From: Nan J. Morrison

Re: 2017 Audited Financial Statements

After 6 years of achieving an unrestricted balanced budget, CEE had a deficit in 2017. However, in 2017 we also saw a 41% increase in restricted grant fundraising, of \$568K, from the prior year, and an increase in Restricted Net Assets of \$422K. The Change in Net Assets improved by \$969K over the prior year. We also added a new and growing revenue stream through an international licensing agreement for one of our programs.

In 2018, we are on track for a balanced budget in large part due to a new trend of increased restricted funding; we have 10 new corporate restricted funders this year, a strong pipeline, and a new program that is already attracting interest. This is an important step forward as over half of our largest corporate donors in 2010 no longer fund economic or personal finance education. This upward trend in restricted funding lagged some expenditures in needed investments which we then slowed to reduce costs late in 2017 and 2018.

Program spending for the year was \$3.5M or 70% of all expenses incurred. We are pleased that our Management and General expenses were 15% of total expenses.

The 2017 audit had a clean opinion, as it has since 2011.



Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report

December 31, 2017 and 2016

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Council for Economic Education

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Council for Economic Education, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, 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

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we 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, 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 Council for Economic Education as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

New York, New York

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June 29, 2018

Statements of Financial Position December 31, 2017 and 2016

<u>Assets</u>

		2017		2016
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	\$	1,622,782	\$	1,952,076
of \$500 in 2017 and 2016 Contributions receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts		103,034		86,995
of \$0 and \$9,000 in 2017 and 2016, respectively Prepaid expenses and other assets Publications inventory, net of reserve for obsolescence		737,208 202,822		478,081 177,125
of \$12,000 in 2017 and 2016 Investments		64,242 1,988		86,185 516,401
Restricted investments Deferred rent Fixed assets, net		280,000 9,112		385,128 7,729
		180,455		69,436
Total assets	\$	3,201,643	\$	3,759,156
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>				
Liabilities	Φ.			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Deferred rent	\$	231,709 147,146	\$	330,349 232,234
Deferred revenue Capital lease obligations		24,465 6,247		95,717 10,564
Total liabilities		409,567		668,864
Commitments and contingencies				
Net assets				
Unrestricted Temporarily restricted		1,597,335 1,194,741		2,317,157 773,135
Total net assets		2,792,076	-	3,090,292
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	3,201,643	\$	3,759,156

Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

		2017			2016	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Total
Support and revenue Contributions Conference registrations and exhibitor fees Educational materials and services Special event revenue, net of direct costs of	\$ 1,085,273 146,939 663,470	\$ 1,948,782	\$ 3,034,055 146,939 663,470	\$ 1,065,214 116,877 711,475	\$ 1,381,231	\$ 2,446,445 116,877 711,475
\$168,350 and \$175,617 in 2017 and 2016, respectively Affiliate dues Other income Interest and dividends Net assets released from restrictions	438,483 25,750 354,656 14,466 1,527,176	- - - (1,527,176)	438,483 25,750 354,656 14,466	604,018 29,350 284,220 16,286 2,710,756	- - - (2,710,756)	604,018 29,350 284,220 16,286
Total support and revenue	4,256,213	421,606	4,677,819	5,538,196	(1,329,525)	4,208,671
Expenses Program services Core programs Other	2,802,727		2,802,727 694,040	3,335,492 665,762		3,335,492 665,762
Total program services	3,496,767	1	3,496,767	4,001,254		4,001,254
Support services Management and general Fundraising	760,756 718,512		760,756 718,512	737,924		737,924 736,719
Total support services	1,479,268	,	1,479,268	1,474,643		1,474,643
Total expenses	4,976,035		4,976,035	5,475,897	31	5,475,897
Change in net assets	(719,822)	421,606	(298,216)	62,299	(1,329,525)	(1,267,226)
Net assets, beginning	2,317,157	773,135	3,090,292	2,254,858	2,102,660	4,357,518
Net assets, end	\$ 1,597,335	\$ 1,194,741	\$ 2,792,076	\$ 2,317,157	\$ 773,135	\$ 3,090,292

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	_	2017		2016
Cash flows from operating activities Change in net assets Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities	\$	(298,216)	\$	(1,267,226)
Depreciation and amortization Provision for bad debts Changes in operating assets and liabilities		29,393 1,558		27,357 15,791
Accounts receivable Contributions receivable Prepaid expenses and other assets Publications inventory Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(17,597) (259,127) (27,054) 21,943 (98,640)		2,720 89,757 (78,779) (5,650) (99,238)
Deferred revenue		(86,471) (71,252)		(78,305) 74,717
Net cash used in operating activities		(805,463)		(1,318,856)
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of fixed assets Purchase of investments Proceeds from sale of investments		(139,055) - 514,413		(30,119) (4,572)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		375,358		(34,691)
Cash flows from financing activities Principal payments made on capital lease obligations Changes in restricted investments		(4,317) 105,128		(4,029) (22)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		100,811		(4,051)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(329,294)		(1,357,598)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning		1,952,076	7	3,309,674
Cash and cash equivalents, end	\$	1,622,782	_\$	1,952,076
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow data Interest paid under capital leases	\$	601	\$	892

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2017 and 2016

Note 1 - Organization

The Council for Economic Education ("CEE") was incorporated in 1949 in the District of Columbia as a not-for-profit organization.

CEE's mission is to teach kindergarten through grade 12 students about economics and personal finance - and CEE has been doing so for nearly 70 years. CEE's goal is to reach and teach every child in every district and school so that they can make better decisions for themselves, their families and communities.

CEE carries out its mission by educating the educators, providing the curriculum tools, the pedagogical support and the community of peers that instruct, inspire and guide. CEE strives to meet the teachers where they are with what they need. All resources and programs are developed by educators and delivered by more than 200 affiliates across the country in every state. CEE delivers its programs through in-person local workshops and also online via EconEdLink. EconEdLink, a free online educator gateway for economic and personal finance lessons and resources, reaches over one million visitors per year.

Following is a brief description of CEE's major program services:

Core

CEE's program activities support improving kindergarten through grade 12 economic and financial education through delivery of teacher professional development training and the development of engaging, interactive resources that align to state and national standards. CEE's efforts include the following activities:

- Conduct professional development, online and offline
- Create resources and curriculum
- Produce and support standards and assessment
- Advocate for personal finance and economic education
- Conduct the National Economic Challenge
- Create and provide teacher awards

Other Program Services

CEE's Other Program Services for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 consisted of the following:

	-	2017	2016		
Technology Marketing and communications	\$	30,896 663,144	\$	39,044 626,718	
Total	\$	694,040	\$	665,762	

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CEE has been classified as a 501(c)(3) organization and is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is reflected in the accompanying financial statements. Additionally, CEE has been classified as an organization which is not a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2).

CEE's primary source of revenue is from grants, philanthropic contributions and educational materials and services.

Note 2 - Liquidity

For the year ended December 31, 2017, CEE's operating activities resulted in a loss from operations. CEE took steps during the year ended December 31, 2017 to minimize/eliminate future losses from operations through outreach to existing and new funders and through cost reductions. Following the year ended December 31, 2017, CEE has secured 8 new corporate funders and further reduced operating costs. CEE anticipates additional cost savings in 2019 through reduced office rental expense. CEE is projecting adequate cash balances for the current fiscal year to cover operating expenses.

Note 3 - Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The accompanying financial statements reflect only the accounts of CEE (considered the national office) and do not include the financial position, changes in net assets and cash flows of affiliated state councils, which are not controlled by CEE, as such entities do not meet the consolidation criteria established by GAAP.

Classification of net assets

CEE classifies its net assets into three categories which are unrestricted, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted.

Unrestricted - include expendable resources that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations and, therefore, may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of CEE.

Temporarily restricted - include resources subject to donor-imposed stipulations that limit their use either through purpose or time restrictions. When donor restrictions expire, that is, when a time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified as unrestricted net assets and reported as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently restricted - include resources subject to donor-imposed stipulations, requiring that the principal be maintained in perpetuity, but permit CEE to expend part or all of the income and gains derived therefrom. There were no permanently restricted net assets at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Estimates also affect the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. The most significant estimates relate to the useful lives assigned to furniture and equipment, reserves for inventory obsolescence and allowances for potentially uncollectible receivables. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents

CEE considers all highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. CEE places its temporary cash investments with high-credit quality financial institutions.

Publications inventory

Publications inventory is stated at the lower of weighted-average cost or market value, less an estimated reserve for obsolete and slow-moving items. It represents the value of sellable books, excluding both promotional items, as well as educational materials paid for by restricted funds, which were both expensed at the time of production.

Investments

CEE records its investments at fair value with changes in the fair value of investments recorded in the statements of activities and changes in net assets. Investment income or loss (including gains and losses on investments, interest and dividends) is included in the statements of activities and changes in net assets as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless the income or loss is restricted by donor or law. Realized gains or losses are recognized on the specific identification method.

Furniture and equipment

Furniture and equipment are carried at original cost (or fair value, if donated), provided the respective asset cost is \$5,000 or more and its useful life exceeds one year. Such assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives, which range from three to five years, using the straight-line method. Leasehold improvements and capital lease equipment are amortized over the lesser of their estimated useful lives of the asset or term of the respective lease.

Construction-in-progress

All costs, including interest expense associated with the acquisition and development of property, are capitalized as construction-in-progress. Depreciation does not commence on construction-in-progress until the asset has been placed in service.

Deferred rent

CEE occupies office space under a lease containing escalation clauses and a lease incentive that requires normalization of the rental expense over the life of the lease. This results in deferred rent, which is reflected in the accompanying statements of financial position.

Revenue recognition

Contributions revenue is recorded at fair value when received or pledged. Amounts are recorded as temporarily or permanently restricted if they have donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated asset. When a donor restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statements of activities and changes in net assets as net assets released from

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restrictions. Contributions receivable that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at their net realizable value. Contributions receivable that are expected to be collected beyond one year are recorded at the present value of estimated future cash flows. Contributions receivable are not included as support until such time as the condition is substantially met.

Revenue and expenses incurred relative to special events are recognized upon occurrence of the respective event. CEE reports gifts of cash and other assets as temporarily restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. Contributions receivable are recognized when such promises are received.

Contributed goods and services

During the year ended December 31, 2017, CEE received donated legal services with an approximate fair value of \$23,000. These services were recorded as unrestricted contributions, and legal expenses in the accompanying financial statements as of December 31, 2017. No such donated services were received during the year ended December 31, 2016. In addition, CEE received donated marketable securities of \$102,575 and \$182,796 as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

CEE receives donated volunteer services. The value of the volunteer services is not recognized in the accompanying financial statements as they do not meet the criteria for recognition.

Functional allocation of expenses

The cost of providing the various programs and other activities has been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and changes in net assets. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated between program services and support services based on an analysis of personnel time and space utilized for the related activities.

Income taxes

CEE has no unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2017 and 2016. CEE's federal and state income tax returns prior to fiscal year 2014 are closed and management continually evaluates expiring statutes of limitations, audits, proposed settlements, changes in tax law and new authoritative rulings.

If applicable, CEE will recognize interest and penalties associated with tax matters as management and general expenses and include accrued interest and penalties with the related tax liability in the statements of financial position. There were no interest or penalties for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Subsequent events

CEE has evaluated subsequent events through June 29, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no significant events requiring adjustment or disclosure to the accompanying financial statements.

Reclassification

Certain amounts in the 2016 financial statements have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

Note 4 - Concentrations of credit risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject CEE to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, accounts and contributions receivable. At times during the year,

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CEE's cash balances may exceed the limits of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance coverage. CEE's uninsured cash and cash equivalent balances totaled approximately \$1,246,000 and \$1,914,000 as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. CEE monitors its financial institutions and the concentration of credit risk on a regular basis and does not anticipate nonperformance by the financial institutions.

Accounts and contributions receivable credit risk is limited due to the nature of the receivables. CEE regularly monitors its receivables and establishes an allowance account for those amounts that are not deemed collectible.

Note 5 - Contributions receivable

Contributions receivable have been recorded at present value. Contributions receivable due in more than one year have been discounted to their present value using a discount rate of 2%. Contributions receivable are estimated to be collected as follows at December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	2017	 2016
Within one year In one to five years	\$ 694,973 44,000	\$ 398,846 90,000
Total contributions receivable	738,973	488,846
Less discount to present value Less allowance for uncollectibles	 (1,765)	(1,765) (9,000)
Contributions receivable, net	\$ 737,208	\$ 478,081

Note 6 - Investments, restricted investments and fair value measurements

CEE values its financial assets and liabilities based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, a fair value hierarchy prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three broad levels, which are described below:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical assets or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs.
- Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in inactive markets; or model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable or can be derived principally from or corroborated with observable market data.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs are used when little or no market data is available. The fair value hierarchy gives the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs.

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In determining fair value, CEE utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible as well as considers counterparty credit risk in its assessment of fair value.

Financial assets carried at fair value at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are classified in the table below in one of the three categories described above:

		20	17					20	16		
	 _evel 1	 Level 2	L	evel 3	 Total	Le	evel 1	Level 2	L	evel 3	Total
Certificates of deposit Common stock	\$ 1,988	\$ 280,000	\$	-	\$ 280,000 1,988	\$	- 506	\$ 901,023	\$		\$ 901,023 506
Total	\$ 1,988	\$ 280,000	\$	-	\$ 281,988	\$	506	\$ 901,023	\$		\$ 901,529

Investments in common stock are valued using market prices on active markets (Level 1). Level 1 instrument valuations are obtained from real-time quotes for transactions in active exchange markets involving identical assets.

Investments in certificates of deposit are designated as Level 2 instruments and valuations are obtained from readily-available pricing sources of comparable instruments.

The preceding methods may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although CEE believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Note 7 - Furniture and equipment, net

Furniture and equipment, net at December 31, 2017 and 2016 consisted of the following:

	Estimated useful lives	2017		2016
Office furniture and equipment Leasehold improvements Construction-in-progress	3 - 5 years 10 years N/A	\$ 445,219 23,521 122,484	\$	412,078 23,521 16,570
Total		591,224		452,169
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		 (410,769)		(382,733)
Total		\$ 180,455	\$	69,436

Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 totaled \$29,393 and \$27,357, respectively.

Construction-in-progress relates to a project that includes the development of property. The anticipated cost to complete the project is approximately \$18,600.

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Note 8 - Temporarily restricted net assets

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes in future periods:

	2017	 2016			
Digital transformation Marketing National Economics Challenge Professional development Resources and curriculum Teacher awards Thought leadership All other temporarily restricted programs	197,740 20,311 12,500 539,339 186,783 97,277 100,000 40,791	\$ 78,531 53,192 207,667 150,888 150,826 - 132,031			
Total	\$ 1,194,741	\$ 773,135			

Net assets released from donor restrictions for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 were released by incurring expenses satisfying the program restrictions and the expiration of time restrictions specified by the donors.

Note 9 - Capital lease obligations

Included in furniture and equipment on the accompanying statements of financial position is various equipment acquired under capital lease arrangements. The equipment is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the lesser of its estimated useful life or the respective term of the lease. The corresponding obligations under the capital leases represent the present value of the rental payments discounted by the interest rates implicit in the lease agreements.

Capital lease arrangements at December 31, 2017 and 2016 consisted of the following:

	 2017	 2016
Cost Less accumulated amortization	\$ 209,561 204,383	\$ 209,561 200,241
Total	\$ 5,178	\$ 9,320

Annual payments subsequent to December 31, 2017 are as follows:

2018 2019	\$ 4,920 1,639
Less interest payments	6,559 (312)
Total	\$ 6,247

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Interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$601 and \$892, respectively.

Note 10 - Line of credit

In January 2016, CEE established a \$1,000,000, unsecured, revolving line of credit with a financial institution. Interest is payable monthly on outstanding balances based on an adjustable rate equal to LIBOR plus 3.75%. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were no outstanding balances or related interest expense on this line of credit. The maturity date was January 20, 2018 and has been extended to August 20, 2019.

Note 11 - Employee benefit plan

CEE maintains a 401(k)-profit sharing plan which covers substantially all employees. The plan provides for a matching contribution by CEE equal to 100% of an employee's deferral contribution, up to 3% of their compensation for the plan year, plus an additional 50% match for each additional percentage up to 5%.

Contributions to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 amounted to \$66,750 and \$59,453, respectively.

Note 12 - Commitments and contingencies

Operating leases

Certain of CEE's operating leases contain annual base rental increases. In accordance with GAAP, rent expense is recognized on a straight-line basis, including future base rental increases, over the life of the lease rather than in accordance with the actual lease payments. These leases expire in May 2019. Deferred rent expense represents the adjustment to future rents as a result of using the straight-line method. Additionally, during 2008 CEE entered into a letter of credit facility in lieu of a security deposit for its new space. In connection with this letter of credit, which was not drawn at December 31, 2017, CEE pledged a certificate of deposit that required a minimum amount to be held as security totaling \$245,000. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the balance held in the pledged certificate of deposit was \$280,000 and \$385,128, respectively, and is reflected as restricted investments in the accompanying statements of financial position.

Future minimum operating lease payments are as follows:

2018 2019	\$ 754,930 320,187
Total	\$ 1,075,117

Rent expense for each of the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$655,039.

CEE entered into a sublease agreement in July 2012, to sublet the vacant space in its New York office. The sublease expired on December 31, 2016, and was subsequently renewed by one of two original tenants through May 31, 2019 with a new second tenant subletting the remaining of the original subleased space through May 31, 2019. Rental income totaled \$252,270 and \$243,689 for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, is included in other income on the statements of activities and changes in net assets.

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Future minimum rental income to be received by CEE is as follows:

2018 2019	\$ 256,896 109,185
Total	\$ 366,081

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