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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. and Affiliates Scottsdale, Arizona

I have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) and Affiliates, which comprise the Consolidated Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis as of June 30, 2018 and 2017 and the related Consolidated Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Modified Cash Basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on my audits. I conducted my audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audits 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 accounting policies 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 consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. and Affiliates as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, and its support, revenue, expenses and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in note 1.

Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. My opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

November 9, 2018

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Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. and Affiliates Consolidated Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis June 30, 2018 and 2017

	June 30,		
Assets	2018	2017	
Cash and cash equivalents Equipment, net	\$2,976,553 22,530	\$2,943,749 34,825	
Total Assets	\$2,999,083 ======	\$2,978,574 ======	
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u> Total liabilities	-	-	
Net Assets:			
Unrestricted Temporarily restricted	2,907,933 91,150	2,978,574 -	
Total net assets	2,999,083	2,978,574	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$2,999,083 ======	\$2,978,574 ======	

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. and Affiliates Consolidated Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets -Modified Cash Basis

For the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

	Year ended June 30, 2018			Year	Year ended June 30, 2017			
		Temporarily			Temporarily	-		
Current and Davanua	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Restricted	Total	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	Total		
Support and Revenue: Contributions Golf tournament income Interest income	\$7,705,575 - 1,529	\$163,730 - -	\$7,869,305 - 1,529	\$6,854,102 22,617 2,230	\$ - - -	\$6,854,102 22,617 2,230		
Total support and revenue	7,707,104	163,730	7,870,834	6,878,949	-	6,878,949		
Net assets released from restrictions: Satisfaction by expenditure	72 , 580	(72 , 580)	-	-	-	-		
	7,779,684	91,150	7,870,834	6,878,949	-	6,878,949		
Expenses: Scholarship program:								
Tax credit scholarships to students Non-tax credit scholarships to students Other program costs Charitable contributions	7,055,827 74,081 175,773 20,257	- - -	7,055,827 74,081 175,773 20,257	5,622,964 52,898 183,107 27,166	- - -	5,622,964 52,898 183,107 27,166		
Total program services	7,325,938		7,325,938	5,886,135	 - 	5,886,135		
Support services:								
Administration Fundraising Direct benefit to donors	274,209 250,178 -	- - -	274,209 250,178 -	236,890 221,702 29,009	- - -	236,890 221,702 29,009		
Total support services	524,387	-	524,387	487,601	-	487,601		
Total expenses	7,850,325	-	7,850,325	6,373,736		6,373,736		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(70,641)	91,150	20,509	505,213		505,213		
Net assets, beginning	2,978,574	-	2,978,574	2,473,361	-	2,473,361		
Net assets, ending	\$2,907,933 ======	\$ 91,150 ======	\$2,999,083 ======	\$2,978,574 ======	\$ - =====	\$2,978,574 ======		

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. and Affiliates Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Modified Cash Basis For the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

	June 2018		30	30, 2017	
Cash flows from operating activities: Increase in net assets	\$		\$	505,213	
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation		18,842		19,571	
Net cash provided by operating activities		39,351	-	524,784	
Cash flows from investing activities: Purchases of equipment		(6,547)		(4,152)	
Net cash used by investing activities		(6,547)	_	(4,152)	
Cash flows from financing activities:		-		-	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		32,804	-	520,632	
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning	2	,943,749	2	,423,117	
Cash and cash equivalents - ending	\$2 =:	,976,553	\$2 =	,943,749 ======	

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

BASIS OF ACTIVITIES AND PRESENTATION - The consolidated financial statements include Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc., STO Management Group, LLC and Friends Fore Free, LLC and are collectively referred to in these financial statements as "APESF".

The affiliated entities have common management and share the primary objective of providing scholarships to qualified students attending private schools in the state of Arizona. Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. is the sole member of STO Management Group, LLC. STO Management Group, LLC was the sole member of Friends Fore Free, LLC. until August 2017.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting; consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenses are recognized when cash is disbursed, rather than when the obligation is incurred. Under the modified cash basis of accounting, APESF capitalizes and depreciates its donated and purchased plant assets and recognizes liabilities for loans.

APESF is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

NATURE OF ACTIVITIES - Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. is a School Tuition Organization developed under the guidelines provided in the Arizona Private School Tuition Tax Credit Law of 1997 as amended. Founded in 1998 to provide scholarships to qualified students attending private schools in the State of Arizona, its mission is to provide qualified students seeking a choice in their educational careers with the necessary financial support to be successful students and productive citizens in the community.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, APESF considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

USE OF ESTIMATES - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

PLANT ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION - APESF capitalizes equipment with a cost of over \$1,000. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

Depreciation is recorded based on the estimated useful life of the asset using the straight-line method.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED REVENUE AND SUPPORT - Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and nature of donor restrictions. However, if a restriction is fulfilled in the same time period in which the contribution is received, APESF reports that support as unrestricted.

Donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction.

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis as net assets released from restrictions.

NON-CASH CONTRIBUTIONS - Contributions of plant assets are recorded as support at their estimated fair value at the date of contribution. Such contributions are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the asset to a specific purpose. Assets contributed with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as restricted support. Absent donor stipulations regarding how long those contributed assets must be maintained, APESF reports expirations of donor restrictions when the assets are placed in service as instructed by the donor. APESF reclassifies temporarily restricted net assets to unrestricted net assets at that time.

EXPENSE ALLOCATIONS - The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenses - Modified Cash Basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and support services benefitted. Administration expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any specific program but provide for the overall support and direction of APESF. Fundraising expenses include allocable overhead costs and direct expenses related to soliciting contributions.

ADVERTISING COSTS - Total advertising costs were \$18,921 for the year ended June 30, 2018 and \$6,981 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

(2) <u>Cash</u>

Cash consists of the following:

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	2018	2017	
Cash in checking accounts	\$1,904,573	\$2,128,352	
Cash in money market account	615,617	614,802	
Cash in savings account	456,363	200,595	
	\$2,976,553	\$2,943,749	
	=======	=======	

June 30

APESF maintains bank accounts with two Arizona banks. As of June 30, 2018, bank balances of \$1,988,919 were held in the Arizona banks in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits for insured accounts.

(3) Equipment, net

Equipment is recorded at cost and is stated net of accumulated depreciation in the amount of \$62,748 as of June 30, 2018 and \$43,905 as of June 30, 2017. Depreciation expense was \$18,842 for the year ended June 30, 2018 and \$19,571 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

(4) Deductible Gifts and Income Tax Exemption

Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. is exempt from Federal and State income tax as a 501(c)(3) organization. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, and gifts to the Organization are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes. The Organization is not classified as a private foundation by the Internal Revenue Service. STO Management Group, LLC and Friends Fore Free, LLC are disregarded entities for Federal and State tax purposes and receive exemption from Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc.

(5) Uncertain Tax Positions

APESF implemented accounting guidance related to uncertain tax positions. Using that guidance, tax provisions initially need to be recognized in the financial statements when it is more-likely-than-not that the position will not be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities.

As of June 30, 2018, APESF had no uncertain tax positions that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. APESF will recognize future accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense if incurred.

(6) Operating Lease/Subleases (Related Parties)

APESF leases office space from an unrelated party under a lease expiring February 28, 2019 at a monthly cost of \$3,652. Total payments under operating leases were \$44,194 for the year ended June 30, 2018 and \$42,841 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Future payments on the lease are as follows:

\$29,217

On January 1, 2016, APESF signed three subleases with related parties. Total rental income received under the subleases was \$20,348 for the year ended June 30, 2018 and \$21,892 for the year ended June 30, 2017. Two of the subleases are with companies owned by board members. The third sublease is with a family member of a board member. The subleases are due as follows:

\$12,537

(7) Related Party Transactions

Office space is used by APESF and a board member's company. The board member's company pays for a proportionate share of telephone expenses for the space. The board member's company owed APESF \$500 as of June 30, 2018 and \$497 as of June 30, 2017 for reimbursable expenses.

The executive director's company owed APESF \$1,809 for various expenses as of June 30, 2018 and \$281 for various expenses as of June 30, 2017.

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(8) Restrictions on Net Assets

Net assets are temporarily restricted to further the educational efforts of a specific school in Arizona outside of the credit program.

(9) Contributions

For the years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, APESF received contributions under the following programs:

	June	30,
Total individual income tax credit contributions	$\frac{2018}{\$3,450,759}$	$\frac{2017}{\$3,350,573}$
Total switcher individual income tax credit contributions	2,484,619	2,336,656
Total low-income corporate income tax credit contributions	1,118,600	512,500
Total disabled/displaced corporate income tax credit contributions	550,500 \$7,604,478	533,600 \$6,733,329
Other contributions	264,827	120,773
Total	\$7,869,305	\$6,854,102

(10) Commitments and Concentrations

Under Arizona State Law for Student Tuition Organizations, Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. is required to expend or allocate at least 90% of each program's tax credit contributions within two years for educational scholarships or tuition grants to children to allow them to attend any qualified school of their choice. As of June 30, 2018, the Organization had spent over 90% of its cumulative revenues as required under state law. A total of \$2,527,863 must be expended or allocated by June 30, 2020.

A law change reducing the donors' State tax credit or changing other aspects of the law related to contributions to Student Tuition Organizations could have a significant effect on the ability of APESF to raise funds.

(11) Subsequent Events

The Internal Revenue Service issued proposed regulations effective for charitable contributions made after August 27, 2018. These regulations would prohibit a donor from claiming a federal tax deduction from contributions for which a state tax credit is available. The effect on APESF, if any, is unknown.

Subsequent events were evaluated by management through November 9, 2018 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Board of Directors Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. and Affiliates

I have audited the consolidated financial statements of Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. and Affiliates as of and for the years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, and have issued my report thereon dated October XX, 2018, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. My audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole.

The Consolidating Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis and the Consolidating Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

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November 9, 2018

Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. and Affiliates Consolidating Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis June 30, 2018

Assets Cash and cash equivalents	<u>Fund</u>	Management		Eliminations \$ -	Total \$2,976,553
Due from STO Management Group, LLC	769,521			(769,521)	
Equipment, net	709,321	22 520	-	(709,321)	22 520
Equipment, net	-	22,530	-	-	22,530
Total assets	\$3,273,616	\$ 494,988	\$ -	\$(769,521) ======	\$2,999,083
Due to Arizona Private Educa Scholarship Fund, Inc. Total liabilities		\$ 769,521 769,521	\$ - 	\$(769,521) (769,521)	\$
Net Assets: Unrestricted Temporarily restricted	3,273,616	(365,683)	-	-	
	-	91,150	-	-	2,907,933 91,150
Total net assets (deficit	 3) 3,273,616		- - -	- 	

Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. and Affiliates Consolidating Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets -Modified Cash Basis - Totals Only For the year ended June 30, 2018

Support and Revenue:	Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund	•		<u>Elimination</u>	Total
Contributions Management service fee	\$7,868,970 -	\$ 335 594,000	\$ - -	\$ - (594,000)	\$7,869,305 -
Interest income	889	640	-	-	1,529
Total support and revenue	\$7,869,859 	\$ 594 , 975	\$ - 	\$(594,000) 	\$7,870,834
Expenses: Scholarship program: Tax credit scholarships to					
students Non-tax credit scholarships	7,055,827	-	-	-	7,055,827
to students	13,231	60,850	-	-	74,081
Other program costs	-	175,773	-	-	175,773
Charitable contributions	-	20,257	-	-	20,257
Total programs	7,069,058	256,880 	-	-	7,325,938
Support services:					
Administration Fundraising	692,881	175,328 250,178	-	(594,000) -	274,209 250,178
Total support services	692,881	425,506	-	(594,000)	524,387
Total expenses	7,761,939	682,386	-	(594,000)	7,850,325
Increase (decrease) in net assets	107,920	(87,411)	-		20,509
Net assets, beginning	3,165,696	(187,122)	-	-	2,978,574
Net assets, ending	\$3,273,616	\$(274,533) ======	\$ - ====	\$ -	\$2,999,083

Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. and Affiliates Consolidating Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis June 30, 2017

Assets Cash and cash equivalents Due from STO Management	Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund \$2,480,025	-	Fore	Eliminations \$ -	Total \$2,943,749
Group, LLC	685,671	_	_	(685,671)	_
Equipment, net	-	34,825	-	-	34,825
Total assets	\$3,165,696	\$ 498,549 ======	\$	\$(685,671) ======	\$2,978,574
Liabilities and Net Assets Due to Arizona Private Educa Scholarship Fund, Inc.	tion \$ -	\$ 685,671	\$	\$(685,671) 	\$
Total liabilities	-	685,671	-	(685,671)	-
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Net Assets: Unrestricted Temporarily restricted	3,165,696 -	(187 , 122) -	- -	- -	2,978,574 -
Total net assets (deficit	3,165,696	(187,122)	-	-	2,978,574
Total liabilities and net assets	\$3,165,696	\$ 498,549 ======	\$ -	\$(685,671) ======	\$2,978,574

Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund, Inc. and Affiliates Consolidating Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets -Modified Cash Basis - Totals Only For the year ended June 30, 2017

	Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund		Fore	<u>Elimination</u>	Total
Support and Revenue: Contributions	\$6,854,102	\$ -	\$19 327	\$ (19,327)	\$6 854 102
Management service fee	-	564,000	Ψ1 3 ,327	(564,000)	φυ,03+,10L -
Golf tournament income	-	-	22,617	-	22,617
Interest income	1,645	585	-	-	2,230
Total support and revenue	\$6,855,747	\$ 564,585	\$41,944	\$(583,327)	\$6,878,949
Expenses: Scholarship program: Tax credit scholarships to					
students Non-tax credit scholarships	5,622,964	-	-	-	5,622,964
to students	52,898	-	-	-	52,898
Other program costs	-	183,107	-	-	183,107
Charitable contributions	-	17,149	10,017	-	27,166
Total programs	5,675,862	200,256	10,017	_	5,886,135
Support services:					
Ädministration	654,398	164,032	1,787	(583,327)	236,890
Fundraising	-	220,571	1,131	-	221,702
Direct benefit to donors	-	-	29,009	-	29,009
Total support services	654,398	384,603	31,927	(583,327)	487,601
Total expenses	6,330,260	584,859	41,944	(583,327)	6,373,736
Increase (decrease) in net assets	525,487	(20,274)	-	-	505,213
Net assets, beginning	2,640,209	(166,848)	-	-	2,473,361
Net assets, ending	\$3,165,696	\$(187,122) ======	\$ - =====	\$ - ======	\$2,978,574 ======