

Renewal Schools: Financial Review

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*Monitoring and Compliance Updates
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Financial Non-Compliance:

State Board of Education Policy CHTR-006:

- There are three stages of financial non-compliance
 - Cautionary (Level 1)
 - Probationary (Level 2)
 - Disciplinary (Level 3)
- A Charter School may be placed on financial non-compliance for:
 - Failure for reporting Uniform Education Reporting System (UERS) data
 - Failure to respond to a specific request for information
 - Failure to submit audited financial statements
 - Signs of financial insolvency or weakness, including a decline in ADM
 - Notice of non-sufficient funds by the State Treasurer in the course of cash certification processing
 - Receipt of a material audit finding which indicates a violation of State Law or BOE Policy, failure to meet conditions of the charter, and failure to meet generally accepted accounting practices and principles, including sound fiscal management in accordance with G.S. 115C-238.29G.
 - Failure of the school staff to attend required financial training.

Governance Non-Compliance:

State Board of Education Policy CHTR-006:

- There are three stages of governance non-compliance
 - Cautionary (Level 1)
 - Probationary (Level 2)
 - Disciplinary (Level 3)
- A Charter School may be placed on governance non-compliance for:
 - Failure to have a functioning Board, including failure to conduct regular meetings and failure to adapt personnel, disciplinary and parental grievance policies
 - Inability to show progress towards educational goals
 - Failure to maintain student enrollment
 - Bylaws violations
 - Charter agreement violations
 - Substantiated complaints
 - Failure to maintain certification of at least 50% of the teachers

Renewals For FY26



39 Schools



34 Schools – Not on Financial Noncompliance; Some Have Observations



1 School –No Audit Report (as of January 5, 2026)

Old Main STREAM 78C



4 Schools – Cautionary or Red Flag Issues

Fiscal Concerns

What Is Reviewed:

- Indicators of Financial Distress
 - Declining ADM
 - Declining Revenue
 - Expenditures being greater than revenues
 - Low General Fund (unassigned) Fund Balance
 - Significant shifts in the numbers / trend analysis
 - Audit Findings
- Goal
 - Identify concerns early
 - Take corrective action early

Included in Materials

Summary report for each renewal school of these key financial indicators.

We have included notes where applicable and necessary related to the key indicators.

Can provide supplemental information upon request.

In this presentation we will highlight the 11 schools that currently have some fiscal concern or issue that needs to be resolved.

Renewal Schools on Financial Noncompliance

School	Level	Reason
11F Asheville Peak Academy	Probationary (2)	Financial Controls
49D Success Institute Charter School	Cautionary (1)	Negative unassigned fund balance
60N American Leadership Academy - Charlotte	Probationary (2)	Negative Unassigned Fund Balance
67B Z.E.C.A. School of Arts & Technology	Cautionary (1)	Low (84) and decreasing (-18%) ADM

Financial Analysis: 11F Asheville PEAK Academy

Financial Noncompliance Status: **Probationary**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	89	+9%	\$3,251	-\$162,120
2024	169	+90%	\$448,488	\$451,337
2025	161	-5%	\$345,203	-\$114,906
2026	164	+2%	n/a	n/a

Financial Noncompliance FY25 Reason(s):

- Signs of Financial Insolvency- Expenditures exceed revenue

Audit-Type of Finding(s):

- Significant Deficiencies – Internal Controls

Financial Analysis: 49D

Success Institute Charter School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **Cautionary**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	96	+20%	\$277,599	\$154,951
2024	87	-9%	-\$25,986	-\$225,863
2025	91	+5%	-\$740	\$47,006
2026	106	+16%	n/a	n/a

Financial Noncompliance FY25 Reason(s):

- Negative Unassigned Fund Balance

Observations:

- Cash Balance \$17,558; Accounts Payable \$20,207

Financial Analysis: 60N

American Leadership Academy - Charlotte

Financial Noncompliance Status: **Probationary**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	178	-12%	\$791,955	\$363,442
2024	129	-27%	-\$345,649	-\$1,192,857
2025	273	+112%	-\$1,176,448	-\$833,799
2026	355	+30%	n/a	n/a

Financial Noncompliance FY25 Reason(s):

- Negative Unassigned General Fund Balance

Observations:

- 2025 Cash Balance of \$5,560; Accounts Payable \$742,008, notes payable \$440,000
- 2024 includes capital outlay of \$307,397
- 2025 includes capital outlay of \$422,000

Financial Analysis: 67B

Z.E.C.A. School of Arts & Technology

Financial Noncompliance Status: **Cautionary**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	103	-16%	\$378,677	-\$69,226
2024	111	+8%	\$306,239	-\$31,811
2025	103	-7%	\$403,112	\$108,052
2026	84	-18%	n/a	n/a

Financial Noncompliance FY25 Reason(s):

- Drop in ADM greater than 10%

Renewal Schools with Other Observations

Financial Analysis: 00A

NC Cyber Academy

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	2372	-16%	\$1,530,418	-\$1,414,807
2024	2483	+5%	\$6,062,083	\$4,565,620
2025	2360	-5%	\$9,676,824	\$3,446,044
2026	2228	-6%	n/a	n/a

Financial Analysis: 00B NC Virtual Academy

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	3071	-10%	\$7,550,185	\$978,697
2024	3029	-1%	\$11,660,374	\$4,241,432
2025	3544	+17%	\$16,025,390	\$4,268,693
2026	4094	+16%	n/a	n/a

Financial Analysis: 29A Davidson Academy

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	589	+11%	\$802,869	-\$8,141,818
2024	611	+4%	\$2,294,569	-\$3,101,491
2025	652	+7%	\$1,244,238	-\$1,110,529
2026	632	-3%	n/a	n/a

2023 includes capital outlay of \$7,821,714 and \$388,690 of bond issuance cost

2024 includes capital outlay of \$2,497,861

2025 includes capital outlay of \$270,328

Observation: Expenses exceed revenue, even when considering capital outlay

Audit-Type of Finding(s):

Significant deficiencies – exceptional children licensure - closed

Financial Analysis: 41N

The Experiential School of Greensboro

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	338	+6%	\$805,297	\$111,280
2024	266	-21%	\$838,613	\$35,437
2025	189	-29%	\$1,005,648	-\$4,121,521
2026	113	-40%	n/a	n/a

Observations:

- Drop in ADM a concern
- School financial indicators remain strong
- FY25 expenses include recording of a lease liability of \$4.1m, revenue over expenses without the lease adjustment would be positive

Financial Analysis: 64A Rocky Mount Preparatory

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	1036	+2%	\$2,504,792	-\$473,376
2024	867	-16%	\$2,246,046	-\$197,910
2025	845	-3%	\$940,794	-\$1,319,053
2026	847	0%	n/a	n/a

2023 capital outlay of \$87,558; 2024 capital outlay of \$152,756; 2025 capital outlay of \$101,114

Observation: Expenses exceed revenue for 3 years, not due to capital expenditures; decline in revenue, increase in expenses, school budgeted for a loss

Audit-Type of Finding(s):

Significant deficiencies – Exceptional children licensure; contracts without required language; less than 50% of teachers licensed; two employees paid at incorrect rates

Financial Analysis: 65F American Leadership Academy - Coastal

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	773	+7%	\$1,301,467	-\$535,344
2024	865	+12%	\$1,660,083	\$142,504
2025	1002	+16%	\$857,222	-\$791,751
2026	996	-1%	n/a	n/a

Observation: 2023 and 2025 expenses exceed revenue; apparently not due to capital outlay

Financial Analysis: 78C Old Main Stream Academy

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	281	+38%	\$609,016	\$383,701
2024	344	+22%	\$517,479	-\$32,243
2025	441	+28%	not received	not received
2026	534	+21%	n/a	n/a

Observation:

- Due to specific circumstances delayed responses to inquiries

Other Renewal Schools

Financial Analysis: 01C Clover Garden

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	656	+5%	\$2,563,849	\$179,442
2024	950	+38%	\$2,551,802	\$99,589
2025	942	-1%	\$3,333,770	\$773,003
2026	969	+3%	n/a	n/a

Financial Analysis: 09A

Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	148	+28%	\$98,309	\$10,849
2024	204	+38%	\$192,751	\$109,801
2025	190	-7%	\$263,693	\$70,942
2026	245	+29%	n/a	n/a

Financial Analysis: 12A

The New Dimensions School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	536	+14%	\$2,016,492	\$97,115
2024	558	+4%	\$2,048,290	\$42,210
2025	566	+1%	\$2,016,176	-\$80,499
2026	570	+1%	n/a	n/a

Observation: FY25 expenses include \$325,271 in capital outlay

Financial Analysis: 13D Concord Lake STEAM Academy

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	599	+10%	\$79,567	-\$82,718
2024	709	+18%	\$32,740	\$8,457
2025	863	+22%	\$332,353	\$153,737
2026	865	+1%	n/a	n/a

Audit-Type of Finding(s):

Significant deficiencies – Exceptional children licensure

Financial Analysis: 24B Thomas Academy

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

FY	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	76	-36%	\$60,971	-\$2,220.00
2024	72	-5%	\$1,639	-\$59,851.00
2025	56	-22%	\$94,805	\$103,755
2026	70	+25%	n/a	n/a

Waiver for student count less than 80 granted by CSRB in 2024

Financial Analysis: 32P

The Institute for the Development of Leaders

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	391	+3%	2,158,721	151,939
2024	408	+4%	1,617,847	131,903
2025	419	+3%	2,025,036	718,743
2026	461	+10%	n/a	n/a

Financial Analysis: 35A

Crosscreek Charter School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	399	-3%	\$2,008,570	\$59,644
2024	402	+1%	\$2,159,668	\$151,453
2025	402	0%	\$2,317,775	\$212,767
2026	409	+2%	n/a	n/a

Financial Analysis: 35C Wake Preparatory Academy

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	1979	n/a	-\$62,622	-\$2,322,138
2024	2204	+11%	-\$15,806	\$52,061
2025	2619	+19%	\$468,844	\$484,650
2026	2547	-3%	n/a	n/a

Financial Analysis: 41L Gate City Charter School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	684	-3%	\$386	-\$14,643
2024	733	+7%	\$7,662	-\$24,453
2025	716	-2%	\$8,467	\$2,707
2026	699	-2%	n/a	n/a

Financial Analysis: 41M Next Generation Academy

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	429	+30%	\$366,771	-\$1,503,045
2024	418	-3%	\$425,034	\$139,968
2025	484	+16%	\$420,024	-\$11,048
2026	445	-8%	n/a	n/a

2023 included \$2,171,556 in capital outlay

2025 included \$131,000 in capital outlay

Financial Analysis: 41R Summit Creek Academy

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	565	+28%	\$13,991	-\$939
2024	709	+25%	\$4,611	-\$4,429
2025	742	+5%	\$17,571	\$3,139
2026	761	+3%	n/a	n/a

Audit-Type of Finding(s):

Questioned cost– period of availability - closed

Financial Analysis: 45B Fernleaf Community Charter School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	521	+20%	-\$853,791	-\$9,898,767
2024	669	+28%	-\$819,554	-\$5,867,517
2025	762	+14%	\$654,762	-\$6,551,421
2026	841	+10%	n/a	n/a

2023 includes \$9,965,492 in capital outlay

2024 includes \$6,410,468 in capital outlay

2025 includes \$8,582,331 in capital outlay

2025 results include a \$1,790,633 insurance recovery

Financial Analysis: 49G

Iredell Charter Academy of Arts & Sciences

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	633	+2%	\$199,869	-\$182,031
2024	696	+10%	\$7,388	-\$219,010
2025	798	+15%	\$42,690	-\$15,067
2026	847	+6%	n/a	n/a

2023 includes \$82,181 in capital outlay
2024 includes \$265,570 in capital outlay
2025 includes \$122,000 in capital outlay

Financial Analysis: 60S Bradford Preparatory School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	1516	-1%	\$2,415,592	-\$5,772,214
2024	1535	+1%	\$3,331,769	\$957,153
2025	1562	+2%	\$3,697,083	\$194,952
2026	1557	0%	n/a	n/a

2023 includes \$7,052,822 in capital outlay

Financial Analysis: 60U Commonwealth High School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	250	+58%	\$67,817	\$17,518
2024	336	+34%	\$106,276	\$38,450
2025	317	-6%	\$140,288	\$34,021
2026	323	+2%	n/a	n/a

Financial Analysis: 60Y

Pioneer Springs Community School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	529	+18%	\$696,136	-\$307,066
2024	564	+7%	\$1,364,790	\$668,654
2025	561	-1%	\$1,407,744	\$42,954
2026	558	-1%	n/a	n/a

2023 Includes capital outlay of \$249,486

Financial Analysis: 61L Stewart Creek High School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	252	+33%	\$18,918	\$10,305
2024	347	+38%	\$58,162	\$39,244
2025	282	-19%	\$83,973	\$25,811
2026	293	+4%	n/a	n/a

Financial Analysis: 61S Unity Classical Charter School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	607	+67%	\$1,618,026	\$232,924
2024	763	+26%	\$1,501,097	\$-76,273
2025	931	+22%	\$2,303,903	\$735,090
2026	938	+1%	n/a	n/a

2024 includes capital outlay of \$660,015

Financial Analysis: 62L Telra Institute

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	467	+103%	\$58,957	-\$6,845,280
2024	551	+18%	-\$974,047	\$727,808
2025	618	+12%	\$118,254	-\$24,389,620
2026	718	+16%	n/a	n/a

2023 includes capital outlay of \$5,231,219

2024 includes capital outlay of \$35,505

2025 includes capital outlay of \$5,020,052; a principal repayment of \$18,587,435; and debt issuance of \$29,847,962

Financial Analysis: 63C

Moore Montessori Community School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	211	+15%	\$712,948	-\$146,273
2024	236	+12%	\$450,616	-\$1,133,456
2025	259	+10%	\$631,753	-\$147,190
2026	287	+11%	n/a	n/a

2023 includes capital outlay of \$57,480

2024 includes capital outlay of \$114,253

2025 includes capital outlay of \$195,940

Financial Analysis: 65C

Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	125	+10%	\$390,787	\$144,983
2024	138	+10%	\$495,230	\$19,056
2025	137	0%	\$570,069	\$84,295
2026	132	-4%	n/a	n/a

Financial Analysis: 65G

Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	391	+4%	\$1,464,367	-\$1,062,922
2024	343	-12%	\$1,201,967	-\$393,378
2025	352	+3%	\$1,153,607	-\$6,892
2026	364	+3%	n/a	n/a

Observation: Continued expenses exceeding revenue
2023 included \$510,092 of capital outlay

Audit-Type of Finding(s):
Significant deficiencies – Exceptional children licensure - closed

Financial Analysis: 66A

Kipp Gaston College Preparatory

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	1288	-4%	\$5,086,332	\$393,243
2024	1182	-8%	\$1,628,177	-\$3,248,564
2025	1120	-5%	\$1,693,027	\$167,608
2026	1600	+43%	n/a	n/a

Observation: 2023 includes \$4,089,762 of principal payments

Financial Analysis: 73B

Roxboro Community School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	689	+2%	\$3,246,349	\$475,879
2024	714	+4%	\$4,023,481	\$907,586
2025	728	+2%	\$6,441,858	\$939,635
2026	736	+1%	n/a	n/a

Financial Analysis: 80C

Faith Academy Charter School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	602	+21%	\$1,501,224	\$995,597
2024	784	+30%	\$1,868,412	\$409,555
2025	932	+19%	\$1,996,637	-\$22,812,729
2026	1046	+12%	n/a	n/a

Observations: 2025 capital outlay of \$23,247,384; \$23,000,000 proceeds from debt

Financial Analysis: 90B Union Day School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	554	-22%	\$1,562,802	-\$209,451
2024	675	+22%	\$1,620,301	\$119,652
2025	639	-5%	\$1,835,658	\$43,360
2026	645	+1%	n/a	n/a

2023 Included a capital outlay of \$173,554

Financial Analysis: 93Q Carolina Charter Academy

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	753	+14%	\$3,029,605	-\$459,228
2024	821	+9%	\$4,481,887	\$1,527,981
2025	779	-5%	\$5,432,610	\$901,309
2026	817	+5%	n/a	n/a

2023 includes capital outlay of \$1,790,556

Financial Analysis: 93R Raleigh Oak Charter School

Financial Noncompliance Status: **none**

Fiscal Year	Month 1 ADM	Month 1 ADM % Change	Unassigned Fund Balance	Revenue over Expenditures
2023	304	+2%	\$102,339	-\$152,470
2024	292	-4%	\$146,084	-\$356,255
2025	370	+27%	\$162,919	\$45,308
2026	567	+53%	n/a	n/a

2023 & 2024 do not indicate capital outlays
2025 includes capital outlay of \$23,500

**Can we address any
Questions?**



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