

## **Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center SY 2020-21 Statement of Income and Expenditures**

This statement of income and expenditures related to authorizing activities for SY 2020-21 is provided pursuant to MN §124E.05, Subd. 8. This report is based on unaudited financial statements and has been submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education via email on September 30, 2020. If additional information is needed, please contact Erin Anderson, Director of Charter School Authorizing by phone at (612) 331-4181 or by email at [anderson@ospreywilds.org](mailto:anderson@ospreywilds.org).

### **Executive Summary**

Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center (Osprey Wilds or OW, formerly the Audubon Center of the North Woods or ACNW) is a non-profit organization located in Sandstone whose mission is to instill a connection and commitment to the environment in people of all communities through experiential learning. Osprey Wilds has a Charter School Division (CSD) based in Minneapolis that carries out activities related to charter school authorizing with some support from Sandstone staff. OW's charter school authorizing mission is to ensure quality academic and environmental literacy outcomes for Minnesota students through effective charter school authorizing.

Osprey Wilds authorized 34 schools during the 2019-20 school year. There were no schools in the start-up phase. (One school opened its doors to students in fall 2020.) Osprey Wilds approved four new school applications: Angela Day School for Liberation and Progressive Education (Minneapolis), Endazhi-Nitaawiging (Red Lake), St. Cloud Social Justice Academy (St. Cloud) and STEM Micro School (Minneapolis / St. Paul). OW did not consider or approve any transfer schools or agree to mutual nonrenewal with any current schools. No OW authorized schools closed during the 2020-21 school year.

During SY 2020-21 the OW CSD experienced no personnel changes and the overall number of FTE remained consistent. Erin Anderson continued in the role of Director of Charter School Authorizing, Nalani McCutcheon continued in the role of Associate Director of Charter School Authorizing, James Ewer continued in the role of Authorizing Specialist, and Addie Washington began providing full-time program and administrative support beginning in August 2020. (She filled this role in a part-time capacity beginning in March 2020.) The CSD had part time program and administrative support from Jolene Palme. Her time totaled approximately 0.25 FTE. Contracted consultants provided additional support to ensure the CSD's capacity to provide quality oversight to schools, and OW staff in Sandstone provided administrative, HR, accounting, environmental education, leadership, and governance support totaling approximately 0.33 FTE (including Jolene's time). The CSD continued to use Epicenter as a tool to enhance compliance and document management of schools.

Osprey Wilds continued to invest in professional development for CSD staff through attendance at the NACSA Leadership Conference, participation in the Minnesota Association of Charter School Authorizers, and attendance at other relevant conferences and workshops. In addition,

OW invested in the development of charter school leaders and board members through the annual OW Charter School Leaders Retreat in fall 2020, and for teachers through our sixth annual Environmental Education Teacher Workshop in June 2021 to support implementation of environmental education strategies at the school level. (Due to impacts from Covid-19, both the Leaders Retreat and the EE Teacher Workshop were held virtually in FY21.)

For the school year ending June 30, 2020, Osprey Wilds had \$575,039 in revenues, \$557,616 in expenditures, and \$17,423 net income from authorizing activities. Revenues came from authorizer fees, CSP Grant training funds (administered by MDE), and a stipend for serving on the National Authorizer Leadership Team for the National Charter School Institute A-GAME (Advancing Great Authorizing & Modeling Excellence) project.

Osprey Wilds will continue to invest in authorizing activities for SY 2021-22. The CSD began the year by bringing on Emily Edstrom Moore as an Authorizing Specialist and is currently in the process of searching for a second Authorizing Specialist to replace James after his departure at the end of FY21. In addition, Nalani is leading a cohort of new school leaders through the start-up journey. In the spirit of the additional purpose of charter schools identified in MN §124E.01 Subd. 1(3), "measure learning outcomes and create different and innovative forms of measuring outcomes," Erin and Emily are part of the A-GAME project to identify new ways to measure the quality and effectiveness of alternative education campuses.

Although the CSD learned a lot about authorizing in a remote setting during the 2020-21 school year, the team is continuing to develop its monitoring and oversight practices given limitations on data and access to schools, which may continue to evolve as the school year progresses. OW will continue to invest significant time and resources into improving oversight processes in these new circumstances and ensuring resources are focused on core oversight responsibilities and implementing the Approved Authorizing Plan (AAP) with fidelity.

## School Year 2020-21 Statement of Income and Expenditures Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center

Income Source	Amount	Description
Charter School Authorizing Fees	\$565,003	See attached spreadsheet for a schedule of fees from each school
Grants (external)	\$7,500	A-GAME Leadership Stipend
CSP Grant Training Funds	\$2,536	NACSA conference
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$575,039</b>	

Expenditures	Amount	Description
<b>Personnel Charter School Division (includes all payroll expenses – i.e., FICA, benefits, retirement)</b>		
Osprey Wilds Staff Expenses	\$318,033	1.0 FTE Director of Charter School Authorizing 1.0 FTE Associate Dir. of Charter School Authorizing 1.0 FTE Charter School Authorizing Specialist 1.0 FTE Program and Administrative Support 0.33 FTE Accounting, HR, EE, Leadership Support <b>Total FTE: 4.33</b>
Charter School Evaluators and Consultants	\$39,275	Contracted consultants and evaluators
<b>Personnel Expenditures Subtotal</b>	<b>\$357,308</b>	
<b>Charter School Oversight, Professional Development, and Professional Expenses</b>		
Mileage	\$679	School visits and meetings
Food, lodging, and parking	\$0	School visits and meetings
Trainings, meetings, and PD for schools	\$10,216	Includes Leaders Retreat, EE Teacher Workshop, and other trainings
OW Staff PD (travel, lodging, food, fees)	\$5,174	Includes NACSA and other trainings / PD
Consultant PD	\$58	Training for contract evaluators / consultants
Legal fees	\$0	
Software and technology	\$40,082	License fees for Epicenter and Dropbox
<b>Oversight Expenditures Subtotal</b>	<b>\$56,210</b>	
<b>Administrative/Office Expenditures</b>		
Office space rental (including parking)	-\$1,266	Security deposit refund
Office supplies and equipment	\$1,663	
Telecommunications	\$4,473	
Insurance	\$2,000	
Postage	\$55	
Memberships, dues & subscriptions	\$10,173	Includes NACSA, MACSA, MACS, etc.
<b>Office Expenditures Subtotal</b>	<b>\$17,099</b>	
<b>Osprey Wilds Indirect Costs</b>		

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
OW Indirect Costs	\$113,001	20% of authorizing fees
<b><i>Other Expenditures Subtotal</i></b>	<b>\$113,001</b>	
<b>Environmental Education Grants and Support to Schools</b>		
EE Grants and Support to Schools	\$14,000	Grants or financial support to authorized schools to support environmental education implementation
<b><i>EE Grants and Support Subtotal</i></b>	<b>\$14,000</b>	
<b><i>Total Expenditures</i></b>	<b>\$557,616</b>	

### **Fund Balance Information**

**Beginning of Year Fund Balance** = \$125,750 (21.4% of FY20 expenditures)

**Net Income (Deficit)** = \$17,423

**End of Year Fund Balance** = \$143,173 (25.7% of FY21 expenditures)

## Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center SY20-21 Authorizing Fees by School

SCHOOL	FEE PAID
Academic Arts High School	\$ 11,842.40
AFSA K-12	\$ 26,268.00
Aurora Charter School	\$ 26,268.00
Aurora Waasakone Community of Learners	\$ 9,762.74
Best Academy	\$ 26,268.00
Cannon River STEM School	\$ 26,268.00
Crosslake Community School	\$ 26,268.00
Discovery Public School	\$ 6,296.61
Discovery Woods	\$ 8,906.03
East Range Academy	\$ 21,548.28
Excell Academy	\$ 26,268.00
Glacial Hills Elementary School	\$ 7,929.51
Great Expectations	\$ 10,764.49
Higher Ground Academy	\$ 26,268.00
La Crescent Montessori & STEM School	\$ 8,890.37
Laura Jeffrey Academy	\$ 7,496.88
Legacy of Dr. Josie R. Johnson Montessori	\$ 7,495.28
Metro Schools	\$ 26,268.00
Minnesota Wildflower Montessori School	\$ 6,567.00
New Discoveries Montessori Academy	\$ 19,591.71
Noble Academy	\$ 26,268.00
North Lakes Academy	\$ 26,268.00
North Shore Community School	\$ 26,268.00
Northern Lights Community School	\$ 10,466.25
Oshki Ogimaag Community School	\$ 6,567.00
Partnership Academy	\$ 26,268.00
Pillager Area Charter School	\$ 6,567.00
Prairie Seeds Academy	\$ 26,268.00
Riverway Learning Community	\$ 12,974.85
Swan River Montessori	\$ 13,640.05
Three Rivers Montessori	\$ 7,978.91
Vermilion Country School	\$ 6,567.00
Voyageurs Expeditionary School	\$ 11,130.90
World Learner School	\$ 20,535.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 565,002.74</b>