

ARISE!, INC.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND
COMPLIANCE REPORTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015

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ARISE! , INC.
COUNTY-DISTRICT NO. 057833
FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 31-1581048

ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached Annual Financial and Compliance Report of Arise!, Inc. was reviewed and (check one) approved disapproved for the year ended August 31, 2015, at a meeting of the governing body of said charter holder on the 26th day of January, 2016.



Signature of Board Secretary



Signature of Board President

NOTE: If the governing body of the charter school does not approve the independent auditors' report, it must forward a written statement discussing the reason(s) for not approving the report.

GREGORY S. DELK



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Unmodified Opinion on Financial Statements

Board of Directors
Arise!, Inc.
Rowlett, Texas

Members of the Board of Directors:

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Arise!, Inc. listed in the table of contents as of and for the year ended August 31, 2015 and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I 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 auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting principles used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Arise!, Inc. as of August 31, 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

My audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is 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 my opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated January 15, 2016 on my consideration of Arise!, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my testing of internal controls 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* in considering Arise! Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Gregory S. Delk, CPA
January 15, 2016

**GENERAL-PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

ARISE!, INC.
Statement of Financial Position
August 31, 2015

Exhibit A-1

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash in Banks and On Hand	\$ 830,291.45
Due from State	10,645.00
Prepaid Expenses	17,800.00
Total Current Assets	<u>858,736.45</u>

Property and Equipment

Building and Improvements	166,659.14
Furniture and Equipment	243,294.14
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(217,460.42)</u>
Total Property and Equipment	192,492.86

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 1,051,229.31

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Payroll Taxes Payable	\$ 66,333.76
Accrued Wages Payable	196,997.38
Other Accrued Expenses	1,858.68
Total Current Liabilities	<u>265,189.82</u>

Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets (Deficiency)	(65,719.03)
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets (Deficiency)	<u>851,758.52</u>
Total Net Assets	786,039.49

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$ 1,051,229.31

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ARISE!, INC.

Exhibit A-2

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT</u>			
Local Support--			
Earnings from Investments	\$	\$ 361.84	\$ 361.84
Enterprising Services Revenue		30,575.26	30,575.26
Total Local Support	0.00	30,937.10	30,937.10
State Program Revenues--			
Foundation School Program-Per Capita		90,566.00	90,566.00
Foundation School Program		3,002,188.00	3,002,188.00
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Title III, LEP		1,743.84	1,743.84
Total Federal Program Revenues	0.00	104,404.71	104,404.71
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	2,901,239.56	(2,901,239.56)	0.00
Total Revenue and Other Support	2,901,239.56	378,667.95	3,279,907.51
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Program Services:			
Instructional and Instructional Related Services	1,632,265.93	----	1,632,265.93
Instructional and School Leadership	161,999.96	----	161,999.96
Support Services:			
Administrative Support Services	266,397.74	----	266,397.74
Support Services-Non-Student Based	710,213.95	----	710,213.95
Support Services-Student (Pupil)	116,183.36	----	116,183.36
Community Services	3,415.95	----	3,415.95
Fund Raising	10,762.67	----	10,762.67
Total Expenses	2,901,239.56	0.00	2,901,239.56
Change in Net Assets	0.00	378,667.95	378,667.95
Net Assets (Deficiency), Beginning of Year	(65,719.03)	473,090.57	407,371.54
Net Assets (Deficiency), End of Year	\$ (65,719.03)	\$ 851,758.52	\$ 786,039.49

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ARISE!, INC.
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

Exhibit A-3

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash Received from Government Contracts/Grants	\$ 3,240,221.41
Cash Received from Local Sources	30,937.10
Cash Paid to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(1,386,148.57)
Cash Paid to Employees for Services	(1,382,098.80)
Cash Paid for Income Taxes	0.00
Cash Paid for Interest Expense	0.00
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	<u>502,911.14</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Purchase of Property and Equipment	<u>(6,907.78)</u>
Net Cash Used By Investing Activities	(6,907.78)

Net Increase in Cash	496,003.36
Cash at Beginning of Year	<u>334,288.09</u>
Cash at End of Year	<u>\$ 830,291.45</u>

**RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS TO
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Change in Net Assets	\$ 378,667.95
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	35,771.34
(Increase) Decrease in Operating Assets--	
Due from State	(8,749.00)
Increase (Decrease) in Operating Liabilities--	
Accounts Payable	(10,494.14)
Payroll Taxes Payable	9,975.65
Accrued Wages Payable	95,880.66
Other Accrued Expenses	1,858.68
Net Adjustments	<u>124,243.19</u>
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	<u>\$ 502,911.14</u>

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**NOTES TO
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

ARISE!, INC.
Notes To Financial Statements
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Organization and Nature of Activities –

Arise!, Inc. d/b/a Education Center International Academy provides an alternative learning environment for students. The School operates under an open enrollment charter granted by the State of Texas Board of Education. This charter was issued for a period of five years starting August 2001 and is subject to review and renewal periodically. The organization's charter was renewed until July 31, 2016. The School is part of the public school system of the State of Texas and is therefore entitled to distribution from the State's available school fund. The School does not have the authority to impose ad valorem taxes or to charge tuition. The organization does business as Education Center International Academy and there is not currently any additional financial activity outside of the charter school.

The Organization was incorporated in 1997 and has been recognized as an organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

B. Accounting Policies –

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Financial Accounting Standards Board is the accepted standard setting body for establishing not-for-profit accounting and financial reporting principles. The accounting system is organized under the *Special Supplement to Financial Accounting and Reporting – Nonprofit Charter School Chart of Accounts*, a module of the Texas Education Agency Financial Accountability Resource Guide. The significant accounting policies are as follows:

To insure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the School, the accounts are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting during the year. Resources for various purposes are classified into funds according to their nature and purposes. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, the accompanying statements of financial position and of activities focus on the organization as a whole and reports the amounts of its total assets, liabilities, net assets and changes in net assets in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 117.

The statement of financial position reports the amounts of each of three classes of net assets: temporarily restricted, unrestricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets (currently zero).

- ❖ Temporarily restricted net assets result from contributions and other inflows of assets that are limited by donor imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the School pursuant to those stipulations.

When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

- ❖ Unrestricted net assets are the remaining part of the School's net assets that is neither permanently restricted nor temporarily restricted by donor imposed stipulations. Property and equipment are included in unrestricted net assets.
- ❖ Permanently restricted net assets result from contributions and other inflows of assets that are required to be maintained in perpetuity with only the income to be used for the School's activities due to donor-imposed restrictions.

ARISE!, INC.
Notes To Financial Statements
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Cash and Cash Equivalents –

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash on hand and in banks.

D. Fixed Assets and Depreciation –

All assets acquired with a value of \$5,000.00 (1,500.00 for computers) or greater are recorded as fixed assets and are valued at cost or estimated cost. Donated assets are reported at the fair market value at the time of acquisition. Depreciation of building improvements and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets which range from five to forty years on a straight line basis.

E. Revenues –

Revenues from the State of Texas available school fund are earned based on reported attendance.

Contributions received are recognized as revenue in the period received and are reported as either restricted or unrestricted support, in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 116, *Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*.

- ❖ Contributions with donor imposed restrictions are reported as restricted support. Restricted support increases temporarily restricted net assets.
- ❖ Contributions without donor imposed restrictions are reported as unrestricted support. Unrestricted support increases unrestricted net assets.

Government grant contracts that are entered into by the School are recognized as revenue when services are rendered or when expenses in connection with those services are incurred.

F. Donated Goods and Services –

Donated goods and services that can be measured and meet certain other requirements are recorded in the financial statements as in kind contributions and expenses of a like amount.

G. Personal Leave –

All employees earn five days of paid local and five days of paid state personal leave per year. However, unused balances do not accumulate; therefore, there is no liability accrued on the financial statements.

H. Estimates –

In preparation of the financial statements and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, management's estimated useful lives of asset classes were used in the calculation of depreciation.

ARISE!, INC.
Notes To Financial Statements
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

I. Functional Allocation of Expenses –

The expense of the various programs and other activities has been presented on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain expenses and supporting service costs have been allocated among the various programs.

J. Pension –

The fiduciary net position of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. This includes for purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, and information about assets, liabilities and additions to/deductions from TRS's fiduciary net position. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

2. BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

An analysis of building improvements and equipment at August 31, 2015, is presented as follows:

Asset	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net	Straight Line Depr. Rate
Building and Improvements	\$ 166,659.14	32,699.09	133,960.05	2.5%-6.67%
Furniture & Equipment	243,294.14	184,761.33	58,532.81	14.29%
Total	\$ 409,953.28	217,460.42	192,492.86	

Depreciation expense for the year ended August 31, 2015 was \$35,771.34.

3. PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The Organization participates in a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension that has a special funding situation. The plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). TRS's defined benefit pension plan is established and administered in accordance with the Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Section 67 and Texas Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle C. The pension trust fund is a qualified pension trust under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Texas Legislature establishes benefits and contribution rates within the guidelines of the Texas Constitution. The pension's Board of Trustees does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms. No part of the plan is subject to a collective bargaining agreement.

All employees of public, state-supported educational institutions in Texas who are employed for one-half or more of the standard work load and who are not exempted from membership under Texas Government Code, Title 8, Section 822.002 are covered by the system. Charter Schools are legally separate entities from the State and each other. Funds contributed by any one Charter School or ISD may be used to satisfy the

ARISE!, INC.
Notes To Financial Statements
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

3. PENSION PLAN (continued)

obligations of all the Charter Schools and ISDs in the System. The unfunded obligations are shared by the other Charter Schools and ISDs. There are no withdrawal penalties for leaving the System.

Detailed information about the Teacher Retirement System is available in a separately-issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.trs.state.tx.us/about/documents/cafr.pdf#CAFR>; by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, TX, 78701-2698; or by calling (512) 542-6592.

Benefits Provided

TRS provides service and disability retirement, as well as death and survivor benefits, to eligible employees (and their beneficiaries) of public and higher education in Texas. The pension formula is calculated using 2.3 percent (multiplier) times the average of the five highest annual creditable salaries times years of credited service to arrive at the annual standard annuity except for members who are grandfathered, the three highest annual salaries are used. The normal service retirement is at age 65 with 5 years of credited service or when the sum of the member's age and years of credited service equals 80 or more years. Early retirement is at age 55 with 5 years of service credit or earlier than 55 with 30 years of service credit. There are additional provisions for early retirement if the sum of the member's age and years of service credit total at least 80, but the member is less than age 60 or 62 depending on date of employment, or if the member was grandfathered in under a previous rule. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes; including automatic COLAs. Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes, including ad hoc COLAs can be granted by the Texas Legislature as noted in the Plan description in (A) above.

Contributions

Contribution requirements are established or amended pursuant to Article 16, section 67 of the Texas Constitution which requires the Texas legislature to establish a member contribution rate of not less than 6% of the member's annual compensation and a state contribution rate of not less than 6% and not more than 10% of the aggregate annual compensation paid to members of the system during the fiscal year. Texas Government Code section 821.006 prohibits benefit improvements, if as a result of the particular action, the time required to amortize TRS' unfunded actuarial liabilities would be increased to a period that exceeds 31 years, or, if the amortization period already exceeds 31 years, the period would be increased by such action.

Employee contribution rates are set in state statute, Texas Government Code 825.402. Senate Bill 1458 of the 83rd Texas Legislature amended Texas Government Code 825.402 for member contributions and established employee contribution rates for fiscal years 2014 thru 2017. It also added a 1.5% contribution for employers not paying Old Age Survivor and Disability Insurance (OASDI) on certain employees effective for fiscal year 2015 as discussed in Note 1 of the TRS 2014 CAFR. The 83rd Texas Legislature, General Appropriations Act (GAA) established the employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

Contributors to the plan include members, employers and the State of Texas as the only non-employer contributing entity. The State is the employer for senior colleges, medical schools and state agencies including TRS. In each respective role, the State contributes to the plan in accordance with state statutes and the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

As the non-employer contributing entity for public education and junior colleges, the State of Texas contributes to the retirement system an amount equal to the current employer contribution rate times the aggregate annual compensation of all participating members of the pension trust fund during that fiscal year reduced by the amounts described below which are paid by the employers. Employers (public school, junior college, other entities or the State of Texas as the employer for senior universities and medical schools) are required to pay the employer contribution rate in the following instances:

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Notes To Financial Statements
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

3. PENSION PLAN (continued)

- On the portion of the member's salary that exceeds the statutory minimum for members entitled to the statutory minimum under Section 21.402 of the Texas Education Code.
- During a new member's first 90 days of employment.
- When any part or all of an employee's salary is paid by federal funding sources, a privately sponsored source, from non-educational and general, or local funds.
- When the employing district is a public junior college or junior college district, the employer shall contribute to the retirement system an amount equal to 50% of the state contribution rate for certain instructional or administrative employees; and 100% of the state contribution rate for all other employees.

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, when employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.

Statutorily Determined Contribution Rates

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Member	6.7%	6.4%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State)	6.8%	6.8%
Employers	6.8%	6.8%

The Organization's FYE 8/31/2015 Contributions to the Plan were \$79,164.85 and did not represent more than 5% of the total contributions to the plan.

There have been no changes which would affect the comparison of employer contributions from year to year.

Plan Assets and Obligations

Total Plan assets and obligations for the most recently reported year (8/31/2014) are as follows:

Total Plan Assets	\$157,261,707,241
Total Accumulated Benefit Obligations	\$159,496,075,886
Total Plan Fiduciary Net Position	\$132,779,243,085

The Plan is 83.25% funded.

Additional Plans

Certain employees of the organization are covered under Federal Social Security and Medicare. Under the provisions of that law, covered employees contribute 6.2% for Social Security and 1.45% for Medicare of their covered annual earnings and the Organization pays the matching Social Security and Medicare amounts.

4. HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Employees of the School are covered by a group insurance plan. The School pays \$529.00 towards the employee's premium and the employee pays the balance due plus premiums for dependent coverage through payroll deductions. All premiums were paid to licensed insurers.

ARISE!, INC.
Notes To Financial Statements
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

5. DUE FROM STATE

At August 31, 2015, the School was to receive additional State Foundation Program entitlements of \$10,645.00. This amount will be received from the State during the 2015-2016 school years.

6. OPERATING LEASES

On August 1, 2012 the Organization entered into a lease agreement for classroom space with Berean Baptist Church, 302 N. Town East Blvd, Sunnyvale, Texas. The agreement covered the ten months and 15 days ending June 15, 2019 at \$15,000.00 per month lease payments, plus a monthly maintenance payment of \$2,800.00 and utilities. On July 1, 2013 the Organization entered into a lease agreement for office and classroom space at 8200 Schrade Road, Rowlett, Texas at \$10,500.00 per month until August 31, 2018.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

8/31/2016	339,600.00
8/31/2017	339,600.00
8/31/2018	339,600.00
8/31/2019	178,000.00

7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The School receives funds through state and federal programs which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor. Expenses charged to the grant program are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agency. In the opinion of management, aside from the temporary restrictions on net assets as explained below, there are no contingent liabilities relating to compliance with rules and regulations governing the grants; therefore, no provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

8. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

During the year the School received the majority of its revenues from the Texas Education Agency through a Charter Agreement and through federal grants available to charter schools. The loss of this Charter Agreement would have a material effect on the ability of the School to continue to provide the current level of services to its students.

9. CASH DEPOSIT RISK

At August 31, 2015 and throughout the school year, the School's cash in bank accounts was not entirely covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance. The first \$250,000.00 of interest bearing accounts are covered by FDIC insurance and combined balances reached were in excess of that so there was some risk of cash deposit loss assumed by the Organization. It was only recently that the balances of cash have risen above the FDIC coverage. Subsequent to year end the Organization's bank has pledged securities in excess of the balances at risk above the FDIC coverage.

ARISE!, INC.
Notes To Financial Statements
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

10. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

At August 31, 2015 the School had temporarily restricted net assets of \$851,758.52 that consisted of the following:

Local Revenues	\$ 27,933.14
State Foundation Program	749,738.79
State Gifted and Talented Program	68,548.37
State Bilingual Education Program	1,192.06
Federal IDEA-B Program	<u>4,346.16</u>
	<u>\$ 851,758.52</u>

11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has reviewed subsequent events through January 15, 2016 for the purpose of evaluating the need for their inclusion in these notes. There have been no material subsequent events to note herein.

**SPECIFIC-PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

EDUCATION CENTER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
Statement of Financial Position
August 31, 2015

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**Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015**

Exhibit B-2

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<u>EXPENSES</u>			
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13 Curriculum Dev. & Instructional Staff Dev.	3,261.67	----	3,261.67
23 School Leadership	161,999.96	----	161,999.96
31 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Svcs.	100,776.91	----	100,776.91
33 Health Services	902.84	----	902.84
36 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	14,503.61	----	14,503.61
41 General Administration	266,397.74	----	266,397.74
51 Plant Maintenance and Operations	474,857.16	----	474,857.16
53 Data Processing Services	235,356.79	----	235,356.79
61 Community Services	3,415.95	----	3,415.95
81 Fund Raising	10,762.67	----	10,762.67
Total Expenses	<u>2,901,239.56</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,901,239.56</u>
Change in Net Assets	0.00	378,667.95	378,667.95
Net Assets (Deficiency), Beginning of Year	<u>(65,719.03)</u>	<u>473,090.57</u>	<u>407,371.54</u>
Net Assets (Deficiency), End of Year	\$ <u><u>(65,719.03)</u></u>	\$ <u><u>851,758.52</u></u>	\$ <u><u>786,039.49</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EDUCATION CENTER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

**Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015**

Exhibit B-3

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash Received from Government Contracts/Grants	\$ 3,240,221.41
Cash Received from Local Sources	30,937.10
Cash Paid to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(1,386,148.57)
Cash Paid to Employees for Services	(1,382,098.80)
Cash Paid for Income Taxes	0.00
Cash Paid for Interest Expense	0.00
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	<u>502,911.14</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Purchase of Property and Equipment	<u>(6,907.78)</u>
Net Cash Used By Investing Activities	(6,907.78)

Net Increase in Cash	496,003.36
Cash at Beginning of Year	<u>334,288.09</u>
Cash at End of Year	<u>\$ 830,291.45</u>

**RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS TO
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Change in Net Assets	\$ 378,667.95
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	35,771.34
(Increase) Decrease in Operating Assets--	
Due from State	(8,749.00)
Increase (Decrease) in Operating Liabilities--	
Accounts Payable	(10,494.14)
Payroll Taxes Payable	9,975.65
Accrued Wages Payable	95,880.66
Other Accrued Expenses	1,858.68
Net Adjustments	<u>124,243.19</u>
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	<u>\$ 502,911.14</u>

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**SUPPLEMENTARY
SCHEDULES**

EDUCATION CENTER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

**Schedule of Expenses
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015**

Exhibit C-1

EXPENSES

	<u>Totals</u>
6100 Payroll Costs	\$ 2,113,311.62
6200 Professional and Contracted Services	591,877.05
6300 Supplies and Materials	134,818.96
6400 Other Operating Costs	61,231.93
Total Expenses and Other Losses	\$ <u>2,901,239.56</u>

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EDUCATION CENTER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
Schedule of Capital Assets
August 31, 2015

Exhibit D-1

<u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>	<u>Ownership Interest</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>Local</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Federal</u>	
1110 Cash	\$ 27,933.14	\$ 798,012.15	\$ 4,346.16	\$ 830,291.45
1520 Buildings and Improvements		166,659.14		166,659.14
1549 Furniture and Equipment	44,280.00	123,494.52	75,519.62	243,294.14
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 72,213.14</u>	<u>\$ 1,088,165.81</u>	<u>\$ 79,865.78</u>	<u>\$ 1,240,244.73</u>

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EDUCATION CENTER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

Exhibit E-1

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance from Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<u>REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT</u>				
Local Support--				
5742 Earnings from Temporary Investments	\$	\$	\$ 361.84	\$ 361.84
5755 Enterprising Services Revenue			30,575.26	30,575.26
Total Local Support	<u>26,609.00</u>	<u>25,275.00</u>	<u>30,937.10</u>	<u>5,662.10</u>
State Program Revenues--				
5811 Foundation School Program-Per Capita			90,566.00	90,566.00
5812 Foundation School Program			3,002,188.00	3,002,188.00
5829 Instructional Materials Fund			25,903.70	25,903.70
5829 TRS Employer Contribution Assistance			25,908.00	25,908.00
Total State Program Revenues	<u>2,802,157.00</u>	<u>3,115,526.00</u>	<u>3,144,565.70</u>	<u>29,039.70</u>
Federal Program Revenues--				
5929 Title I, Part A			36,899.42	36,899.42
5929 IDEA-Part B Formula			54,976.05	54,976.05
5929 IDEA-Part B Preschool			932.45	932.45
5929 Title II, Part A TPTR			9,852.95	9,852.95
5929 Title III, LEP			1,743.84	1,743.84
Total Federal Program Revenues	<u>104,073.00</u>	<u>120,583.00</u>	<u>104,404.71</u>	<u>(16,178.29)</u>
Total Revenue and Other Support	2,932,839.00	3,261,384.00	3,279,907.51	18,523.51
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
11 Instruction	1,421,434.00	1,538,502.00	1,629,004.26	(90,502.26)
13 Curriculum Dev. & Instructional Staff Dev.	3,642.00	3,576.00	3,261.67	314.33
23 School Leadership	154,941.00	156,350.00	161,999.96	(5,649.96)
31 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Svcs.	118,602.00	90,304.00	100,776.91	(10,472.91)
33 Health Services	3,348.00	3,348.00	902.84	2,445.16
36 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	7,840.00	8,386.00	14,503.61	(6,117.61)
41 General Administration	266,559.00	282,093.00	266,397.74	15,695.26
51 Plant Maintenance and Operations	466,990.00	477,698.00	474,857.16	2,840.84
53 Data Processing Services	235,157.00	241,572.00	235,356.79	6,215.21
61 Community Services	2,340.00	4,740.00	3,415.95	1,324.05
81 Fundraising	12,080.00	12,080.00	10,762.67	1,317.33
Total Expenses	<u>2,692,933.00</u>	<u>2,818,649.00</u>	<u>2,901,239.56</u>	<u>(82,590.56)</u>
Change in Net Assets	239,906.00	442,735.00	378,667.95	(64,067.05)
Net Assets (Deficiency), Beginning of Year	<u>407,371.54</u>	<u>407,371.54</u>	<u>407,371.54</u>	----
Net Assets (Deficiency), End of Year	<u>\$ 647,277.54</u>	<u>\$ 850,106.54</u>	<u>\$ 786,039.49</u>	<u>\$ (64,067.05)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**COMPLIANCE AND
INTERNAL CONTROL**

GREGORY S. DELK



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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
Arise!, Inc.
Rowlett, Texas

Members of the Board of Directors:

I 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 Arise!, Inc. as of and for the year ended August 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated January 15, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered Arise!, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Arise!, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Arise!, Inc.'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 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.

My 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 my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Arise!, Inc.'s financial statements are free from material misstatement, I 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 my audit and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

Gregory S Delk

Gregory S. Delk, CPA
January 15, 2016

ARISE!, INC.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Exhibit F-1

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Type of auditor’s report issued: Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified? _____ Yes X No

Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? _____ Yes X No

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ Yes X No

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major programs:

Material weaknesses identified? _____ Yes X No

Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? _____ Yes X No

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs: Unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 510(a) of Circular A-133? _____ Yes X No

Identification of major programs: None

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? _____ Yes X No

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None Identified

SECTION III – STATE AND FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None Identified

ARISE!, INC.

**STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015**

No Prior Year Findings

ARISE! , INC.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015**

Exhibit G-1

No Corrective Action Plan Necessary