departments and agencies of the State of Connecticut have provided financial assistance through grants and other authorizations in accordance with the general statutes of the State of Connecticut. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the GOCS-B, it is not intended and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of GOCS-B.

The accounting policies of Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc. conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to not-for-profit organizations.

The information in the Schedule is presented based on regulations established by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management.

2. Basis of Accounting

The expenditures reported on the Schedule are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. In accordance with Section 4-236-22 of the Regulations to the State Single Audit Act, certain grants are not dependent on expenditure activity, and accordingly, are considered to be expended in the fiscal year of receipt. These grant program receipts are reflected in the expenditures column of the Schedule.



**Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program and
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance
Required by the State Single Audit Act**

Independent Auditors' Report

**Board of Directors
Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.**

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport, Inc.'s. ("GOCS-B") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the Office of Policy and Management *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of GOCS-B's major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. GOCS-B's major state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, GOCS-B 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 state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major State 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 State Single Audit Act (C.G.S. Sections 4-230 to 4-236). Our responsibilities under those standards and the State Single Audit Act are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of GOCS-B 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 state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of GOCS-B'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 effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to GOCS-B's state 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 GOCS-B'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 State Single Audit Act 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 a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about GOCS-B's compliance with the requirements of each major state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the State Single Audit Act, 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 GOCS-B'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 GOCS-B'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 State Single Audit Act, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of GOCS-B'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.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the State Single Audit Act and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs – State as items 2024-001 and 2024-002. Our opinion on each major state program is not modified with respect to these matters.

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Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on GOCS-B's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs – State. GOCS-B's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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 state program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a 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 state 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 state 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 State Single Audit Act. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

Shelton, Connecticut
December 30, 2024

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs - State
Year Ended June 30, 2024

I. Summary of auditors’ results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors’ opinion issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes none reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes no

State Financial Assistance

Internal control over major State programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes none reported

Type of auditors’ opinion issued on compliance for major State programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 4-236-24 of the regulations to the State Single Audit Act? Yes no

The following schedule reflects the major programs included in the audit:

<u>State Grantor and Program</u>	<u>State Core – CT Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
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Department of Education	Charter Schools	11000-SDE64000-16119	\$8,135,355
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- Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$200,000

II. Financial Statement Findings

- During our audit, we noted no material findings for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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Schedule of State Findings and Questioned Costs – State (*continued*) Year Ended June 30, 2024

III. State Financial Assistance Findings and Questioned Costs

2024-001 Non-Certified Personnel

Grantor: Connecticut Department of Education
State Program Name: Charter School
Pass-through Entity: None
State Grant Program
Core – CT Number: 11000-SDE64000-16119

Criteria: GOCS-B must be in compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. Connecticut General Statutes 10-66dd requires that all teachers, supervisors, administrators, special staff members or school superintendent employed by GOCS-B must possess an appropriate state certificate prior to the first day of employment.

Condition: During fiscal 2024 GOCS-B had 4 employees without a proper certification credentials.

Context: 4 teachers out of 77 teachers and administrators tested were found to have exceptions to possessing the appropriate state certificate for employment.

Effect: GOCS-B funds these positions with non-governmental funds; however, the State Board of Education may still levy fines or withhold State funding.

Cause: While GOCS-B prioritizes hiring certified staff, there is a lack of diverse and certified teachers available for hire in Connecticut Charter Schools.

Repeat Finding: This is a repeat finding from the June 30, 2023 state single audit, finding 2023-001.

Recommendation: GOCS-B should ensure compliance with Connecticut General Statutes 10-66dd.

Planned Corrective Action: See response included in the current year Corrective Action

2024-002 Reporting

Criteria: GOCS-B had to submit the Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) for 2022-2023 Educational Financial System Data and October 2022 PSIS Data Elements to the Connecticut State Department of Education on or before Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Condition: GOCS-B's AUP for 2022-2023 Educational Financial System Data and October 2022 PSIS Data Elements was not filed on time.

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Schedule of State Findings and Questioned Costs – State (*continued*)
Year Ended June 30, 2024

III. State Financial Assistance Findings and Questioned Costs (*continued*)

Context: When performing the 2024 audit we noted that the AUP for 2022-2023 Educational Financial System Data and October 2022 PSIS Data Elements to the Connecticut State Department of Education was not filed on time.

Effect: The Connecticut State Department of Education may levy fines.

Cause: Information necessary to file timely was not readily available resulting in a delay.

Recommendation: We recommend that GOCS-B's files AUP for Educational Financial System Data and PSIS Data Elements to the Connecticut State Department of Education on or before the due date.

Planned Corrective Action: See response included in the current year Corrective Action

Great Oaks Charter School – Bridgeport, Inc.

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Financial Statement Findings:

2023-001 Non-Certified Personnel

Grantor: Connecticut Department of Education
State Program Name: Charter School
Pass-through Entity: None
State Grant Program
Core – CT Number: 11000-SDE64000-16119

Criteria: GOCS-B must be in compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. Connecticut General Statutes 10-66dd requires that all teachers, supervisors, administrators, special staff members or school superintendent employed by GOCS-B must possess an appropriate state certificate prior to the first day of employment. During fiscal 2023, GOCS-B had 10 employees without a proper certification credentials.

Status: Condition still exists, see finding 2024-001.

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AUDIT FINDING

Finding Reference Number: 2024-001 Non-Certified Personnel

Description of Finding: During fiscal 2024 GOCS-B had 4 employees without proper certification credentials.

Statement of Concurrence: We concur with the finding & recommendation, which have been reviewed with the management team and the board's finance committee.

Corrective Action:

During the FY24 school year, the Great Oaks Charter School had 4 teachers who were not certified. Given the continuing challenges of the teacher shortage facing schools in general and the Bridgeport community in particular, we are building on the additional steps we have taken to help certify all our teachers:

Identified Issues Regarding Certification:

- Increased salary range to competitively recruit highly qualified teachers, placing the school at the high end of the district's salary range
- Develop partnerships with local colleges to recruit likely-to-certify candidates.
- Work more closely with the CSDE certification team to help expedite applications through the approval process.
- Pre-qualify prospective teachers through transcript review before second interviews
- Certification screening and, if required, application completion before onboarding
- Bi-weekly check-ins with staff members with pending certification expirations (6 months) or pending applications to ensure compliance with State mandates
- Enhanced relationships with local colleges to streamline the AmeriCorps Fellow to Teacher Pipeline for internal candidates
- Praxis (certification testing) coaching is offered in addition to any certification program offerings
- Certification testing reimbursement

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AUDIT FINDING

Finding Reference Number: 2024-002 Reporting

Description of Finding: GOCS-B's AUP for 2022-2023 Educational Financial System Data and October 2022 PSIS Data Elements was not filed on time.

Statement of Concurrence: We concur with the finding & recommendation, which have been reviewed with the management team and the board's finance committee.

Corrective Action:

At the deadline, the Educational Financial System data had been filed but not the auditor's Agreed-Upon-Procedures, which were being finalized. The school will set up a schedule so that the information needed for the AUP earlier during the audit cycle. After reviewing with CSDE, we now understand together with the audit team that the AUP must be filed by the deadline and amendments can be added at a later date if necessary. This will help ensure that the AUP for the Educational Financial System Data and PSIS Data Elements are filed on a timely basis.

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Sage Intacct Proposal Summary



	TPS Implementation	Standard Implementation
Timeline	7 weeks to go-live & 6 weeks post go-live support	12 weeks to go-live & 6 to 8 weeks post go-live support
Historical Data	Current fiscal year up to go-live only	2 years of GL Monthly Summary Net Changes
Set-up	Pre-configured	Best Practices & individually configured
Implementation Responsibility	More responsibility is put on the client	CLA is more involved
Price	\$12,250	\$15,000



TPS Implementation Overview

What's in a Trusted Practice Solution (TPS)?

General Ledger

Accounts Payable
w/Electronic Payments

Accounts Receivable

Cash Management

Financial Reports

Statistical Reports

Pre-Defined Roles

4/5 Digit GL Accounts

Purchasing

Order Entry

Time and Expense

Financial Dashboards

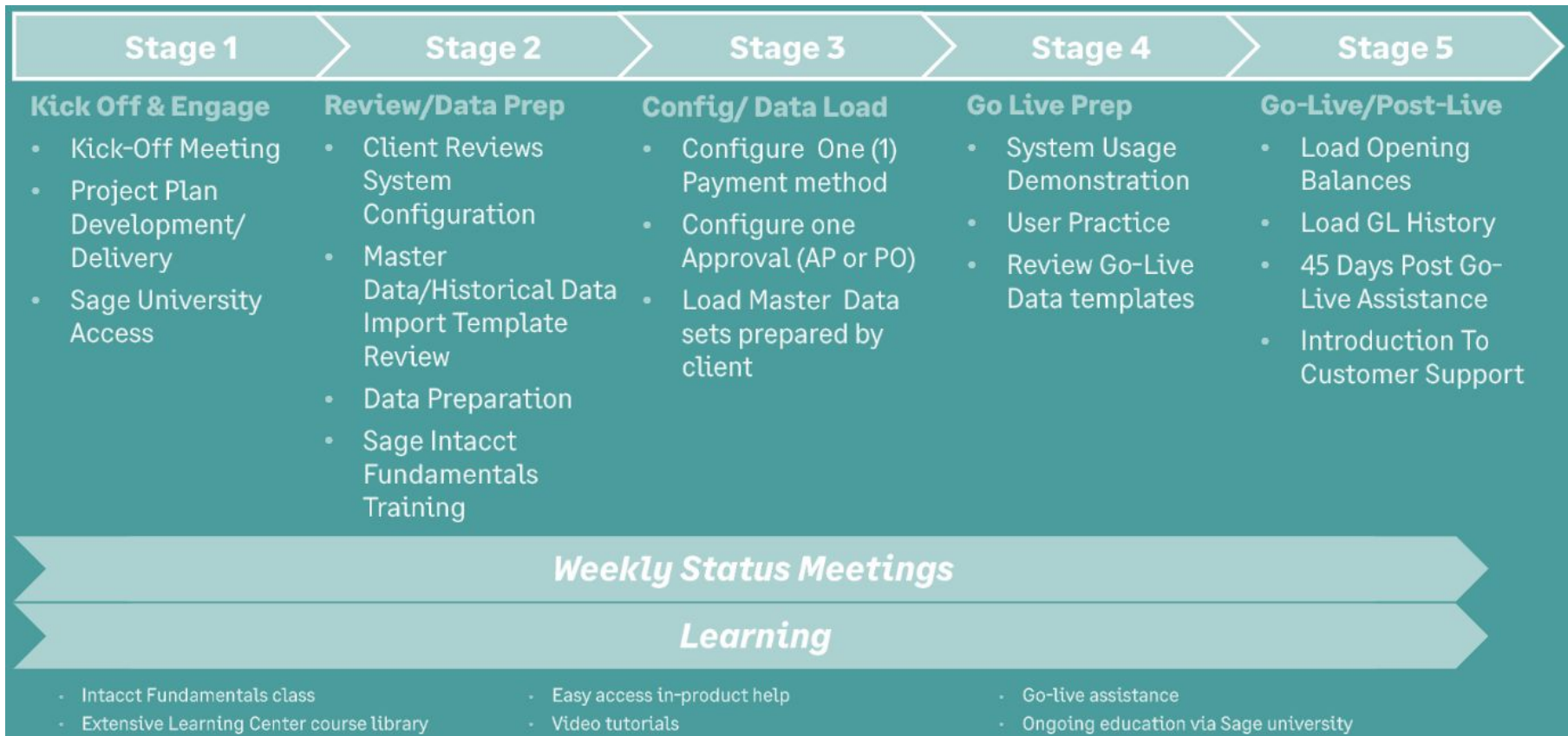
Role Based Dashboards

Pre-Defined Checklists

Pre-configured based on best practices



TPS - Fixed Fee, Fixed Scope Project Delivery



Do you qualify for a TPS Implementation?

Requirements for a fixed fee, fixed scope

- A Trusted Practice Solution
- Use of out-of-the-box COA
- Accrual basis only
- Up to 5 entities
- Current FY history only

Micro vertical specific TPS available for EA

General Business

- Business Basics
- Farming
- Residential Services

Hospitality

- Restaurants
- Lodging

Not For Profit

- Community Clinic
- Behavioral Health
- Long Term Care
- Associations
- Social Services
- Schools
- Churches

Healthcare

- Long Term Care
- Patient Care
- Dental Practice
- Behavioral Health

Statement of Work Summary

TPS – Fixed Fee, Fixed Scope Implementation

Trusted Practice Solutions

- Pre-configured Sage Intacct environment that has industry best practices built-in
- Used as a starting point for implementation
- What's pre-configured:
 - Core application configuration
 - Chart of Accounts and Statistical Accounts
 - KPI scorecards
 - Reports and dashboards
 - Dimension terminology

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Fixed fee, fixed scope implementation of Sage Intacct Common Core

- Timeline: 7 weeks to go-live and 6 weeks post go-live support
- Limitations:
 - Requires use of a Trusted Practice Solution
 - Must accept pre-configured chart of accounts
 - Accrual basis only
 - Up to 5 entities
 - Current FY history up to go-live
- **Price: \$12,250**

Fixed Scope Breakdown

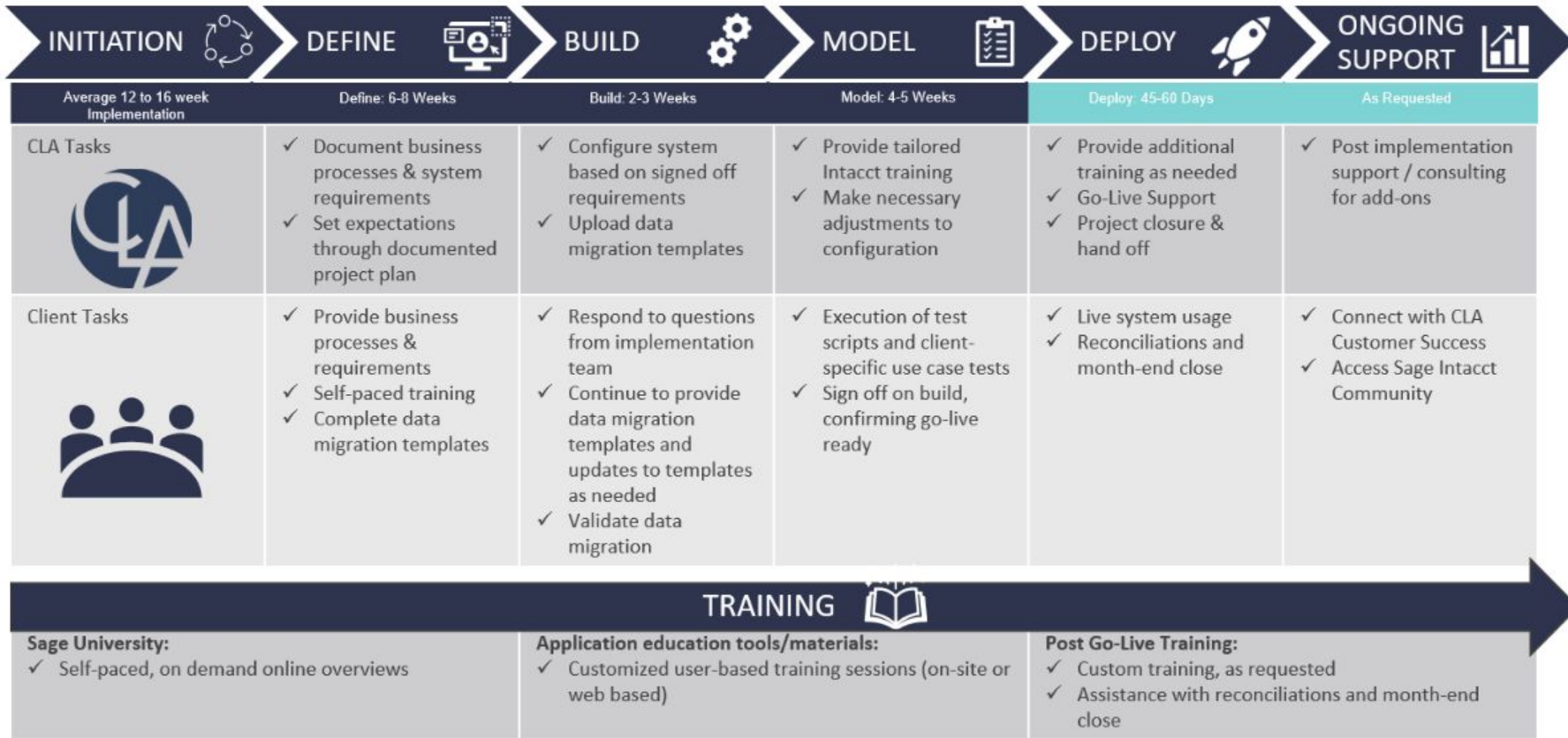
- Editions – Essentials Package
 - Core modules: GL, Cash Management, AP, AR, Purchasing, Basic Project Tracking, & Reporting
 - 2 Business users
 - 1 Employee user 10-pack
 - 1 entity
 - Learning Membership
- Sandbox Environment





Standard Implementation

Sage Intacct Implementation Methodology



Collaborative Team

Project Leader

- Responsible for the overall project delivery including:
 - Assignment of scope
 - Planning and Scheduling
 - Conducting Status Meetings
 - Preparing Status Reports
 - Complete CLA's activities as specified in this Statement of Work

Lead Consultant

- Leads tasks and implementation deliverables for Project
- Strategic advisor for best practice system recommendations

Consultant

- Assists lead consultant with deliverables, including requirements gathering, documentation, build and training.

Client Relationship Leader

- Executive QA and oversight.
- Supports Client throughout your relationship with CLA
- Point of escalation and non-billable resource



Business Process Improvement



Experience

Project Team
Organization



Understanding

Current situation
Business needs and
requirements
Desired outcome



Solution

Options
Benefits
Priorities



Methods

Interviews
Workshops
Brainstorming sessions
Documentation



Value of the Intacct Implementation



- ✓ Deep industry specialization
- ✓ Understanding your requirements
- ✓ Share best practices in process automation
- ✓ Assist in establishing the structure
- ✓ Configure Intacct to best fit your needs
- ✓ Automate consolidations & allocations
- ✓ Financial & operational reporting
- ✓ Dedicated training and support resources
- ✓ Both accounting professionals and Sage Intacct application consultants and senior consultants



Post Go-Live Support



Support Services

Tier 1 Support – Included in subscription

User Errors – Billed hourly at Client Support Rate

User Training/Report Writing – Billed hourly at Client Support Rate



Access to CLA Support Desk – Email/Phone Support;
8:00am-5pm CST



Access to Sage Intacct Customer Portal



Client Success Plan – Dedicate Client Success Team Member;
discounted Client Support Rate of \$195/hour



Statement of Work Summary

In-Scope and Optional Applications, Solutions, and Implementation Services

- Sage Intacct Multi-entity, Shared Environment with One (1) Entity
- Two (2) Business Users
- One (1) Employee 10-Pack
- QuickStart Financial Statements and Dashboards
- Sage Intacct Core Modules:
 - General Ledger
 - Accounts Payable
 - Accounts Receivable
 - Cash Management
 - Purchasing
 - Basic Project Tracking
- Vendor ACH Payment Services
- User-Defined Dimensions **(Optional)**
- Sage Intacct Collaborate
- 3rd Party Systems:
 - csv Integrations
 - MPP Integrations
 - Sage Cloud Banking
- Data Migration:
 - Configuration Data
 - Dimensional Data
 - Historical Data
 - Opening Balance as of 12/31/2023
 - GL Monthly Summary Net Changes for fiscal years ending 2023 and 2024 up to go-live date
 - Open AP Invoice Balances
 - Open AR Invoice Balances

Pricing Summary

- Billing Type: Fixed Fee
- In-Scope Fees: \$15,000
- Optional Components:
 - User-Defined Dimensions \$2,500





Sage Intacct Subscription

Subscription Cost Breakdown

Module Description	QTY	Annual Price	Total
Intacct Essentials Edition	1	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Includes: General Ledger, Cash Management, Purchase Order, Accounts Payable, Order Entry, Accounts Receivable, Basic Time and Expenses, Basic Project Tracking,			
Core Reporting and Dashboards, Two (2) Business Users, One (1) Additional Entity, One (1) Employee User Ten (10) Pack, and Sage Intacct Learning Membership			
Sandbox Environment	1	\$ 900	\$ 900
Annual Sage Intacct Subscription			\$ 9,900
Total of 20% Annual Subscription Nonprofit Discount (Excludes the Essentials Edition package)			\$ (180)
Annual total with core modules, users and add-on modules			\$ 9,720

