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**SUBJECT: AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE FOUNDATION
FOR NEW EDUCATION INITIATIVES, INC. AND INDEPENDENT
AUDITOR’S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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The financial statements of the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc. (the “Foundation”) for the year ended June 30, 2021, were audited by the external audit firm of BDO USA, LLP, Certified Public Accountants and Advisors. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized and operated as a Miami-Dade County School Board’s Direct-Support Organization. The Foundation’s annual audit is required by State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.0013 and pursuant to Florida Statute 1.001.453 and School Board Policy 9215.

In the independent auditor’s report, the external auditor concluded that, in their opinion, “...the financial statements...present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of [the] Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc. as of June 30, 2021, 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.” This language constitutes an unmodified opinion, which is the strongest opinion that can be assigned to a financial statement audit.

As of June 30, 2021, the Foundation’s financials reported total net assets of approximately \$4.2 million, which represents an increase from the prior year of approximately \$1.7 million, or close to 68 percent. In addition, total revenues reported at June 30, 2021, were approximately \$5.8 million, of which 37 percent was generated from local grant funds.

Total expenditures for program services (intended to enhance educational and cultural experiences of students) amounted to approximately \$4.0 million, or 97 percent of total expenditures; while expenditures for supporting services (which included general/administrative and fundraising) were approximately \$113,607, or 3 percent of total expenditures.

The School Board Audit and Budget Advisory Committee reviewed these financial statements at its March 8, 2022, meeting and recommended transmission to the School Board.

Copies of these financial statements were distributed and placed on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary to the School Board and in the Citizen Information Center.

The financial statements may be accessed at:

http://mca.dadeschools.net/AuditCommittee/AC_March_8_2022/Item5.pdf

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive and file the Audited Financial Statements of the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc. and Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2021.

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