Financial Statements

August 31, 2016 For the year then ended

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CERTIFICATE OF BOARD

Newman International Academy of Arlington County-District Number: 220-817

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached annual financial reports of the above named charter holder were reviewed and:

approved _____ disapproved

for the year ended August 31, 2016, at a meeting of the board of directors of such charter holder on the 22nd day of Januany 2017.

Signature of Boord President

Signature of Board Secretary

If the board of trastees/directors disapproved of the auditors' report, the reason(s) for disapproving it (is/are):



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors Newman International Academy of Arlington

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Newman International Academy of Arlington (the "School") (a nonprofit organization), which are comprised the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2016, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Newman International Academy of Arlington as of August 31, 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of Newman International Academy of Arlington. In accordance with the requirements established by the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide – Special Supplement – Charter Schools issued by the Texas Education Agency, the required supplemental information has been presented in addition to the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied to the basic financial statements. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated January 13, 2017, on our consideration of Newman International Academy of Arlington'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 to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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Dallas, Texas January 13, 2017

NEWMAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF ARLINGTON Statement of Financial Position As of August 31, 2016

Assets

Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	405,820
Restricted cash		7,209,360
Grants receivable		771,708
Other receivables		29,120
Prepaid expenditures		13,890
Total current assets	- C=	8,429,898
Noncurrent assets		
Property and equipment, net		10,143,300
Bond costs, net		904,396
Other assets		50,000
Total noncurrent assets	-	11,097,696
Total assets	\$	19,527,594
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$	125,133
Accrued expenses		824,331
Due to student groups		24,727
Notes payable - current portion		24,225
Bonds payable - current portion		195,000
Deferred revenues	1.1	3,010
Total current liabilities	-	1,196,426
Noncurrent liabilities		
Notes payable - less current portion		95,858
Bonds payable - less current portion		18,120,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	-	18,215,858
Total liabilities		19,412,284
Net assets		
Unrestricted		
Temporarily restricted		115,310
Total net assets	-	115,310
Total liabilities and net assets	¢	19,527,594

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

NEWMAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF ARLINGTON Statement of Activities For the year ended August 31, 2016

		2.1	Unrestricted		emporarily Restricted	d.	Total
Revenu	25						
Loca	support						
	Other revenues from local sources	\$	53,035	\$		5	53,035
	Revenue from enterprising activities	4	106,620	*	2		106,620
	Total local support	-	159,655	1	12	12	159,655
State	program revenues						
	Foundation school program				9,988,780		9,988,780
	Available school fund program		12		158,913		158,913
	Other state program revenues				175,213		175,213
	Total state program revenues	12	-	12	10,322,906	1	10,322,906
Fede	ral program revenues						
	Title I, Part A		1.20		69,596		69,596
	IDEA - Part B Formula		-		120,322		120,322
	IDEA - Part B Preschool		-		1,814		1,814
	Title II, Part A				15,768		15,768
	National school breakfast and lunch program		-		199,314		199,314
	Other federal program revenues				2,004		2,004
	Total federal program revenues				408,818	1	408,818
	Net assets released from restrictions		11,689,014	_	(11,689,014)	_	
	Total revenues	_	11,848,669	1.1	(957,290)	1	10,891,379
Expense	'S						
Prog	ram services:						
11	Instruction		6,323,027		-		6,323,027
12	Instructional resources and media services		168,897		1.2		168,897
13	Curriculum and instructional staff development		15,813				15,813
21	Instructional leadership		64,005				64,005
23	School leadership		1,136,816		-		1,136,816
Supp	ort services:						
31	Guidance, counseling and evaluation services		161,208		*		161,208
33	Health services		144,298				144,298
34	Student transportation		65,637				65,637
35	Food services		428,708				428,708
36	Extracurricular activities		362,385		12		362,385
41	General administration		855,465				855,465
51	Plant maintenance and operations		1,597,380		-		1,597,380
52	Security and monitoring services		44,797				44,797
53	Data processing services		190,681		-		190,681
71	Debt service	-	289,552	-	141	_	289,552
	Total expenses	-	11,848,669	-		-	11,848,669
Change	in net assets				(957,290)		(957,290)
Net asse	ts, beginning of year	-		-	1,072,600	4	1,072,600
Net asse	ts, end of year	\$	4	\$	115,310	\$	115,310

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

NEWMAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF ARLINGTON Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended August 31, 2016

Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$	(957,290)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net		
cash provided (used) by operating activities		
Depreciation		67,075
Amortization of bond costs		15,073
Increase in grants receivable		(177,327)
Increase in other receivables		(533)
Decrease in prepaids		69,178
Increase in other assets		(40,000)
Increase in accounts payable		52,427
Increase in accrued expenses		469,632
Increase in due to student groups		4,751
Increase in deferred revenues		2,792
Net cash consumed by operating activities		(494,222)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of land, building, and equipment		(10,079,417)
Net cash consumed by investing activities		(10,079,417)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issuance of bonds payable		18,315,000
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable		110,546
Payment of capitalized bond costs		(919,469)
Payments of notes payable	_	(19,957,
Net cash provided by financing activities		17,486,120
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		6,912,481
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		702,699
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	7,615,180
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the year for:		
Interest	Ś	299,381
Income taxes	<	-
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of activities

Newman International Academy of Arlington ("the School") is an open enrollment charter school incorporated in March 2011 offering innovative education programs to children in a single charter school. The School is supported primarily through state foundation school program act entitlements, donor contributions, and federal grants. Approximately 94 percent of the School's support for 2016 came from state entitlements. The school does not conduct any other charter or non-charter activities.

Basis of presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the School and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted net assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations or net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that have been met by the School within the same year received. State and federal revenues are reported as unrestricted net assets because it met all state and federal restrictions in the same reporting period and this accounting treatment has been applied consistently from period to period.

Temporarily restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may be or will be met, either by actions of the School and/or the passage of time. When a restriction is met in the year following receipt, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor imposed stipulations that they will be maintained permanently. For the year ended August 31, 2016 there were no permanently restricted net assets.

Contributions

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Conditional promises to give are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Unconditional promises to give, due in the next year, are recorded at their net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give, due in subsequent years, are reported at the present value of their net realizable value, using risk-free interest rates applicable to the years in which the promises are to be received.

Cash equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of short-term, highly liquid investments which are readily convertible into cash within ninety (90) days of purchase.

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Functional allocation of expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Estimates

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

Compensated absences

Compensated absences cannot be reasonably estimated and are therefore recorded at cost when paid.

Depreciable assets

Depreciable assets are stated at cost or at estimated fair value at the date of gift. Donations are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. The School capitalizes all expenditures over \$5,000 to depreciable assets. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the assets.

Income taxes

The School is exempt from Federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and therefore has made no provision for Federal income taxes in the accompanying financial statements. In addition, the School has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service not to be a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The School is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. Management believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years beginning prior to September 1, 2012.

Date of Management's Review

Subsequent events were evaluated through January 13, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

2. Due from Grantor Agencies

As of August 31, 2016, the School had earned the following revenues which were not received until after the end of the fiscal year:

Foundation entitlements	\$ 751,943
Other state grants	18,675
Federal grants	1,090
Total	\$ <u>771,708</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

3. Depreciable Assets

The following is a summary of property and equipment as of August 31, 2016:

	Beginning Balance		Additions		Disposals		Ending Balance
\$	2	\$	2,175,000	\$	÷	\$	2,175,000
	1. B.		6,600,300		-		6,600,300
	29,916		123,522				153,438
	174,171				÷.		174,171
	÷.		1,180,595		4		1,180,595
\$	204,087	\$	10,079,417	\$	-	\$	10,283,504
	73.129		67.075		4		140,204
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	\$	Balance \$ 29,916 174,171	Balance \$ - \$ 29,916 174,171 \$ 204,087 \$ 73,129 -	Balance Additions \$ - \$ 2,175,000 - \$ 2,175,000 6,600,300 29,916 123,522 174,171 - 174,171 - 1,180,595 10,079,417 \$ 204,087 \$ 10,079,417 73,129 67,075 5 67,075	Balance Additions \$ - \$ 2,175,000 \$ - \$ 2,175,000 \$ - 6,600,300 29,916 123,522 174,171 - - - 1,180,595 \$ \$ 204,087 \$ 10,079,417 \$ - 73,129 67,075 - <	Balance Additions Disposals \$ - \$ 2,175,000 \$ - - 6,600,300 - - - 6,600,300 - 29,916 123,522 -	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $

*Depreciation expense for the year ended August 31, 2016 was \$67,075.

4. Notes payable

The School's loan activity during the year ended August 31, 2016 was as follows:

Lender	Collateral	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Maturity <u>Date</u>	Begin <u>Bala</u>	ning ance	Addit	ions	Repo	iyments	nding lance
Ford Credit	15 Passenger Van	6.79%	2020	\$ 2	29,494	\$	1.1	\$	5,218	\$ 24,276
Ford Credit	Ford E350	6.79%	2021		- A.	3	0,560		4,849	25,711
Ally Financial	Ford Transport	10.69%	2022			3	0,486		3,151	27,335
Wells Fargo	Freightliner	9.00%	2022			4	9,500		6,739	42,761
				\$ 2	29,494	\$_11	0,546	\$	19,957	\$ 120,083

Presented below is a summary of note payment requirements to maturity:

Year ended August 31,	Principal	1	Interest	F	Total Requirements
2017	\$ 24,225	\$	9,376	\$	33,601
2018	26,334		7,267		33,601
2019	28,633		4,968		33,601
2020	30,532		2,478		33,010
2021	9,246		347		9,593
2022	1,113		42	-	1,155
	\$ 120,083	\$	24,478	\$ _	144,561

Notes to Financial Statements

5. Bonds Payable

On April 22, 2016, the School issued two bond series through the Arlington Higher Education Finance Corporation. The proceeds of these bonds were used to purchase, and renovate certain buildings used for instructional purposes as well as construct additional facilities at the Cedar Hill campus. The bonds are secured by a deed of trust against those properties.

The School's bond activity during the year ended August 31, 2016 was as follows:

	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Maturity <u>Date</u>	Begini Balai		Additions	Repayr	nents	Ending <u>Balance</u>
Series 2016A	4.375% -5.625%	2019-2046	\$	-	\$16,965,000	\$		\$16,965,000
Series 2016B	6.25%	2017-2022		-	1,350,000			1,350,000
			\$	-	\$18,315,000	\$		\$18,315,000

At August 31, 2016, future debt service requirements pursuant to these bond issues were as follows:

Year ended August 31,	Principal	Interest	Total Requirements
2017	\$ 195,000	\$ 989,094	\$ 1,184,094
2018	205,000	976,906	1,181,906
2019	295,000	964,094	1,259,094
2020	310,000	947,156	1,257,156
2021	330,000	929,281	1,259,281
2022-2026	1,915,000	4,372,281	6,287,281
2027-2031	2,430,000	3,860,719	6,290,719
2032-2036	3,155,000	3,134,019	6,289,019
2037-2041	4,110,000	2,179,650	6,289,650
2042-2046	5,370,000	917,125	6,287,125
	\$ 18,315,000	\$ 19,270,325	\$ 37,585,325

All scheduled debt payments were made in a timely manner and the School is in compliance with all debt covenants as of August 31, 2016.

Notes to Financial Statements

6. Commitments and Contingencies

The School leases a facility to house the classroom and office space which expires in August of 2018. In addition, the School leases office equipment and an offsite storage facility under leases which expire February 2017.

Minimum annual rental commitments at August 31, 2016, are as follows:

2017	\$	497,443
2018		438,992
2019		356,006
2020		356,006
2021		300,000
Therafter		442,500
Total minimum lease commitments under	1	
non-cancellable operating leases	\$	2,390,947
Total rent expense during 2016	\$	1,339,793

7. Contingent Liabilities

The School participates in numerous programs that are subject to audit by the Texas Education Agency (the "TEA") and various federal audit agencies. These programs have complex compliance requirements, and should state or federal auditors find areas of substantial noncompliance, those funds may be subject to refund if so determined by administrative audit review.

8. State Foundation Program Revenue

Charter schools in the State of Texas participate in the State foundation program. Under this program, each charter school is entitled to receive these revenues based upon student enrollment and average daily attendance. Each charter school is required to file enrollment and attendance reports at the close of each six weeks reporting period, and at the close of the year. Actual attendance is calculated by the TEA, and the attendance reports are subject to audit by the TEA and final State foundation program earnings may be adjusted as a result of any such audit.

9. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

At August 31, 2016, the School's temporarily restricted net assets total \$1,072,600 consisting primarily of unspent funds from Foundation grants and Child Nutrition programs.

Notes to Financial Statements

10. Budget Variance

Prior to the beginning of the school year, the school prepared and submitted its annual budget for the next fiscal year. However, as a result of changes in programs and average attendance, the budget has been amended as necessary. This has resulted in variances between the original adopted budget and final amended budget presented on the Budgetary Comparison Schedule.

Function 34 (Student Transportation) contained an unfavorable variance of \$28,747 from budget. The variance was primarily due to expenditures related to depreciation expense for current year additions which were not budgeted. In addition, no provision for Debt Service (Function 71) was including in the final budget. Interest expense during the current fiscal year represents amounts paid from bond proceeds rather than from general funds. As a result, no provision for these expenses was included in the final budget amendment.

Management has taken steps to ensure that future related budgets are amended to capture expenditures which are not normally budgeted.

11. Retirement Benefits

Plan Description - The School contributes to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (the System), a public employee retirement system. It is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The System provides service retirement and disability retirement benefits, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The System operates under the authority of provisions contained primarily in Texas Government code, Title 8, Public Retirement Systems, Subtitle C, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, which is subject to amendment by the Texas Legislature.

Participating employers in the System are legal separate entities from the State and from each other. Contributions to the System by one employer may be used for the benefit of a plan member of another participating employer. The unfunded obligations are passed along to the participating employers. There is no withdrawal penalty for a plan member for leaving the System.

Notes to Financial Statements

11. Retirement Benefits (continued)

Name of Plan	Federal Employer ID/Plan Number	Certified Zone Status	Expiration Date of Collective Bargaining Agreement	Improvement or Rehabilitation Plan	Surcharge Paid	Contributions Made 2015-2016
Teacher Retirement System of Texas	n/a	Unknown	n/a	n/a	\$ 7,014	\$ 100,003
Total contributions	made					\$ 100,003

Information with respect to the System is shown in the following table:

Notes to the table:

- 1. Certified Zone Status (as defined by the Pension Protection Act) represents the level at which the plan is funded. Details of the funding status are as follows:
 - i. Total plan assets \$149,780,061,824
 - ii. Accumulated benefit obligations \$163,887,375,172
 - iii. The System is 78.43% funded.
- 2. There is no collective-bargaining agreement.
- Based on the audited GASB 68 allocation schedules from the TRS website as of August 31, 2015, the year-end of the System, contributions made to the System did not represent more than 5% of the total contributions received by the System.
- 4. Contribution rates:

Member	7.2%
State	6.8%
Employer	6.8%

There have been no changes that would affect the comparison of employer contributions from year to year. The System's annual financial report and other required disclosure information are available by writing the General Accounting Department, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, 1000 Red River, Austin, Texas 78701-2698.

In addition, employees may contribute 0.65% of their salary and the School must contribute 0.55% of the salary of each active employee to TRS-Care (the TRS health plan for retired employees). The total amount contributed to TRS-Care for the year was \$80,015 which is equal to the employees' contributions and the School's required contributions for the year.

NEWMAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF ARLINGTON Schedule of Expenses For the year ended August 31, 2016

Expenses			
6100	Payroll costs	\$	8,202,462
6200	Professional and contracted services		2,067,583
6300	Supplies and materials		947,518
6400	Other operating costs		331,725
6500	Interest expense	÷	299,381
Total ex	penses	\$	11,848,669



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NEWMAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF ARLINGTON Schedule of Capital Assets For the year ended August 31, 2016

			-	Local	-	State	Federal	Private	Total	
	1510	Land	\$	4	\$	2,175,000 \$	- \$	- \$	2,175,000	
	1520	Building and improvements				6,600,300	-		6,600,300	
	1531	Vehicles		- 0		153,438	-	-	153,438	
	1549	Furniture and equipment		-		74,391	99,780	-	174,171	
	1580	Construction in progress	-	*		1,180,595	t	<u></u>	1,180,595	
	Total pro	operty and equipment	\$	4	\$	10,183,724 \$	99,780 \$	- \$	10,283,504	

NEWMAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF ARLINGTON Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the year ended August 31, 2016

		-	Budgeted Amounts Original Final				Actual Amounts		from Final	
		-	Original		FINDI	÷	Amounts	-	Budget	
Local su	pport									
5740	Other revenues from local sources	\$	12,525	\$	53,606	\$	53,035	\$	(571	
5751	Food service activity		43,650		84,269	-	106,620	1	22,351	
	Total local support		56,175		137,875	-	159,655	÷	21,780	
State pr	ogram revenues									
5812	Foundation school program		9,273,841	3	9,616,165		9,988,780		372,615	
5811	Available school fund program		143,198		158,913		158,913			
5829	State program revenues distributed by TEA		1,500	_	175,460	_	175,213	-	(247	
	Total state program revenues	1	9,418,539		9,950,538		10,322,906		372,368	
Federal	program revenues									
5921	National school breakfast program								19.677	
5921			16,000		21,415		24,155		2,740	
5922	National school lunch program		207,500		156,785		160,313		3,528	
5929	Federal revenues distributed by the TEA	÷	•		217,292	-	224,350	-	7,058	
	Total federal program revenues	-	223,500		395,492	-	408,818	÷	13,326	
	Total revenues	4	9,698,214	1	0,483,905	L.	10,891,379	-	407,474	
penses										
5	n services:									
11	Instruction		5,188,132		C 357 041		C 222 027		24.044	
12	Instructional resources and media				6,357,841		6,323,027		34,814	
13	Curriculum and instructional staff development		171,418 5,000		186,418		168,897		17,521	
21	Instructional leadership				18,768		15,813		2,955	
23	School leadership		59,528		64,028		64,005		23	
	services:		1,031,703		1,132,723		1,136,816		(4,093	
31	Guidance, counseling and evaluation services		111,577		153 077		161 200		050	
33	Health services				162,077		161,208		869	
34	Student transportation		137,968		144,968		144,298		670	
35	Food services		200 000		36,890		65,637		(28,747	
36	Extracurricular activities		368,650		429,250		428,708		542	
41	General administration		287,186		344,786		362,385		(17,599)	
51	Plant maintenance and operations		675,917		856,917		855,465		1,452	
52			1,447,832	9	1,863,832		1,597,380		266,452	
53	Security and monitoring services		30,000		91,000		44,797		46,203	
71	Data processing services Debt service		183,303		218,303		190,681		27,622	
/1	Debt Service	-		-		-	289,552	-	(289,552,	
	Total expenses	-	9,698,214	1	1,907,801	_	11,848,669	-	59,132	
	net assets		÷	(3	1,423,896)		(957,290)		466,606	
nange in r										
	beginning of year	-	1,072,600	1	1,072,600	1	1,072,600	12	*	



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 Newman International Academy of Arlington

We have audited the statement of financial position, the related statements of activities and cash flows of Newman International Academy of Arlington (the "School"), as of and for the year ended August 31, 2016, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 13, 2017. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting.

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 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.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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Dallas, Texas January 13, 2017