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**CONTRACT TO CHARTER A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY  
AND RELATED DOCUMENTS**

**ISSUED BY**

**THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
(AUTHORIZING BODY)**

**ISSUED TO**

**WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS  
(A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY)**

**CONFIRMING THE STATUS OF**

**WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS**

**AS A**

**PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY**

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## Contract to Charter a Public School Academy

Pursuant to Part 6a of the Revised School Code (“Code”), being Sections 380.501 to 380.507 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees (“University Board”) issues a contract to West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics (the “Academy”), to be effective July 1, 2022, confirming the Academy’s status as a public school academy in this State. The Parties agree that the issuance of this Contract is subject to the following Terms and Conditions:

### ARTICLE I

#### DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1. Certain Definitions. For purposes of this Contract, and in addition to the terms defined throughout this Contract, each of the following words or expressions, whenever capitalized, shall have the meaning set forth in this section:

- a) **Academy** means the Michigan non-profit corporation authorized by this Contract.
- b) **Academy Board** means the Board of Directors of the Academy authorized by this Contract. **Academy Board member** or **Academy Director** means an individual who is a member of the Academy Board, whether in the past, present or future.
- c) **Applicable Law** means all state and federal law applicable to public school academies- including all rules, regulations, and orders promulgated thereunder.
- d) **Applicant** means the person or entity that submitted the public school academy application to the University for the establishment of the Academy.
- e) **Application** means the public school academy application and supporting documentation submitted to the University for the establishment of the Academy.
- f) **Authorization Resolution** means the resolution adopted by the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees approving the issuance of a Contract.
- g) **Charter School** means public school academy.
- h) **Code** means the Revised School Code, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being Sections 380.1 to 380.1853 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- i) **Community District** means a community school district created under part 5B of the Code, MCL 380.381 et seq.

- j) **Conservator** means an individual appointed by the University President in accordance with Section 10.9 of these Terms and Conditions.
- k) **Contract** means, in addition to the definitions set forth in the Code, the Terms and Conditions and the Schedules.
- l) **Educational Service Provider or “ESP”** means an educational management organization as defined under section 503c of the Code, MCL 380.503c, that has entered into a contract or agreement with the Academy Board for operation or management of the Academy, which contract has been submitted to the University Charter Schools Office Director for review as provided in Section 11.15 and has not been disapproved by the University Charter Schools Office Director, and is consistent with the Charter Schools Office Educational Service Provider Policies, as they may be amended from time to time, and Applicable Law.
- m) **Educational Service Provider Policies or ESP Policies** means those policies adopted by the Charter Schools Office Director that apply to a Management Agreement. The Charter Schools Office Director may, at any time and at his or her sole discretion, amend the ESP Policies. Upon amendment, changes to the ESP Policies shall automatically be incorporated into this Contract and shall be exempt from the amendment procedures under Article IX of these Terms and Conditions.
- n) **Fund Balance Deficit** means the Academy has more liabilities than assets at the end of any given school fiscal year, and includes any fiscal year where the Academy would have had a budget deficit but for a financial borrowing from, or monetary contribution by an Educational Service Provider or other person or entity to the Academy. If the Academy receives a gift or grant of money or financial support from an Educational Service Provider or other person or entity that does not require repayment by the Academy, and is not conditioned upon the actions or inactions of the Academy Board, then such gift or grant shall not constitute a financial borrowing or contribution for purposes of determining a Fund Balance Deficit.
- o) **Management Agreement or ESP Agreement** means an agreement as defined under section 503c of the Code, MCL 380.503c that has been entered into between an ESP and the Academy Board for operation and/or management of the Academy, which has been submitted to the University Charter Schools Office Director for review as provided in Section 11.15 and has not been disapproved by the University Charter Schools Office Director, and is consistent with the CSO Educational Service Provider Policies as they may be amended from time to time, and Applicable Law.

- p) **Master Calendar of Reporting Requirements (MCRR)** means the compliance certification duties required of the Academy by the University Board. The University Charter Schools Office may amend the MCRR each fiscal year or at other times as deemed appropriate by the University President. These changes shall be automatically incorporated into the Contract and shall be exempt from the Contract amendment procedures under Article IX of these Terms and Conditions.
- q) **Method of Selection Resolution** means the resolution adopted by the University Board providing for the method of selection, length of term, number of members, qualification of Board Academy members and other pertinent provisions relating to the Academy Board.
- r) **Resolution** means any resolution adopted by the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees.
- s) **Schedules** mean the schedules incorporated into and part of the Terms and Conditions.
- t) **State Board** means the State Board of Education, established pursuant to Article 8, Section 3 of the 1963 Michigan Constitution and MCL 388.1001 et seq.
- u) **State School Reform/Redesign Office** means the office created within the Michigan Department of Technology Management and Budget by Executive Reorganization Order 2015-02, codified at MCL 18.554, and transferred from the Michigan Department of Technology Management and Budget to the Michigan Department of Education by Executive Reorganization Order 2017-05 and codified at MCL 388.1282.
- v) **Superintendent** means the Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- w) **Terms and Conditions** means this document entitled Terms and Conditions of Contract issued by the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees.
- x) **University** means Grand Valley State University established pursuant to Article VIII, Sections 4 and 6 of the 1963 Michigan Constitution and MCL 390.841 *et seq.*
- y) **University Board** means the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees.
- z) **University Charter Schools Hearing Panel** or **Hearing Panel** means such person(s) as designated by the University President.
- aa) **University Charter Schools Office** or **CSO** means the office the University Board, by issuance of this Contract, hereby designates as the point of contact

for public school academy applicants and public school academies authorized by the University Board. The University Charter Schools Office is also responsible for managing, implementing, and overseeing the University Board's responsibilities with respect to the Contract.

bb) **University Charter Schools Office Director** or **CSO Director** means the person designated by the University President to administer the operations of the University Charter Schools Office.

cc) **University President** means the President of Grand Valley State University or his or her designee.

Section 1.2. Captions. The captions and headings used in this Contract are for convenience only and shall not be used in construing the provisions of this Contract.

Section 1.3. Gender and Number. The use of any gender in this Contract shall be deemed to be or include the other genders, including neuter, and the use of the singular shall be deemed to include the plural (and vice versa) wherever applicable.

Section 1.4. Schedules. All Schedules to this Contract are part of this Contract.

Section 1.5. Statutory Definitions. Statutory terms defined in the Code shall have the same meaning in this Contract.

Section 1.6. Application. The Application submitted to the University Board for the establishment of the Academy is incorporated into, and made part of, this Contract. In the event that there is an inconsistency or dispute between materials in the Application and the Contract, the language or provisions in the Contract shall control.

Section 1.7. Conflicting Contract Provisions. In the event that there is a conflict between the language contained in the provisions of this Contract, the Contract shall be interpreted as follows: (i) the Method of Selection Resolution shall control over any other conflicting language in the Contract; (ii) the Authorizing Resolution shall control over any other conflicting language in the Contract with the exception of language in the Method of Selection Resolution; (iii) the Terms and Conditions shall control over any other conflicting language in the Contract with the exception of language in the Method of Selection Resolution and the Authorizing Resolution; and (iv) the Articles of Incorporation shall control over any other conflicting language in the Contract with the exception of language in the Method of Selection Resolution, Authorizing Resolution and these Terms and Conditions.

## ARTICLE II

### ROLE OF GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS AUTHORIZING BODY

Section 2.1. Independent Status of the University. The University Board is an authorizing body as defined by the Code. In approving this Contract, the University voluntarily exercises additional powers given to the University under the Code. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to be any waiver of the University's powers or independent status and the Academy shall not be deemed to be part of the University Board. The University Board has provided the Department the accreditation notice required under Section 502.

Section 2.2. Independent Status of the Academy. The Academy is a body corporate and governmental entity authorized by the Code. The Academy is organized and shall operate as a public school academy and a nonprofit corporation. The Academy is not a division or part of the University. The relationship between the Academy and the University Board is based solely on the applicable provisions of the Code and the terms of this Contract or other agreements between the University Board and the Academy, if applicable.

Section 2.3. University Board Resolutions. For purposes of this Contract, the University Board has adopted the following resolutions:

- a) Method of Selection Resolution. The University Board has adopted the Method of Selection Resolution, which is incorporated into this Contract as part of Schedule 1. At anytime and at its sole discretion, the University Board may amend the Method of Selection Resolution. Upon University Board approval, changes to the Method of Selection Resolution shall automatically be incorporated into this Contract and shall be exempt from the amendment procedures under Article IX of the Terms and Conditions.
- b) Authorizing Resolutions. The University Board has adopted the Authorizing Resolution, which is incorporated into this Contract as part of Schedule 1.

Section 2.4. Method for Monitoring Academy's Compliance with Applicable Law and Performance of its Targeted Educational Outcomes. The University Board has the responsibility to oversee the Academy's compliance with the Contract and all Applicable Law. The Academy shall perform the compliance certification duties required by the University Board as outlined in the Contract incorporated into this Contract as Schedule 5. Additionally, the Academy shall be responsible for the following:

- a) In the event that the University President determines that the Academy's educational outcomes should be reviewed to help determine if the Academy is meeting the educational goals set forth in the Schedules, the University President, at his or her discretion, may require an objective evaluation of student performances by an educational consultant, acceptable to both the Academy and the University



President. The Academy shall pay for the expense of the evaluation. In addition, at any time, the University President may require an evaluation of student performance to be selected by and at the expense of the University. The Academy shall cooperate with the evaluation, including any student testing required.

- b) Within ten (10) days of receipt, the Academy shall notify the University Charter Schools Office of correspondence received from the Department of Education or State Board of Education that requires a written or formal response.
- c) Within ten (10) days of receipt, the Academy shall report to the University Charter Schools Office and the University Counsel Office any litigation or formal proceedings alleging violation of Applicable Law or contractual agreement against the Academy, its officers, employees, agents, and/or contractors.
- d) The Academy shall permit review of the Academy's records and inspection of its premises at any time by representatives of the University. Normally, such inspections shall occur during the Academy's hours of operation and after advance notice to the Academy.
- e) The Academy shall provide the Charter Schools Office with copies of reports and assessments concerning the educational outcomes achieved by pupils attending the Academy and shall provide necessary approvals for the Charter Schools Office to access electronic information received or stored by the State of Michigan including, but not limited to, the Department of Education or other agency authorized by the State to collect school data.
- f) The Academy shall submit audited financial statements, including auditor's management letters and any exceptions noted by the auditors, to the University Charter Schools Office. The financial statements and auditor's management letters shall be submitted to the University Charter Schools Office within ninety (90) days after the end of the Academy's fiscal year.
- g) The Academy shall provide the University Charter Schools Office with a copy of the approved annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year of the Academy no later than July 1st. The Academy Board is responsible for establishing, approving and amending the annual budget in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCL 141.421 *et seq.*, and for providing all amendments and revisions to the University Charter Schools Office following Academy Board approval.
- h) The Academy shall provide to the University Charter Schools Office minutes of all Academy Board meetings no later than fourteen (14) days after such meeting.

Section 2.5. University Board Administrative Fee. During the term of this Contract, the Academy shall pay the University Board an administrative fee of 3% of the state school aid

payments received by the Academy. For purposes of this Contract, state school aid payments received by the Academy in July and August in any given year shall be deemed to have been received by the Academy during the Contract term. This fee shall be retained by the University Board from each state school aid payment received by the University Board for forwarding to the Academy. This fee shall compensate the University Board for issuing the Contract and overseeing the Academy's compliance with the Contract and all Applicable Law. This fee may also be used to fund college readiness work and scholarships for academies that are in compliance with this Contract.

Section 2.6. University Board as Fiscal Agent for the Academy. The University Board is the fiscal agent for the Academy. The University Board shall, within three (3) business days, forward to the Academy all state school aid funds or other public or private funds received by the University Board for the benefit of the Academy. The University Board shall retain any amount owed to the University Board by the Academy pursuant to this Contract. For purposes of this section, the responsibilities of the University Board, the State of Michigan, and the Academy are set forth in the Fiscal Agent Agreement incorporated herein as Schedule 4.

Section 2.7. Authorization of Employment. The Academy may employ or contract with personnel. If the Academy contracts for personnel with an Educational Service Provider, the Academy shall submit a draft of the proposed agreement to the University Charter Schools Office for review. The University Charter Schools Office may disapprove the proposed agreement if it contains provisions in violation of this Contract or Applicable Law. No ESP agreement shall be effective unless and until the agreement complies with Section 11.16 of these Terms and Conditions. With respect to Academy employees, the Academy shall have the power and responsibility to (i) select and engage employees; (ii) pay their wages; (iii) dismiss employees; and (iv) control the employees' conduct, including the method by which the employee carries out his or her work. An employee hired by the Academy shall be an employee of the Academy for all purposes and not an employee of the University for any purpose. The Academy Board shall prohibit any individual from being employed by the Academy, an ESP, or an employee leasing company involved in the operation of the Academy, in more than one (1) full-time position and simultaneously being compensated at a full-time rate for each of these positions. The Academy shall be responsible for carrying worker's compensation insurance and unemployment insurance for its employees.

Section 2.8. Financial Obligations of the Academy are Separate from the State of Michigan, University Board and the University. Any contract, mortgage, loan or other instrument of indebtedness entered into by the Academy and a third party shall not in any way constitute an obligation, either general, special, or moral, of the State of Michigan, the University Board, or the University. Neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State of Michigan or any agency of the State, nor the full faith and credit of the University Board or the University shall ever be assigned or pledged for the payment of any Academy contract, agreement, note, mortgage, loan or other instrument of indebtedness.

Section 2.9. Academy Has No Power to Obligate or Bind State of Michigan, University Board or the University. The Academy has no authority whatsoever to enter into any contract or

other agreement that would financially obligate the State of Michigan, University Board or the University, nor does the Academy have any authority whatsoever to make any representations to lenders or third parties, that the State of Michigan, University Board or the University in any way guarantee, are financially obligated, or are in any way responsible for any contract, agreement, note, mortgage, loan or other instrument of indebtedness entered into by the Academy.

Section 2.10. Authorizing Body Contract Authorization Process. Pursuant to the Code, the University Board is not required to issue a contract to the Academy. This Contract is for a fixed term and will terminate at that end of the Contract term set forth in Section 12.14 without any further action of either the Academy or the University Board. Prior to the end of the Contract term, the University Board shall provide a description of the process and standards by which the Academy may be considered for the issuance of a new contract. The timeline for consideration of whether to issue a new contract to the Academy shall be solely determined by the University Board. The standards for issuance of a new contract shall include increases in academic achievement for all groups of pupils as measured by assessments and other objective criteria established by the University Board as the most important factor of whether to issue or not issue a new contract. The University Board, at its sole discretion, may change its process and standards for issuance of a contract at any time, and any such changes shall take effect automatically without the need for any amendment to this Contract. Consistent with the Code, the University Board may elect, at its sole discretion, not to consider the issuance of a contract, consider reauthorization of the Academy and elect not to issue a contract, or consider reauthorization of the Academy and issue a contract for a fixed term.

Section 2.11. University Board Approval of Condemnation. In the event that the Academy desires to acquire property pursuant to the Uniform Condemnation Procedures Act or other applicable statutes, it shall obtain express written permission for such acquisition from the University Board. The Academy shall submit a written request to the Charter Schools Office Director describing the proposed acquisition and the purpose for which the Academy desires to acquire the property. The Charter Schools Office Director will generate a recommendation for consideration by the University Board with regard to the proposed acquisition. The request and the Charter Schools Office Director's recommendation will be submitted by the Charter Schools Office Director for the University Board's consideration in accordance with the University Board's generally applicable timelines and policies for the agendas of regularly-scheduled University Board committee meetings and formal sessions of the University Board. No acquisition may be made until the approval of the University Board is obtained by resolution adopted at a formal session of the University Board.

Section 2.12. Charter Schools Office Director Review of Certain Financing Transactions. If the Academy proposes to (i) finance the acquisition, by lease, purchase, or other means, of facilities or equipment, or renovation of facilities, in excess of \$150,000, pursuant to arrangements calling for payments over a period greater than one (1) year, and which include a pledge, assignment or direction to one or more third parties of a portion of the funds to be received by the Academy from the State of Michigan pursuant to the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended, being MCL 388.1601 et seq., or (ii) direct that a portion of its State School Aid Payments be

forwarded by the Fiscal Agent University Board to a third party account for the payment of Academy debts and liabilities, the Academy shall submit the transaction for prior review by the Charter Schools Office Director as designee of the University Board, in the manner provided herein. The Academy shall, not later than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed closing date of the transaction, submit a written request to the Charter Schools Office Director describing the proposed transaction and the facilities or equipment to be acquired with the proceeds thereof (if any), and in the case of a transaction described in subparagraph (ii) of this Section, (a) a copy of the Academy Board's resolution authorizing the direct intercept of State School Aid Payments; (b) a copy of a State School Aid Payment Agreement and Direction document that is in a form acceptable to the University Charter Schools Office; and (c) copies of such other documentation regarding the transaction which is the subject of the proposed direct intercept as the University Charter Schools Office may request. Unless the Charter Schools Office Director extends the review period, within thirty (30) days of receiving a written request in compliance with this Section, the Charter Schools Office Director shall notify the Academy if the proposed transaction is disapproved. The Charter Schools Office Director may disapprove the proposed transaction if the proposed transaction violates this Contract or applicable law. If the proposed transaction is disapproved, such disapproval may, but shall not be required to, state one or more conditions which, if complied with by the Academy and any lender, lessor, seller or other party, would cause such disapproval to be deemed withdrawn. No transaction described in this Section may be entered into that is disapproved by the Charter Schools Office Director. By not disapproving a proposed transaction, the Charter Schools Office Director is in no way giving approval of the proposed transaction, or any of the terms or conditions thereof.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **REQUIREMENT THAT ACADEMY ACT SOLELY AS GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR ENTITY AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

Section 3.1. Governmental Agency or Entity and Political Subdivision. The Academy shall act exclusively as a governmental agency or entity and political subdivision.

Section 3.2. Other Permitted Activities. Nothing in this Contract shall prohibit the Academy from engaging in other lawful activities that are not in derogation of the Academy's status as a public school or that would not jeopardize the eligibility of the Academy for state school aid funds. Subject to Section 2.7 and Section 6.15 of the Terms and Conditions, the Academy may enter into agreements with other public schools, public school academies, governmental units, businesses, community and nonprofit organizations where such agreements contribute to the effectiveness of the Academy or advance education in this state.

Section 3.3. Academy Board Members Serve in their Individual Capacity. All Directors of the Academy Board shall serve in their individual capacity, and not as a representative or designee of any other person or entity. A person who does not serve in their individual capacity, or who serves as a representative or designee of another person or entity, shall be deemed ineligible

to continue to serve as a Director of the Academy Board. A Director who violates this Section shall be removed from office, in accordance with the removal provisions found in the Resolution or Schedule 2: Bylaws. As set forth in the Resolution, a Director serves at the pleasure of the University Board, and may be removed with or without cause by the University Board at any time.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **PURPOSE**

Section 4.1. Academy's Purpose. The Academy Board shall identify the purpose or mission of the Academy. Any subsequent changes to the Academy's purpose or mission shall be carried out by amendment in accordance with Article IX of these Terms and Conditions. The Academy's stated purpose or mission shall be set forth in the Schedules.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **CORPORATE STRUCTURE OF THE ACADEMY**

Section 5.1. Nonprofit Corporation. The Academy shall be organized and operated as a public school academy corporation organized under the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, as amended, Act No. 162 of the Public Acts of 1982, being Sections 450.2101 to 450.3192 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Notwithstanding any provision of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, as amended, the Academy shall not take any action inconsistent with the provisions of Part 6A of the Code or other Applicable Law.

Section 5.2. Articles of Incorporation. Unless amended pursuant to Section 9.3 of Article IX herein, the Articles of Incorporation of the Academy, as set forth in Schedule 2, shall be the Articles of Incorporation of the Academy. The Academy Board represents to the University Board that Schedule 2 includes all amendments to the Academy's Articles of Incorporation as of the date set forth above.

Section 5.3. Bylaws. Unless amended pursuant to Section 9.4 of Article IX herein, the Bylaws of the Academy, as set forth in Schedule 3, shall be the Bylaws of the Academy. The Academy Board represents to the University Board that Schedule 3 includes all amendments to the Academy's Bylaws as of the date set forth above.

Section 5.4. Quorum. Notwithstanding any document in the Contract that is inconsistent with this Section, including the Academy's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, a quorum of the Academy Board that is necessary to transact business and to take action shall be a majority of the Academy Board members as set by the Authorizing Resolution.

## ARTICLE VI

### OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

Section 6.1. Governance Structure. The Academy shall be organized and administered under the direction of the Academy Board and pursuant to the governance structure as set forth in its Bylaws. The Academy's Board of Directors shall meet at least six times per fiscal year, unless another schedule is mutually agreed upon by the University President or Designee and the Academy.

Section 6.2. Contributions and Fund Raising. The Academy may solicit and receive contributions and donations as permitted by law. No solicitation shall indicate that a contribution to the Academy is for the benefit of the University. The University shall not be required to receive any contributions or donations for the benefit of the Academy. If the University receives contributions or donations for the benefit of the Academy, it shall forward such funds to the Academy within three (3) business days of receipt.

Section 6.3. Educational Goals and Programs. The Academy shall pursue the educational goals and programs identified and contained in the Schedules. The educational goals shall include demonstrated improved pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils. Such goals and programs may be amended pursuant to Section 9.2 of Article IX of the Terms and Conditions. Upon request, the Academy shall provide the University Charter Schools Office with a written report, along with supporting data, assessing the Academy's progress toward achieving its goal(s).

Section 6.4. Curriculum. The Academy shall have flexibility in developing, realigning, and implementing the curriculum identified in the Schedules. Any changes to the curricula shall be administered pursuant to Section 9.2 of Article IX of the Terms and Conditions, and such proposed curricula shall be designed to achieve the Academy's overall educational goals and State's educational assessment objectives.

Section 6.5. Methods of Accountability and Pupil Assessment. In addition to those set forth in this Section 6.5, the Academy shall evaluate its pupils' work based on the assessment strategies identified in the Schedules. The Academy shall also assess pupil performance using all applicable testing that the Code or the Contract requires. The Academy shall provide the University Charter Schools Office with copies of reports, assessments, and test results concerning the following:

- a) educational outcomes achieved by pupils attending the Academy and other reports reasonably requested by the University Charter Schools Office;
- b) an assessment of the Academy's student performance at the end of each academic school year or at such other times as the University Board may reasonably request;

- c) an annual education report in accordance with the Code;
- d) an annually administered nationally recognized norm-referenced achievement test for the Academy's grade configuration or a program of testing approved by the University Charter Schools Office Director; and
- e) all tests required under Applicable Law.

The University Board may use such reports, assessments and test results in making its decision to suspend, terminate, or not issue a new contract at the end of the Contract, or revoke the Contract.

Section 6.6. Staff Responsibilities. Subject to Section 2.7 Article II of the Terms and Conditions, the University Board authorizes the Academy to employ or contract with an Educational Service Provider. A copy of the ESP agreement shall be included in the Schedules.

Section 6.7. Admission Policy. The Academy shall comply with all application, enrollment, and admissions policies and criteria required by Applicable Law. A copy of the Academy's admission policies and criteria are set forth in the Schedules. With respect to the Academy's pupil admissions process, the Academy shall provide any documentation or information requested by the University Charter Schools Office that demonstrates the following:

- a) the Academy has made a reasonable effort to advertise its enrollment efforts to all pupils; and
- b) the Academy's open enrollment period was for a duration of at least 2 weeks and permitted the enrollment of pupils by parents at times in the evening and on weekends.

Section 6.8. School Calendar/School Day Schedule. The Academy shall comply with all minimum standards governing the length of the school term, minimum number of days and hours of instruction required by Applicable Law. The Academy agrees to make available to the CSO Office a copy of the School Calendar/School Day Schedule for each academic school year no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>. A copy of the School Calendar/School Day Schedule shall be automatically incorporated into the Schedules, without the need for an amendment under Article IX of the Terms and Conditions.

Section 6.9. Age/Grade Range of Pupils Enrolled. The Academy is authorized to operate Kindergarten through Eighth (K-8) grade(s). The Academy may add additional grades and vocational programs in the future, pursuant to Section 9.2 of Article IX of the Terms and Conditions.

Section 6.10. Annual Financial Audit. The Academy shall conduct an annual financial audit prepared and reviewed by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with generally accepted governmental auditing principles. The Academy shall submit the annual

financial statement audit and auditor's management letter to the Charter Schools Office in accordance with the MCRR. The Academy Board shall provide to the Charter Schools Office a copy of any responses to the auditor's management letter in accordance with the MCRR.

Section 6.11. Address and Description of Proposed Site(s); Process for Expanding Academy's Site Operations. The proposed address and physical plant description of the Academy's proposed site or sites is set forth in Schedule 7-8. Following Academy Board and University Board approval, proposed changes to the address and description of any site or sites shall be incorporated into this Contract by amendment. With the approval of the University Board, the Academy Board may operate the same configuration of age or grade levels at more than one (1) site if each configuration of age or grade levels and each site identified in Schedule 7-8 are under the direction and control of the Academy Board.

The University Board's process for evaluating and approving the same configuration of age or grade levels at more than one (1) site is as follows:

By formal resolution, the Academy Board may request the authority to operate the same configuration of age or grade levels at more than one site. The Academy Board shall submit to the University Charter Schools Office an application for site expansion, in a form or manner determined by the University Charter Schools Office. The application for site expansion shall include all information requested by the University Charter Schools Office, including detailed information about the site, revised budget, renovation and site improvement costs, the Academy's proposed operations at the site, and the information provided in Contract Schedules 7-8. Upon receipt of a complete application for site expansion, the University Charter Schools Office shall review the application for site expansion and make a recommendation to the University Board on whether the Academy's request for site expansion should be approved. A positive recommendation by the University Charter Schools Office of the application for site expansion shall include a determination by the Charter Schools Office that the Academy is operating in compliance with the Contract and is making measurable progress toward meeting the Academy's educational goals. The University Board may consider the Academy Board's site expansion request following submission by the University Charter Schools Office of a positive recommendation.

If the University Board approves the Academy Board's site expansion request, the Contract shall be amended in accordance with Article IX of these Terms and Conditions. The University Board reserves the right to modify, reject, or approve any application for site expansion in its sole and absolute discretion.

Section 6.12. Accounting Standards. The Academy shall at all times comply with generally accepted public sector accounting principles, and accounting system requirements that comply with Applicable Law.

Section 6.13. Placement of University Student Interns. The Academy may be a placement site for University students who are in education or other pre-professionals in training to serve in



public schools. Such placement shall be without charge to the University and subject to other terms and conditions as the Academy and the University agree.

Section 6.14. Disqualified Organizational or Contractual Affiliations. The Academy shall comply with all state and federal law applicable to public schools concerning church-state issues. To the extent disqualified under the state or federal constitutions, the Academy shall not be organized by a church or other religious organization and shall not have any organizational or contractual affiliation with or constitute a church or other religious organization. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to diminish or enlarge the civil and political rights, privileges and capacities of any person on account of his or her religious belief.

Section 6.15 Matriculation Agreements. Before the Academy Board approves a matriculation agreement with another public school, the Academy shall provide a draft and final copy of the agreement to the University Charter Schools Office for review and retention.

Section 6.16. Posting of Accreditation Status. The Academy shall post notice to the Academy's homepage of its website disclosing the accreditation status of each school in accordance with section 1280e of the Code, MCL 380.1280e.

Section 6.17. New Public School Academies Located within the Boundaries of a Community District. If the Academy is a new public school academy and either of the circumstances listed below in (a) or (b) apply to the Academy's proposed site(s), the Academy represents to the University Board, intending that the University Board rely on such representation as a precondition to issuing this Contract, that the Academy has a substantially different governance, leadership, and curriculum than the public school previously operating at that site(s):

- a) The Academy's proposed site is the same location as a public school that (i) is currently on the list under Section 1280c(1), MCL 380.1280c(1) or Section 1280g(3), MCL 380.1280g(3), as applicable; or (ii) has been on the list under Section 1280c(1), MCL 380.1280c(1) or Section 1280g(3), MCL 380.1280g(3), as applicable, during the immediately preceding 3 school years.
- b) The Academy's proposed site is the same location of another public school academy, urban high school academy, school of excellence or strict discipline academy whose contract was revoked or terminated by an authorizing body under the applicable part of section of the Code.

Section 6.18. Collective Bargaining Agreements. Collective bargaining agreements, if any, with employees of the Academy shall be the responsibility of the Academy.

## ARTICLE VII

### TUITION PROHIBITED

Section 7.1. Tuition Prohibited: Fees and Expenses. The Academy shall not charge tuition. The Academy may impose fees and require payment of expenses for activities of the Academy where such fees and payments are not prohibited by law.

## ARTICLE VIII

### COMPLIANCE WITH PART 6A OF THE CODE AND OTHER LAWS

Section 8.1. Compliance with Part 6a of the Code. The Academy shall comply with Part 6a of the Code.

Section 8.2. Compliance with State School Aid Act. In order to assure that funds are available for the education of pupils, the Academy shall comply with all applicable provisions of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended from time to time. The Academy may expend funds from the State School Aid Act for any purpose permitted by the State School Aid Act of 1979 and may enter into contracts and agreements determined by the Academy as consistent with the purposes for which the funds were appropriated.

Section 8.3. Open Meetings Act. Pursuant to Section 503(6)(a) of the Code, the Academy Board shall conduct all of its meetings in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being Sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Section 8.4. Freedom of Information Act. Pursuant to Section 503(6)(b) of the Code, the records of the Academy shall be records subject to the provisions of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being Sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The Academy Board shall designate a freedom of information coordinator to assure compliance with FOIA and other applicable law providing for public disclosure or for protection of privacy.

Section 8.5. Public Employees Relation Act. Pursuant to Section 503(6)(c) of the Code, the Academy shall comply with Act No. 336 of the Public Acts of 1947, being Sections 423.201 to 423.217 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Organizational efforts and collective bargaining agreements, if any, with employees of the Academy shall be the responsibility of the Academy.

Section 8.6. Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. The Academy shall comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Act No. 2 of the Public Acts of 1968, being MCL 141.421 to 141.440a.

Section 8.7. Revised Municipal Finance Act of 2001. With respect to the Academy's borrowing money and issuance of bonds, the Academy shall comply with section 1351a of the Code and Part VI of the Revised Municipal Finance Act of 2001, Act No. 34 of the Public Acts of 2001, being MCL 141.2601 to 141.2613 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, except that the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds by the Academy is not subject to section 1351a(4) or section 1351(2) to (4) of the Code. Bonds issued by the Academy are subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

Section 8.8. Non-discrimination. The Academy shall be separately responsible for compliance with applicable laws pertaining to equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws such as the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, Act No. 453 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being MCL 37.2101 to 37.2804, the Michigan Handicappers' Civil Rights Act, Act No. 22 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being MCL 37.1101 to 37.1607, and Subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, 42 USC & 12101 *et seq.* or any successor law.

Section 8.9. Other State Laws. The Academy shall comply with other state laws which are applicable to public school academies. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to apply any other state law to the Academy.

Section 8.10. Federal Laws. The Academy shall comply with federal laws which are applicable to public school academies. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to apply any other federal law to the Academy.

## ARTICLE IX

### AMENDMENT

Section 9.1. Amendments. The University Board and the Academy acknowledge that the operation and administration of a public school academy and the improvement of educational outcomes over time will require amendment of this Contract. In order to assure a proper balance between the need for independent development of the Academy and the statutory responsibilities of the University Board as an authorizing body, the parties have established a flexible process for amending this Contract.

Section 9.2. Process for Amending the Contract. Either party may propose changes in this Contract or may propose a meeting to discuss potential revision of this Contract. Except as provided in Sections 2.3, 5.2 and 6.11, the University Board delegates to its University President the review and approval of changes or amendments to this Contract. The Academy Board may delegate the same authority to the Academy Board President. The Contract shall be amended upon agreement and approval of the respective authorized designees.

Section 9.3. Process for Amending Academy Articles of Incorporation. The Academy Board, or any authorized designee of the Academy Board, may propose changes to the Academy's Articles of Incorporation. The Academy shall be authorized to make such changes to its Articles

upon approval by the University President or Designee after review and recommendation by the University's Legal Counsel. Upon University approval, the Academy Board's authorized designee is authorized to file the amendment to the Academy's Articles of Incorporation with the appropriate state agency. Upon receipt of the filed amendment, the Academy shall forward the filed amendment to the University Charter Schools Office. The filed amendment shall be automatically incorporated into Schedule 2 of this Contract upon receipt of the amendment by the University Charter Schools Office. If the University identifies a provision in the Articles of Incorporation that violates or conflicts with this Contract, due to a change in law or other reason, after approval has been given, it shall notify the Academy Board in writing and the Academy Board shall amend the Articles of Incorporation to make them consistent with the Contract. If the change is requested by the University, the University shall reimburse the Academy for the filing fees payable to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Corporate Division.

Section 9.4. Process for Amending Academy Bylaws. The Academy Board shall submit proposed Bylaw changes to the Charter Schools Office, for review and comment, at least thirty (30) days prior to Academy Board adoption. The Academy's Bylaws, and any subsequent or proposed changes to the Academy's Bylaws, shall not violate or conflict with the Contract. If at any time the University identifies a provision in the Academy Board's Bylaws that violates or conflicts with Applicable Law or this Contract, the Academy Board's Bylaws shall be automatically void and the Academy Board shall amend the identified provision to be consistent with Applicable Law and the Contract. The amendment shall be automatically incorporated into Schedule 3 of the Contract upon receipt by the University Charter Schools Office of a duly authorized Academy Board Bylaw change made in accordance with this Section 9.4.

Section 9.5. Final Approval of Amendments. Amendments to this Contract take effect only after they have been approved by the Academy Board and by the University Board or the Charter Schools Office Director. If the proposed amendment conflicts with any of the University Board's general policies on public school academies, the proposed amendment shall take effect only after approval by the Academy and the University Board.

Section 9.6. Change in Existing Law. If, after the effective date of this Contract, there is a change in Applicable Law, which alters or amends the responsibilities and obligations of either the Academy or the University Board, this Contract shall be altered or amended to reflect the change in existing laws as of the effective date of such change. To the extent possible, the responsibilities and obligations of the Academy and the University Board shall conform to and be carried out in accordance with the change in Applicable Law.

Section 9.7. Emergency Action on Behalf of University Board. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract to the contrary, the contents of this Section shall govern in the event of an emergency situation that arises between meetings of the University Board. An emergency situation shall be deemed to occur if the University President, in his or her sole discretion, determines that the facts and circumstances warrant that emergency action take place before the next meeting of the University Board. Upon the determination that an emergency situation exists, the University President may temporarily take action on behalf of the University

Board with regard to the Academy or the Contract, so long as such action is in the best interest of the University Board and the University President consults with the University Board Chairperson prior to taking the intended actions. When acting during an emergency situation, the University President shall have the authority to act on behalf of the University Board, and such emergency action shall only be effective in the interim before the earlier of (a) rejection of the emergency action by the Chairperson of the University Board; or (b) the next meeting of the University Board. The University President shall immediately report such action to the University Board Chairperson for confirmation at the next meeting so that the emergency action continues or, upon confirmation by the University Board, becomes permanent.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **TERMINATION, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION**

Section 10.1. Grounds and Procedures for Academy Termination of Contract. At anytime and for any reason, the Academy Board may terminate this Contract. The Academy Board shall notify the CSO Director in writing of the request for the termination of the Contract not less than six (6) calendar months in advance of the effective date of termination. The University Board, in its sole discretion, may waive the six (6) month requirement. A copy of the Academy Board's resolution approving the Contract termination, including a summary of the reasons for terminating the Contract, shall be included with the written termination request.

Section 10.2. Termination by University Board. The University Board, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate this Contract (i) before the end of the Contract Term for any reason or for no reason provided that such termination shall not take place less than six (6) calendar months from the date of the University Board's resolution approving such termination; or (ii) if there is a change in Applicable Law that the University Board, in its sole discretion, determines impairs its rights and obligations under the Contract or requires the University Board to make changes in the Contract that are not in the best interest of the University Board or the University, then such termination shall take effect at the end of the current Academy fiscal year. Following University Board approval, the Charter Schools Office shall provide notice of the termination to the Academy. If during the period between the University Board's action to terminate and the effective date of termination, the Academy has violated the Contract or Applicable Law, the University Board may elect to initiate suspension or revocation of the Contract sooner as set forth in this Article X. If this Contract is terminated pursuant to this Section 10.2, the revocation procedures in Section 10.6 shall not apply.

Section 10.3. Contract Suspension. The University Board's process for suspending the Contract is as follows:

- a) University President Action. If the University President determines, in his or her sole discretion, that conditions or circumstances exist that the Academy Board (i) has placed the health or safety of the staff and/or students at risk; (ii) is not properly exercising its

fiduciary obligations to protect and preserve the Academy's public funds and property; (iii) has lost its right to occupancy of the physical facilities described in Section 6.11, and cannot find another suitable physical facility for the Academy prior to the expiration or termination of its right to occupy its existing physical facilities; (iv) has failed to secure or has lost the necessary fire, health, and safety approvals as required by Schedule 6; or (v) has willfully or intentionally violated this Contract or Applicable Law, the University President may immediately suspend the Contract. If the conditions or circumstances involve an alleged violation of Sections 10.5(e) or (f), the University President is authorized to suspend the Contract immediately pending completion of the procedures set forth in Section 10.6. Unless otherwise specified in the suspension notice, the Academy shall cease operations on the date on which the suspension notice is issued. A copy of the suspension notice, setting forth the grounds for suspension, shall be sent to the Academy Board and to the Hearing Panel if applicable. If this subsection is implemented, the notice and hearing procedures set forth in Section 10.6 shall be expedited as much as possible.

- b) Disposition of State School Aid Funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, any state school aid funds received by the University Board after a decision by the University President to suspend the Contract may be retained by the University Board for the Academy until the Contract is reinstated, or shall be returned to the Michigan Department of Treasury.
- c) Immediate Revocation Proceeding. If the Academy Board, after receiving a Suspension Notice from the University President continues to engage in conduct or activities that are covered by the suspension notice, the Hearing Panel may immediately convene a Revocation Hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 10.6(e) of the Terms and Conditions. The Hearing Panel has the authority to accelerate the time line for revoking the Contract, provided that notice of the revocation hearing shall be provided to the University Charter Schools Office and the Academy Board at least five (5) days before the hearing. If the Hearing Panel determines that the Academy Board has continued to engage in conduct or activities that are covered by the suspension notice, the Hearing Panel may recommend revocation of the Contract. The University Board shall proceed to consider the Hearing Panel's recommendation in accordance with Section 10.6(f) through (i).

Section 10.4 Statutory Grounds for Revocation. In addition to the grounds for an automatic revocation of the Contract as set forth in Section 10.7, this Contract may also be revoked by the University Board upon a determination by the University Board, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 10.6, that one or more of the following has occurred:

- a) Failure of the Academy to demonstrate improved pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils or meet the educational goals set forth in this Contract;
- b) Failure of the Academy to comply with all Applicable Law;

- c) Failure of the Academy to meet generally accepted public sector accounting principles and demonstrate sound fiscal stewardship; or
- d) The existence of one or more other grounds for revocation as specified in this Contract.

Section 10.5. Other Grounds for University Board Revocation. In addition to the statutory grounds for revocation set forth in Section 10.4 and the grounds for an automatic revocation of the Contract set forth in Section 10.7, the University Board may revoke this Contract, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 10.6, upon a determination that one or more of the following has occurred:

- a) The Academy is insolvent, has been adjudged bankrupt, or has operated for one or more school fiscal year(s) with a Fund Balance Deficit;
- b) The Academy has insufficient enrollment to successfully operate the Academy, or the Academy has lost more than twenty-five percent (25%) of its student enrollment from the previous school year;
- c) The Academy defaults in any of the terms, conditions, promises or representations contained in or incorporated into this Contract;
- d) The Academy files amendments to its Articles of Incorporation with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Corporate Division, without first obtaining University President or Designee approval;
- e) The University Board discovers grossly negligent, fraudulent or criminal conduct by the Applicant, the Academy's directors, officers, employees or agents in relation to their performance under this Contract;
- f) The Applicant, the Academy's directors, officers or employees have provided false or misleading information or documentation to the University Board in connection with the University Board's approval of the Application, the issuance of this Contract, or the Academy's reporting requirements under this Contract or Applicable Law;
- g) The Academy violates the site restrictions set forth in the Contract or the Academy operates at a site or sites without the prior written authorization of the University Board;  
or
- h) The University Board, its trustees, officers, employees, agents or representatives are not included as third party beneficiaries under any educational management agreement entered into by the Academy for purposes of indemnifying such parties in accordance with Section 11.16 of the Terms and Conditions.

Section 10.6. University Board Procedures for Revoking Contract. Except for the automatic revocation process set forth in Section 10.7 or the termination of Contract by the University Board in Section 10.2, the University Board's process for revoking the Contract is as follows:

- a) Notice of Intent to Revoke. The CSO Director, upon reasonable belief that such grounds for revocation of the Contract exist, shall notify the Academy Board of such grounds by issuing the Academy Board a Notice of Intent to Revoke for non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law. The Notice of Intent to Revoke shall be in writing and shall set forth in sufficient detail the alleged grounds for revocation.
- b) Academy Board's Response. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Intent to Revoke, the Academy Board shall respond in writing to the alleged grounds for revocation. The Academy Board's response shall be addressed to the CSO Director, and shall either admit or deny the allegations of non-compliance. If the Academy's response includes admissions of non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law, the Academy Board's response must also contain a description of the Academy Board's plan and time line for correcting the non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law. If the Academy's response includes a denial of non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law, the Academy's response shall include sufficient documentation or other evidence to support a denial of non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law. A response not in compliance with this section shall be deemed to be non-responsive. As part of its response, the Academy Board may request that a meeting be scheduled with the CSO Director prior to a review of the Academy Board's response.
- c) Plan of Correction. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Academy Board's response or after a meeting with Academy Board representatives, whichever is sooner, the CSO Director shall review the Academy Board's response and determine whether a reasonable plan for correcting the deficiencies can be formulated. If the CSO Director determines that a reasonable plan for correcting the deficiencies set forth in the Notice of Intent to Revoke can be formulated, the CSO Director shall develop a plan for correcting the non-compliance ("Plan of Correction"). In developing a Plan of Correction, the CSO Director is permitted to adopt, modify or reject some or all of the Academy Board's response for correcting the deficiencies outlined in the Notice of Intent to Revoke. The Notice of Intent to Revoke shall be withdrawn if the CSO Director determines any of the following: (i) the Academy Board's denial of non-compliance is persuasive; (ii) the non-compliance set forth in the Notice of Intent to Revoke has been corrected by the Academy Board; or (iii) the Academy Board has successfully completed the Plan of Correction. In the event the Notice of Intent to Revoke is withdrawn, the CSO Director shall notify the Academy Board, in writing, of such withdrawal.
- d) Plan of Correction May Include Conditions to Satisfy University Board's Contract Reconstitution Authority. As part of the Plan of Correction, the CSO Director may



reconstitute the Academy in an effort to improve student educational performance and to avoid interruption of the educational process. Reconstitution may include, but is not limited to, one of the following actions: (i) removal of 1 or more members of the Academy Board members; (ii) termination of at-will board appointments of 1 or more Academy Board members; (iii) withdrawing approval of a contract under Section 506 of the Code; (iv) the appointment of a new Academy Board of directors or a Conservator to take over operations of the Academy.; or (v) closure of an Academy site(s).

Reconstitution of the Academy does not prohibit the Department from issuing an order under section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507, directing the automatic closure of the Academy's site(s).

- e) Request for Revocation Hearing. The CSO Director may initiate a revocation hearing before the University Charter Schools Hearing Panel if the CSO Director determines that any of the following has occurred:
- i) the Academy Board has failed to timely respond to the Notice of Intent to Revoke as set forth in Section 10.6(b);
  - ii) the Academy Board's response to the Notice of Intent to Revoke is non-responsive;
  - iii) the Academy Board's response admits violations of the Contract or Applicable Law which the CSO Director deems cannot be remedied or cannot be remedied in an appropriate period of time, or for which the CSO Director determines that a Plan of Correction cannot be formulated;
  - iv) the Academy Board's response contains denials that are not supported by sufficient documentation or other evidence showing compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law;
  - v) the Academy Board has not complied with part or all of a Plan of Correction established in Section 10.6(c);
  - vi) the Academy Board has engaged in actions that jeopardize the financial or educational integrity of the Academy; or
  - vii) the Academy Board has been issued multiple or repeated Notices of Intent to Revoke.

The CSO Director shall send a copy of the Request for Revocation Hearing to the Academy Board at the same time the request is sent to the Hearing Panel. The Request for Revocation Hearing shall identify the reasons for revoking the Contract.

- f) Hearing before University Charter Schools Hearing Panel. Within thirty (30) days of the date of a Request for Revocation Hearing, the Hearing Panel shall convene a revocation hearing. The Hearing Panel shall provide a copy of the Notice of Hearing to the University Charter Schools Office and the Academy Board at least ten (10) days before the hearing. The purpose of the Hearing Panel is to gather facts surrounding the

CSO Director's request for Contract revocation, and to make a recommendation to the University Board on whether the Contract should be revoked. The revocation hearing shall be held at a location, date and time as determined by the CSO Director. The hearing shall be transcribed by a court reporter and the cost of the court reporter shall be divided equally between the University and the Academy. The CSO Director or his or her designee, and the Academy Board or its designee, shall each have equal time to make their presentation to the Hearing Panel. Although each party is permitted to submit affidavits and exhibits in support of their positions, the Hearing Panel will not hear testimony from any witnesses for either side. The Hearing Panel, may, however, question the CSO Director and one or more members of the Academy Board. Within thirty (30) days of the Revocation Hearing, the Hearing Panel shall make a recommendation to the University Board concerning the revocation of the Contract. In its discretion, the Hearing Panel may extend any time deadline set forth in this subsection. A copy of the Hearing Panel's recommendation shall be provided to the University Charter Schools Office and the Academy Board at the same time that the recommendation is sent to the University Board.

- g) University Board Decision. If the Hearing Panel's recommendation is submitted to the University Board at least fourteen (14) days before the University Board's next regular meeting, the University Board shall consider the Hearing Panel's recommendation at its next regular meeting and vote on whether to revoke the Contract. The University Board reserves the right to modify, reject or approve all or any part of the Hearing Panel's recommendation. The University Board shall have available copies of the Hearing Panel's recommendation and the transcript of the hearing. The University Board may waive the fourteen (14) day submission requirement or hold a special board meeting to consider the Hearing Panel's recommendation. A copy of the University Board's decision shall be provided to the University Charter Schools Office, the Academy Board and the Department.
- h) Effective Date of Revocation. If the University Board votes to revoke the Contract, the revocation shall be effective on the date of the University Board's act of revocation, or at a later date as determined by the University Board.
- i) Disposition of State School Aid Funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, any state school aid funds received by the University Board after a recommendation is made by the Hearing Panel to revoke the Contract, or a decision by the University Board to revoke the Contract, may be held by the University Board and returned to the Michigan Department of Treasury.
- j) Disposition of District Code Number. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, after a recommendation is made by the Hearing Panel to revoke the Contract, or a decision by the University Board to revoke the Contract, the district code number shall remain under the direction and control of the State Board of Education and/or its designated representative.

Section 10.7. Automatic Amendment of Contract; Automatic Termination of Contract if All Academy Sites Closed; Economic Hardship Termination. Except as otherwise noted in this Section, if the University Board is notified by the Department that an Academy site is subject to closure under section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507 (“State’s Automatic Closure Notice”), then this Contract shall automatically be amended to eliminate the Academy’s authority to operate certain age and grade levels at the site or sites identified in the State’s Automatic Closure Notice. If the State’s Automatic Closure Notice includes all of the Academy’s existing sites, then this Contract shall automatically be terminated at the end of the current school year in which the State’s Automatic Closure Notice is received without any further action of the University Board or the Academy.

Following receipt of the State’s Automatic Closure Notice the University Charter Schools Office Director shall forward a copy of the notice to the Academy Board and request a meeting with Academy Board representatives to discuss the Academy’s plans and procedures for the elimination of certain age or grade levels at the identified site or sites, or if all of the Academy’s existing sites are included in the notice, then wind-up and dissolution of the Academy corporation at the end of the current school year. All Academy inquiries and requests for reconsideration of the State’s Automatic Revocation Notice, including the granting of any hardship exemption by the Department rescinding the State’s Automatic Closure Notice (“Pupil Hardship Exemption”), shall be directed to the Department, in a form and manner determined by the Department.

If the Department rescinds the State’s Automatic Closure Notice for an Academy site or sites by granting a Pupil Hardship Exemption, the Academy is not required to close the identified site(s), but shall present to the CSO the proposed Contract amendments incorporating the Department’s school improvement plan, if applicable, for the identified site(s).

If the Department elects not to issue a Pupil Hardship Exemption and the CSO Director determines, in his or her discretion, that the closure of one or more sites as directed by the Department creates a significant economic hardship for the Academy as a going concern or the possibility of a mid-year school closure, then the CSO Director may recommend to the University Board that the Contract be terminated at the end of the current school year (hereinafter “Economic Hardship Termination”). If the University Board approves the Economic Hardship Termination recommendation, then this Contract shall terminate at the end of the current school year without any further action of the parties.

The University Board’s revocation procedures set forth in Section 10.6 do not apply to an automatic termination initiated by the State’s Automatic Closure Notice or an Economic Hardship Termination under this Section 10.7.

Section 10.8. Venue; Jurisdiction. The parties agree that all actions or proceedings arising in connection with this Contract will be tried and litigated only in the Circuit Court of Ottawa County, Michigan, the Michigan Court of Claims or the Federal District Court for the Western District of Michigan. The parties hereby irrevocably accept for themselves and in respect

of their property, generally and unconditionally, the jurisdiction of such courts. The parties irrevocably consent to the service of process out of any such courts in any such action or proceedings by the mailing of copies thereof by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to each such party, at its address set forth for notices in this Contract, such service to become effective ten (10) days after such mailing. The parties irrevocably waive any right they may have to assert the doctrine of forum non conveniens or to object to venue to the extent any proceedings is brought in accordance with this Section 10.8. This Section 10.8 shall not in any way be interpreted as an exception to the Academy's covenant not to sue contained in Section 11.8 of these Terms and Conditions.

Section 10.9. Conservator; Appointment by University President. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, in the event that the health, safety, and welfare of the Academy students, property, or funds are at risk, the University President, after consulting with the University Board Chairperson, may appoint a person to serve as the Conservator of the Academy. Upon appointment, the Conservator shall have all the powers of a Board of Directors of a Public School Academy and act in the place and stead of the Academy Board. The University President shall appoint the conservator for a definite term which may be extended in writing. During the appointment, the Academy Board members are suspended and all powers of the Academy Board are suspended. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. During their appointment, the Conservator shall have the following powers:

- a) take into his or her possession all Academy property and records, including financial, board, employment and student records;
- b) institute and defend board actions by or on behalf of the Academy;
- c) continue the business of the Academy including entering into contracts, borrowing money, and pledging, mortgaging, or otherwise encumbering the property of the Academy as security for the repayment of loans. However, the power shall be subject to any provisions and restrictions in any existing credit documents;
- d) hire, fire, and discipline employees of the Academy;
- e) settle or compromise with any debtor or creditor of the Academy, including any taxing authority;
- f) review all outstanding agreements to which the Academy is a party and to take those actions which the Academy Board may have exercised to pay, extend, rescind, renegotiate, or settle such agreements as needed; and
- g) perform all acts necessary and appropriate to fulfill the Academy's purposes as set forth under the Code or this Contract.

## ARTICLE XI

### PROVISIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES

Section 11.1. Grand Valley State University Faculty Employment in the Academy. Subject to the ability of the Academy to reach separate agreement on the terms, the Academy is permitted to use University faculty as classroom teachers in any grade.

Section 11.2. The Academy Faculty Appointment to Grand Valley State University Faculty. Nothing in this Contract shall prohibit a member of the Academy faculty from being appointed to or serving as a member of the University faculty.

Section 11.3. Student Conduct and Discipline. The Academy Board shall adopt, abide by and enforce its own set of written policies concerning student conduct and student discipline.

Section 11.4. Insurance. The Academy shall secure and maintain in its own name as the “First Named Insured” at all times the following insurance coverage:

- a) Property insurance covering all of the Academy’s Real and Personal property, whether owned or leased;
- b) Commercial General Liability with a minimum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate (Occurrence Form). Coverage must include Sexual Abuse and Molestation and Corporal Punishment coverage. Policies may be written on either an occurrence or claims made basis. If the coverage is claims made, the retroactive date must be the same or before the date of the original contract, and in the event that the Academy goes out of business, the Academy must purchase the longest-available tail coverage;
- c) Auto Liability (Owned and Non-Owned) with a minimum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) Combined Single Limit covering Hired and Non-Owned Autos, as well as Owned Autos if applicable;
- d) Workers’ Compensation or Worker’ Compensation without employees (this is considered minimum premium, “if any” insurance) (statutory limits) and Employers’ Liability insurance with a minimum limit of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for each coverage part;
- e) Errors & Omissions insurance including Directors & Officers and School Leaders Errors & Omissions Liability insurance with a minimum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and three million dollars (\$3,000,000) aggregate (Claims Made or Occurrence Form);

- f) Crime including employee dishonesty and third party coverage insuring cash, securities, and property, with a minimum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); and
- g) Employment Practices Liability insurance with a minimum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim/aggregate (Claims Made or Occurrence Form).
- h) Umbrella with a minimum \$4,000,000 limit each occurrence and aggregate. Alternatively, an Umbrella policy with an unlimited aggregate is acceptable at a \$2,000,000 per occurrence limit.

The insurance must be obtained from a licensed mutual, stock, or other responsible company licensed to do business in the State of Michigan. The insurance carrier(s) must have an AM Best rating of "A" or better. The Academy may join with other public school academies to obtain insurance if the Academy finds that such an association provides economic advantages to the Academy, provided that each Academy maintains its identity as First Named Insured with its own limits, i.e. no sharing of limits.

The Academy shall list the University Board and the University on the insurance policies coverage listed in (b), (c), (e), (g), and (h) above, as Additional Insured on a primary and noncontributory basis. The Academy shall have a provision included in all policies requiring notice to the University, at least thirty (30) days in advance, upon termination or non-renewal of the policy or of changes in insurance carrier or policy limit changes. In addition, the Academy shall provide the University with copies of all insurance certificates and endorsements required by this Contract. Upon request, and within 10 days of the request, the Academy shall also provide to the University Charter Schools Office an entire copy of the insurance policies. Failure of the University to request or collect the policies does not affect the obligations of the Academy under the terms of this contract. The Academy may expend funds for payment of the cost of participation in an accident or medical insurance program to insure protection for pupils while attending school or participating in a school program or activity. Other insurance policies and higher minimum may be required depending upon academic offerings and program requirements.

The Academy understands that the University's insurance carrier periodically reviews the types and amounts of insurance coverage that the Academy must secure in order for the University to maintain insurance coverage for authorization and oversight of the Academy. In the event that the University's insurance carrier requests additional changes in coverage identified in this Section 11.4, the Academy agrees to comply with any additional changes in the types and amounts of coverage requested by the University's insurance carrier within thirty (30) days after notice of the insurance coverage change.

Section 11.5. The Academy Budget; Transmittal of Budgetary Assumptions; Budget Deficit; Enhanced Deficit Elimination Plan. The Academy agrees to comply with all of the following:

- a) The Academy Board is responsible for establishing, approving, and amending an annual budget in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCL 141.421 et seq.
- b) Within ten (10) days after adoption by the Academy Board (but not later than July 1st) each year, the Academy Board shall submit to the Charter Schools Office a copy of its annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget must detail budgeted expenditures at the object level as described in the Michigan Department of Education’s Michigan School Accounting Manual. In addition, the Academy Board is responsible for approving all revisions and amendments to the annual budget. Within 10 days after Academy Board approval, revisions or amendments to the Academy’s budget shall be submitted to the Charter Schools Office.
- c) Unless exempted from transmitting under section 1219 of the Code, MCL 380.1219, the Academy, on or before July 7<sup>th</sup> of each school fiscal year, shall transmit to the Center for Educational Performance and Information (“CEPI”) the budgetary assumptions used when adopting its annual budget pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCL 141.421 et seq.
- d) The Academy shall not adopt or operate under a deficit budget, or incur an operating deficit in a fund during any fiscal year. At any time during the term of this Contract, the Academy shall not have an existing deficit fund balance, incur a deficit fund balance, or adopt a current year budget that projects a deficit fund balance. If the Academy has an existing deficit fund balance, incurs a deficit fund balance in the most recently completed school fiscal year, or adopts a current year budget that projects a deficit fund balance, all of the following apply:
  - (i) The Academy shall notify the Superintendent and the State Treasurer immediately upon the occurrence of the circumstance, and provide a copy of the notice to the Charter Schools Office.
  - (ii) Within 30 days after making notification under subdivision (d)(i), the Academy shall submit to the Superintendent in the form and manner prescribed by the Department an amended budget for the current school fiscal year and a deficit elimination plan approved by the Academy Board, with a copy to the State Treasurer. The Academy shall transmit a copy of the amended budget and the deficit elimination plan to the Charter Schools Office.
  - (iii) After the Superintendent approves the Academy's deficit elimination plan, the Academy shall post the deficit elimination plan on the Academy's website.

(e) If the Academy is required by the State Treasurer to submit an enhanced deficit elimination plan under section 1220 of the Code, MCL 380.1220, the Academy shall do all of the following:

- (i) The enhanced deficit elimination plan shall be approved by the Academy Board before submission.
- (ii) After the State Treasurer approves an enhanced deficit elimination plan for the Academy, the Academy shall post the enhanced deficit elimination plan on the Academy's website.
- (iii) Submit to the Superintendent and State Treasurer an enhanced monthly monitoring reports in a form and manner prescribed by the State Treasurer and post such monthly reports on the Academy's website.

Section 11.6. Transportation. The Academy Board may enter into contract with other school districts or other persons, including municipal and county governments, for the transportation of the Academy students to and from school and for field trips. In addition, the Academy Board may use funds received from state school aid payments to pay for student transportation. In the event that the Academy Board contracts for transportation services, the Academy Board shall ensure that the company providing the transportation services is properly licensed in accordance with Applicable Law, and that the company conducts criminal background and history checks on its drivers and other personnel who have direct contact with pupils in accordance with the Code.

Section 11.7. Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Sports. The Academy is authorized to join any organization, association, or league, which has as its objective the promotion and regulation of sport and athletic, oratorical, musical, dramatic, creative arts, or other contests by or between pupils.

Section 11.8. Legal Liabilities and Covenants Not to Sue. The Academy and Academy Board members acknowledge and agree that they have no authority to extend the faith and credit of the University or to enter into a contract that would bind the University. The Academy also is limited in its authority to contract by the amount of funds obtained from the state school aid fund, as provided hereunder, or from other independent sources. The Academy and Academy Board members hereby agrees and covenants not to sue the University Board, the University or any of its trustees, officers, employees, agents or representatives for any matters that arise under this Contract or otherwise. The University does not assume any obligation with respect to any Academy Director, employee, agent, parent, guardian, or independent contractor of the Academy, and no such person shall have the right or standing to bring suit against the University Board, the University or any of its Trustees, employees, agents, or independent contractors as a result of the issuing, termination or revocation of this Contract.



Section 11.9. Lease or Deed for Proposed Single Site(s). The Academy shall provide to the designee of the University Board copies of its lease or deed for the premises in which the Academy shall operate. A copy of the Academy's lease or deed and site information shall be incorporated into the Schedules.

Any lease agreement entered into by the Academy shall include a termination provision permitting the Academy to terminate the lease, without cost or penalty to the Academy, in the event that the Academy is required to close an Academy site covered by the lease (i) pursuant to a notice issued by the Department under Section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507; or (ii) pursuant to a reconstitution by the University pursuant to Section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507 and these Contract Terms and Conditions. The provision shall also provide that the lessor/landlord shall have no recourse against the Academy or the University Board for implementing the site closure or reconstitution. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the lessor/landlord from receiving lease payments owned prior to site closure or reconstitution, or relieve the Academy from paying any costs or expenses owed under the lease prior to site closure or reconstitution.

Section 11.10. Occupancy and Safety Certificates. The Academy Board shall: (i) ensure that all physical facilities comply with all fire, health and safety standards applicable to schools; and (ii) possess the necessary occupancy and safety certificates. The Academy Board shall not conduct classes at any site until the Academy has complied with this Section 11.10. Copies of these certificates shall be incorporated into the Schedules.

Section 11.11. Criminal Background and History Checks; Disclosure of Unprofessional Conduct. The Academy shall comply with the Code concerning criminal background and criminal history checks for its teachers, school administrator(s), and for any other position requiring State Board approval. In addition, the Academy shall comply with the Code concerning the disclosure of unprofessional conduct by persons applying for Academy employment. This Section 11.11 shall apply to such persons irrespective of whether they are employed by the Academy or employed by an educational service provider contracting with the Academy.

Section 11.12. Special Education. Pursuant to Section 1701a of the Code, the Academy shall comply with Article III, Part 29 of the Code, MCL 380.1701 et seq., concerning the provision of special education programs and services at the Academy. Upon receipt, the Academy shall notify the Charter Schools Office of any due process or state complaint filed against the Academy.

Section 11.13. Deposit of Public Funds by the Academy. The Academy Board agrees to comply with Section 1221 of the Revised School Code, being MCL 380.1221, regarding the deposit of all public or private funds received by the Academy. Such deposit shall be made within three (3) business days after receipt of the funds by the Academy.

Section 11.14. Nonessential Elective Courses. If the Academy Board elects to provide nonessential elective courses to part-time pupils at a nonpublic school building, the Academy shall comply with Section 1766b of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended, MCL 388.1766b. Prior to providing instruction, the Academy Board shall ensure that the Academy

has sufficient documentation to qualify for part-time pupil funding under the State School Aid Act. The provision of nonessential elective courses by the Academy shall be incorporated into this Contract as an amendment pursuant to Article IX of these Terms and Conditions.

Section 11.15. Educational Service Provider Agreements. The Academy may enter into an ESP Agreement with an ESP to contract out its administrative and/or educational functions and personnel. For the purposes of this Contract, an employee leasing agreement shall be considered an ESP Agreement, and an employee leasing company shall be considered an ESP. The Academy board must retain independent legal counsel to review and advise on the negotiation of the ESP agreement. Legal counsel for the Academy shall not represent the ESP or an ESP owner, director, officer, or employee. The ESP agreement must be an arms-length, negotiated agreement between an informed Academy Board and the ESP.

Prior to entering any ESP Agreement with an ESP, the Academy shall submit a copy of the final draft ESP Agreement to the University Charter Schools Office in a form or manner consistent with the ESP policies of the University Charter Schools Office, which are incorporated into and be deemed part of this Contract. The Charter Schools Office may, from time to time during the term of this Contract, amend the ESP policies and the amended policies shall automatically apply to the Academy without any amendment under Article IX of this Contract. The University Charter Schools Office may disapprove the proposed ESP Agreement submitted by the Academy if the ESP Agreement is contrary to this Contract or Applicable Law. Any subsequent amendment to an ESP Agreement shall be submitted for review by the University Charter Schools Office in the same form and manner as a new ESP Agreement.

Section 11.16. Required Provisions for Educational Service Provider Agreements. Any ESP agreement entered into by the Academy must contain the following provisions:

“Indemnification of Grand Valley State University. The parties acknowledge and agree that the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees, Grand Valley State University and its members, officers, employees, agents or representatives are deemed to be third party beneficiaries for purposes of this Agreement. As third party beneficiaries, the parties hereby promise to indemnify and hold harmless Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees, Grand Valley State University and its members, officers, employees, agents or representatives from all claims, demands, or liability, including attorney fees, and related expenses, on account of injury, loss or damage, including, without limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage or any other losses of any kind whatsoever and not caused by the sole negligence of Grand Valley State University, which arise out of or are in any manner connected with Grand Valley State University Board’s approval of the Application, the University Board’s consideration of or issuance of a Contract, the Academy’s preparation for and operation of a public school, or which are incurred as a result of the reliance by Grand Valley State University and its Board of Trustees members, officers, employees, agents or representatives upon information supplied by the Academy or the ESP, or which arise out of the failure of the Academy to perform its obligations under the Contract issued to the Academy by Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees. The parties expressly acknowledge and agree that Grand Valley

State University and its Board of Trustee members, officers, employees, agents or representatives may commence legal action against either party to enforce its rights as set forth in this Agreement.”

“Revocation or Termination of Contract. If the Academy’s Contract issued by the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees is suspended, revoked, or terminated, or a new charter contract is not issued to the Academy after expiration of the Contract, this Agreement shall automatically be suspended or terminate on the same date as the Academy’s Contract is suspended, revoked, or termination without further action of the parties.”

“Compliance with Academy’s Contract. The ESP agrees to perform its duties and responsibilities under this Agreement in a manner that is consistent with the Academy’s obligations under the Academy’s Contract issued by Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees. The provisions of the Academy’s Contract shall supersede any competing or conflicting provisions contained in this Agreement.”

“Amendment Caused By Academy Site Closure or Reconstitution. In the event that the Academy is required (i) to close an Academy site pursuant to a notice issued by the Department under Section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507; or (ii) to undergo a reconstitution pursuant to Section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507, and of the Contract Terms and Conditions, and such closure of an Academy site or reconstitution causes an amendment to or termination of this ESP Agreement, the parties agree that this ESP Agreement shall be amended or terminated to implement the Academy site closure or reconstitution, with no cost or penalty to the Academy, and the ESP shall have no recourse against the Academy or the University Board for implementing such site closure or reconstitution.”

“Compliance with Section 503c. On an annual basis, the ESP agrees to provide the Academy Board with the same information that a school district is required to disclose under section 18(2) of the State School Aid Act of 1979, MCL 388.1618, for the most recent school fiscal year for which the information is available. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this information, the Academy Board shall make the information available on the Academy’s website home page, in a form and manner prescribed by the Michigan Department of Education. The defined terms in section 503c of the Code, MCL 380.503c, shall have the same meaning in this Agreement.”

“Compliance with Section 11.23 of Contract Terms and Conditions. The ESP shall make information concerning the operation and management of the Academy, including without limitation the information described in Schedule 6 of the Contract, available to the Academy as deemed necessary by the Academy Board in order to enable the Academy to fully satisfy its obligations under Section 11.23(a) of the Contract Terms and Conditions.”

Section 11.17. Additional Required Provisions for Educational Service Provider Agreements. ESP agreements must include provisions that define the following, according to the standards set forth in Contract Schedule 6:

1. Roles and responsibilities of the parties
2. Services and resources provided by the ESP

3. Fee or expense payment structure
4. Financial control, oversight, and disclosure
5. Renewal and termination of the agreement

Section 11.18. Incompatible Public Offices and Conflicts of Interest Statutes. The Academy shall comply with the Incompatible Public Offices statute, Act No. 566 of the Public Acts of 1978, being MCL 15.181 to 15.185 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and the Contracts of Public Servants with Public Entities statute, Act No. 317 of the Public Acts of 1968, being MCL 15.321 to 15.330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The Academy Board shall ensure compliance with Applicable Law relating to conflicts of interest. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the following shall be deemed a prohibited conflict of interest for purposes of this Contract:

(a) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an owner, officer, director, employee or consultant of an educational service provider or an employee leasing company that has an ESP agreement with the Academy;

(b) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an Academy employee;

(c) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an independent contractor to the Academy;

(d) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and as a member of the governing board of another public school; and

(e) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and a University employee, official, or consultant, to the University.

Section 11.19. Certain Familial Relationships Prohibited. The Academy Board shall prohibit specifically identified family relationships pursuant to applicable law and the Terms and Conditions of this contract. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the following shall be deemed prohibited familial relationships for the purposes of this Contract:

(a) No person shall be appointed or reappointed to serve as an Academy Board member if the person's mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, spouse or same-sex domestic partner:

- (i) Is employed by the Academy;
- (ii) Works at or is assigned to the Academy
- (iii) Has an ownership, officer, policy making, managerial, administrative, non-clerical or other significant role with the Academy's ESP or employee leasing company.

Section 11.20. Academy Board Legal Counsel. If the Academy Board obtains Legal Counsel, Legal Counsel must be independent of and not representing the ESP, or ESP owner, director, officer, or employee.

Section 11.21. Dual Employment Positions Prohibited. Any person working at the Academy is prohibited by law from being employed at the Academy in more than one full-time position and simultaneously being compensated for each position.

Section 11.22. Oath of Public Office. Academy Board members are public officials. Before entering upon the duties of a public school board member, each Academy Board member shall take, sign, and file the constitutional oath of office with the Charter Schools Office.

Section 11.23. Information Available to the Public and University.

(a) Information to be provided by the Academy. In accordance with Applicable Law, the Academy shall make information concerning its operation and management, including without limitation information in Schedule 6, available to the public and University in the same manner and to the same extent as is required for public schools and school districts.

(b) Information to be provided by Educational Service Providers. The agreement between the Academy and the ESP shall contain a provision requiring the ESP to make information concerning the operation and management of the Academy, including the information in Schedule 6, available to the Academy as deemed necessary by the Academy Board in order to enable the Academy to fully satisfy its obligations under subparagraph (a).

Section 11.24. Administrator and Teacher Evaluation Systems. The Academy Board shall adopt and implement for all individuals employed by or contracted for the Academy as teachers or school administrators a rigorous, transparent, and fair performance evaluation system that complies with Applicable Law. If the Academy enters into an agreement with an Educational Service Provider, the Academy Board shall ensure that the Educational Service Provider complies with this section.

Section 11.25. University Board Invitation to Apply to Convert Academy to School of Excellence. If the University Board is interested in accepting applications to issue contracts to charter Schools of Excellence under Part 6e of the Code, MCL 380.551 et seq. (“Part 6e”), and the University Board determines that the Academy meets the University Board’s and the Code’s eligibility criteria for applying to convert the Academy to a School of Excellence, then the University Board may invite the Academy to submit an application to apply for a contract to convert the Academy to a School of Excellence. In accordance with the Code, the University Board shall establish its own competitive application process and provide the necessary forms and procedures to eligible public school academies.

Section 11.26. Student Privacy. In order to protect the privacy of students enrolled at the Academy, the Academy board, subject to Section 11.29, shall not:

- a) Sell or otherwise provide to a for-profit business entity any personally identifiable information that is part of a pupil's education records. This does not prohibit the Academy Board from:
  - i. for students enrolled in the Academy, providing such information to an educational management organization that has a contract with the Academy and whose contract has not been disapproved by the University;
  - ii. providing the information to a person or entity as necessary for standardized testing that measures a student's academic progress and achievement; or
  - iii. providing the information as necessary to a person that is providing educational support services to the student under a contract with either the Academy or an educational management organization that has a contract with the Academy and whose contract has not been disapproved by the University.
- b) The terms "education records" and "personally identifiable information" shall have the same meaning as defined in 34 CFR 99.3.

Section 11.27. Disclosure of Information to Parents and Legal Guardians, Subject to Section 11.29.

- a) Within thirty (30) days after receiving a written request from a student's parent or legal guardian, the Academy shall disclose without charge to the student's parent or legal guardian any personally identifiable information concerning the student that is collected or created by the Academy as part of the student's education records.
- b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (b) and within thirty (30) days after receiving a written request from a student's parent or legal guardian, the Academy shall disclose to a student's parent or legal guardian without charge any personally identifiable information provided to any person, agency, or organization. The Academy's disclosure shall include the specific information that was disclosed, the name and contact information of each person, agency, or organization to which the information has been disclosed; and the legitimate reason that the person, agency, or organization had in obtaining the information. The parental disclosure requirement does not apply to information that is provided:
  - i. to the Department or CEPI;
  - ii. to the student's parent or legal guardian;
  - iii. by the Academy to the University or to the educational management organization that has an educational service provider agreement that has not been disapproved by the University;

- iv. by the Academy to the Academy’s intermediate school district or another intermediate school district providing services to the Academy or the Academy’s students pursuant to a written agreement;
  - v. to the Academy by the Academy’s intermediate school district or another intermediate school district providing services to pupils enrolled in the Academy pursuant to a written agreement;
  - vi. to the Academy by the University;
  - vii. to a person, agency, or organization with written consent from the student’s, parent or legal guardian, or from the student if the student is at least 18 years of age;
  - viii. to a person, agency, or organization seeking or receiving records in accordance with an order, subpoena, or ex parte order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;
  - ix. as necessary for standardized testing that measures a student’s academic progress and achievement; or
  - x. in the absence of, or in compliance with, a properly executed opt-out form, as adopted by the Academy in compliance with section 1136(6) of the Code, pertaining to uses for which the Academy commonly would disclose a pupil’s “directory information.”
- c) If the Academy considers it necessary to make redacted copies of all or part of a student’s education records in order to protect personally identifiable information of another student, the Academy shall not charge the parent or legal guardian for the cost of those redacted copies.
- d) The terms “education records,” “personally identifiable information,” and “directory information” shall have the same meaning as defined in MCL 380.1136(8)(g) and 34 CFR 99.3.

Section 11.28. List of Uses for Student Directory Information; Opt-Out Form; Notice to Student’s Parent or Legal Guardian.

- a) Subject to Section 11.29, the Academy shall do all of the following:
- i. Develop a list of uses (the “Uses”) for which the Academy commonly would disclose a student’s directory information.
  - ii. Develop an opt-out form that lists all of the Uses and allows a student’s parent or guardian to elect not to have the student’s directory information disclosed for 1 or more of the Uses.
  - iii. Present the opt-out form to each student’s parent or guardian within the first thirty (30) days of the school year and at other times upon request.
  - iv. If an opt-out form is signed and submitted to the Academy by a student’s parent or guardian, then the Academy shall not include the student’s

directory information in any of the Uses that have been opted out of in the opt-out form.

- b) The terms “directory information” shall have the same meaning as defined in 34 CFR 99.3.

Section 11.29. Confidential Address Restrictions.

- a) The Academy shall not disclose the confidential address of a student if the student or the student’s parent or legal guardian has obtained a participation card issued by the department of the attorney general under the address confidentiality program act and the parent or legal guardian provides notice of the issuance of the participation card in a form and manner prescribed by the Michigan Department of Education.
- b) The term “confidential address” shall have the same meaning as defined in MCL 380.1136.

Section 11.30. Partnership Agreement. If the Department and State Reform Office imposes a partnership agreement on the Academy, the Academy shall work collaboratively with the Department, the State Reform Office, and other partners to implement the partnership agreement. In the event that a provision in the partnership agreement is inconsistent with a provision in this Contract, this Contract shall control.

Section 11.31. Statewide Safety Information Policy. The Academy shall adopt and adhere to the statewide school safety information policy required under Section 1308 of the Code, MCL 380.1308. The statewide school safety information policy may also address Academy procedures for reporting incidents involving possession of a dangerous weapon as required under Section 1313 of the Code, MCL 380.1313.

Section 11.32. Criminal Incident Reporting Obligation. Within twenty-four (24) hours after an incident occurs, the Academy shall provide a report to the Michigan State Police, in a form and manner prescribed by State Police, after either of the following: (i) an incident involving a crime that must be reported under Section 1310a(2) of the Code, MCL 380.1310a(2); or (ii) an incident, if known to the Academy, involving the attempted commission of a crime that must be reported under Section 1310a(2) of the Code, MCL 380.1310a(2). Failure to comply may result in the Academy being ineligible to receive any school safety grants from the Michigan State Police for the fiscal year in which the noncompliance is discovered by State Police.

Section 11.33. Academy Emergency Operations Plan.

a) Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, and at least biennially thereafter, the Academy shall, in conjunction with at least 1 law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the Academy, conduct either (i) a review of the Academy’s emergency operations plan, including a review of the vulnerability assessment; or (ii) a review of the Academy’s statewide school safety information policy, as applicable.



b) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Academy shall either (i) develop an emergency operations plan for each school building, including recreational structure or athletic field, operated by the Academy with input from the public; or (ii) adopt a statewide school safety information policy under Section 1308 of the Code, MCL 380.1308. The emergency operations plan or statewide school safety information policy shall comply with Section 1308b(3) of the Code, MCL 380.1308b(3). Within thirty (30) days, the Academy shall provide to the Department, in a form and manner determined by the Department, notice of the adoption of an emergency plan or the completion of an emergency operations plan review, as applicable.

Section 11.34. School Safety Liaison. The Academy Board shall designate a liaison to work with the School Safety Commission created under Section 5 of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan Act created under Public Act 548 of 2018, MCL 28.805 and the Office of School Safety created under MCL 28.681. The Liaison shall be an individual employed or assigned to regularly and continuously work under contract in the school operated by the Academy. The Liaison shall work with the School Safety Commission and the Office of School Safety to identify mode practices for determining school safety measures.

Section 11.35. New Building Construction or Renovations. The Academy shall not commence construction on a new school building or the major renovation of an existing school building unless the Academy consults on the plans of the construction or major renovation regarding school safety issues with the law enforcement agency that is or will be the first responder for that school building. School building includes either a building intended to be used to provide pupil instruction or a recreational or athletic structure or field used by pupils.

Section 11.36. Annual Expulsion Report and Website Report on Criminal Incidents. On an annual basis, the Academy Board shall do the following:

(i) prepare and submit to the Superintendent, in a form and manner prescribed by the Superintendent, a report stating the number of pupils expelled from the Academy during the immediately preceding school year, with a brief description of the incident causing each expulsion;

(ii) post on its website, in a form and manner prescribed by the Superintendent, a report on the incidents of crime occurring at schools operated by the Academy. Each school building shall collect and keep current on a weekly basis the information required for the website report, and must provide that information, within seven (7) days upon request; and

(iii) make a copy of the report on the incidents of crime, disaggregated by school building, available to the parent or legal guardian of each pupil enrolled in the Academy.

Section 11.37. K to 3 Reading. If the Academy offers Kindergarten through Third grade, the Academy shall comply with Section 1280f of the Code, MCL 380.1280f. The Academy shall ensure that all required actions, notices, and filings required under Section 1280f, MCL 380.1280f, are timely completed.

## ARTICLE XII

### GENERAL TERMS

Section 12.1. Notices. Any and all notices permitted or required to be given hereunder shall be deemed duly given; (i) upon actual delivery, if delivery by hand; or (ii) upon delivery into United States mail if delivery is by postage paid first class mail. Each such notice shall be sent to the respective party at the address indicated below or to any other person or address as the respective party may designate by notice delivered pursuant hereto:

If to Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees:

Charter Schools Office Director  
Grand Valley State University  
201 Front Avenue, SW., Suite 310  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

If to Academy: West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics  
Attn: Board President  
17350 Hazel  
Spring Lake, MI 49456

Section 12.2. Severability. If any provision in this Contract is held to be invalid or unenforceable, it shall be ineffective only to the extent of the invalidity, without affecting or impairing the validity and enforceability of the remainder of the provision or the remaining provisions of this Contract. If any provision of this Contract shall be or become in violation of Applicable Law, such provision shall be considered null and void, and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 12.3. Successors and Assigns. The terms and provisions of this Contract are binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

Section 12.4. Entire Contract. This Contract sets forth the entire agreement between the University Board and the Academy with respect to the subject matter of this Contract. All prior application materials, contracts, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, and undertakings, are superseded by this Contract.

Section 12.5. Assignment. This Contract is not assignable by either party.

Section 12.6. Non-Waiver. Except as provided herein, no term or provision of this Contract shall be deemed waived and no breach or default shall be deemed excused, unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. No consent by any party to, or waiver of, a breach or default by the other, whether expressed or

implied, shall constitute a consent to, waiver of, or excuse for any different or subsequent breach or default.

Section 12.7. Indemnification. As a condition to receiving a grant of authority from the University Board to operate a public school pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Academy agrees to indemnify and hold the University Board, the University and its Board of Trustees members, officers, employees, agents or representatives harmless from all claims, demands, or liability, including attorney fees, and related expenses, on account of injury, loss or damage, including, without limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage or any other losses of any kind whatsoever and not caused by the sole negligence of the University, which arise out of or are in any manner connected with the University Board's receipt, consideration or approval of the Application, the University Board's approval of the Method of Selection Resolution or the Authorizing Resolution, legal challenges to the validity of Part 6a of the Code or actions taken by the University Board as an authorizing body under Part 6a of the Code, the University Board's consideration of or issuance of a Contract, the Academy's preparation for and operation of a public school, or which are incurred as a result of the reliance of the University Board, the University and its Board of Trustees members, officers, employees, agents or representatives upon information supplied by the Academy, or which arise out of the failure of the Academy to perform its obligations under this Contract. The foregoing provision shall not be deemed a relinquishment or waiver of any kind of Section 7 of the Governmental Liability for Negligence Act, being Act No. 170, Public Acts of Michigan, 1964.

Section 12.8. Construction. This Contract shall be construed fairly as to both parties and not in favor of or against either party, regardless of which party prepared the Contract.

Section 12.9. Force Majeure. If any circumstances occur which are beyond the control of the parties, which delay or render impossible the obligations of one or both of the parties, the parties' obligations to perform such services shall be postponed for an equivalent period of time or shall be canceled, if such performance has been rendered impossible by such circumstances.

Section 12.10. No Third Party Rights. This Contract is made for the sole benefit of the Academy and the University Board and no other person or entity, including without limitation, the ESP. Except as otherwise provided, nothing in this Contract shall create or be deemed to create a relationship between the parties hereto, or either of them, and any third person, including a relationship in the nature of a third party beneficiary or fiduciary.

Section 12.11. Non-agency. It is understood that the Academy is not the agent of the University.

Section 12.12. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed and controlled by the laws of the State of Michigan as to interpretation, enforcement, validity, construction, and effect, and in all other respects.

Section 12.13. Counterparts. This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts. Each counterpart so executed shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 12.14. Term of Contract. This Contract shall commence on July 1, 2022, and shall remain in full force and effect for five (5) years until June 30, 2027, unless sooner revoked or terminated according to the terms hereof.

Section 12.15. Survival of Provisions. The terms, provisions, and representations contained in Section 11.4, Section 11.8, Section 12.7, and Section 12.10, and any other provision of this Contract that by their sense and context are intended to survive termination of this Contract shall survive.

Section 12.16. Termination of Responsibilities. Upon termination or revocation of this Contract, the University Board and its designees shall have no further obligations or responsibilities under this Contract to the Academy or any other person or persons in connection with this Contract.


Section 12.17. Disposition of Academy Assets Upon Termination or Revocation of Contract. Following termination or revocation of the Contract, the Academy shall follow the applicable wind-up and dissolution provisions set forth in the Academy's articles of incorporation, Part 6A of the Code, and Applicable Law.

Section 12.18. University Board or CSO General Policies on Public School Academies Shall Apply. Notwithstanding any provision of this Contract to the contrary, and with the exception of existing University Board or CSO policies regarding public school academies which shall apply immediately, University Board or CSO general policies clarifying procedure and requirements applicable to public school academies under this Contract, as from time to time adopted or amended, will automatically apply to the Academy, provided they are not inconsistent with provisions of this Contract. Before issuing general policies under this Section, the University Board or the CSO shall provide a draft of the proposed policies to the Academy Board. The Academy Board shall have at least thirty (30) days to provide comment to the CSO on the proposed policies before such policies shall become effective.

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As the designated representative of the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees, I hereby issue this Contract to the Academy on the date set forth above.

**GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
University President or his/her designee

As the authorized representative of the Academy, I hereby certify that the Academy is able to comply with the Contract and all Applicable Law, and that the Academy, through its governing board, has approved and agreed to comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions of this Contract.

**WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Academy Board President

**SCHEDULE 1**

**METHOD OF SELECTION RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**



CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY ON FEBRUARY 18, 2022:

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – West Michigan Academy of Arts and  
Academics, Spring Lake (5 years)


WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, at its meeting on April 26, 1996, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics (the “Academy”), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on June 18, 2001, February 29, 2008, and April 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the University’s Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President’s designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a five (5) year term beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a five (5) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name as Secretary and have caused the seal of said body corporate to be hereto affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2022.

  
Matthew E. McLogan, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Grand Valley State University



CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY ON APRIL 24, 2015:

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – West Michigan Academy of Arts  
and Academics, Spring Lake (7 years)

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University at its meeting on April 26, 1996, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics (the “Academy”), and authorized the reissuance of a contract to charter the Academy at its meetings on June 18, 2001, and February 29, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the University’s Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President’s designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a seven (7) year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a seven (7) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name as Secretary and have caused the seal of said body corporate to be hereto affixed this 11th day of May 2015.

Teri L. Losey, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Grand Valley State University





**CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY ON FEBRUARY 29, 2008:**

**08-1-13      (13)      Charter Schools Report**

On motion by Mrs. Johnson and second by Ms. Myers, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics, Spring Lake (7 year)**

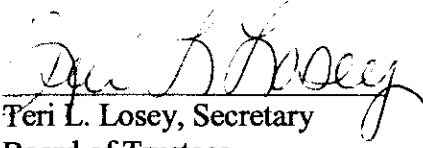
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University at its meeting on April 26, 1996 initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter a public school academy to West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics (the "Academy") and on June 18, 2001 the contract was reauthorized with an effective date of June 18, 2001.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Board of Directors of the Academy were selected in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees establishing the method of selection, length of term, and number of members of the Academy Board. This resolution is incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.
2. The contract of this Academy is due to expire on June 30, 2008.
3. The University's Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy.
4. The Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University may consider the reissuance of a contract to charter following an evaluation and assessment by the University's Charter Schools Office that concludes that the operation and performance of the academy warrants the reissuance of a contract.
5. The present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy.

6. The University President or his designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a seven (7) year term beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2015.
7. The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the Chairperson of the University Board to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a seven (7) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name as Secretary and have caused the seal of said body corporate to be hereto affixed this 9th day of April, 2008.

  
Peri L. Losey, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Grand Valley State University

**SCHEDULE 2**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

JAN 31 2020  
2:00pm

**RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**For use by Domestic Nonprofit Corporations**

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1982, as amended (the "Act"), being MCL 450.2101 et seq. and Part 6A of the Revised School Code (the "Code"), as amended, being Sections 380.501 to 380.507 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the undersigned corporation executes the following Restated Articles:

1. The present name of the corporation is West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics.
2. The identification number assigned by the Bureau is 800833220
3. There are no other former names of the corporation.
4. The date of filing of the original Articles of Incorporation was June 5, 1996.

The following Restated Articles of Incorporation supersede the Articles of Incorporation as amended and shall be the Articles of Incorporation.

**FILED**

JAN 31 2020

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is: WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS ADMINISTRATOR  
CORPORATIONS DIVISION

The authorizing body for the corporation is: Grand Valley State University ("GVSU") Board of Trustees, ("Board of Trustees"), 1 Campus Drive, Allendale, Michigan 49401.

**ARTICLE II**

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

1. Specifically, the corporation is organized for the purposes of operating as a public school academy in the State of Michigan pursuant to Part 6a of the Code, being Sections 380.501 to 380.507 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
2. The corporation, including all activities incident to its purposes, shall at all times be conducted so as to be a governmental entity pursuant to Section 115 of the United States Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") or any successor law. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activity not permitted to be carried on by a governmental instrumentality exempt from federal income tax under Section 115 of the IRC or by a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan and subject to a Contract authorized under the Code.

**ARTICLE III**

1. The corporation is organized upon a Nonstock basis.
2. a. If organized on a nonstock basis, the description and value of its real property Assets, which is composed of building and land are: (if none, insert "none")

Real Property: \$ 7,497,407

- b. The description and value of its cash and personal property assets, which is composed of equipment and computers are: (if none, insert "none")

Personal Property: \$125,725

- c. The corporation is to be financed under the following general plan:
  - a. State school aid payments received pursuant to the State School Aid Act of 1979 or any successor law.
  - b. Federal funds.
  - c. Donations
  - d. Fees and charges permitted to be charged by public school academies.
  - e. Other funds lawfully received.
- d. The corporation is organized on a Directorship basis.

**ARTICLE IV**

- 1. The name of the resident agent at the registered office :  
Joanna Bennink
- 2. The address of the registered office is:  
17350 Hazel Street, Spring Lake, MI 49456  
  
 (Street Address) (City) (ZIP Code)
- 3. The mailing address of the registered office, if different than above:  
  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Michigan \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street Address) (City) (ZIP Code)

**ARTICLE V**

The corporation is a governmental entity.

**ARTICLE VI**

Before execution of a contract to charter a public school academy between the Academy Board and the Board of Trustees, the method of selection, length of term, and the number of members of the Academy Board shall be approved by a resolution of the Board of Trustees as required by the Code.

The members of the Academy Board shall be selected by the following method:

- 1. **Method of Selection and Appointment of Academy Board Members:**
  - a. **Initial Academy Board Member Nominations and Appointments:** As part of the public school academy application, the public school academy applicant shall propose to the Director of the University Charter Schools Office ("Director"), the names of proposed individuals to serve on the initial board of directors of the proposed public school academy. When the Director recommends an initial contract for approval to the Board of Trustees, he/she shall include recommendations for initial Academy Board members. These recommendations may, but are not required to, include individuals proposed by the public school academy applicant. To be considered for appointment, the nominees must have completed the required board member candidate application materials, including

at least (i) the Academy Board Member Questionnaire prescribed by the University Charter Schools Office; and (ii) the Criminal Background Check Report prescribed by the University Charter Schools Office.

- b. **Subsequent Academy Board Member Nominations and Appointments:** Except as provided in paragraph (2) below, the Academy Board may nominate individuals for subsequent Academy Board of Director positions. As part of the appointment process, the Academy Board may submit to the Director: (i) the name of the nominee; (ii) the board member candidate application materials identified in paragraph (a) above; and (iii) a copy of the Academy Board nominating resolution. The Director may or may not recommend the proposed nominee submitted by the Academy Board. If the Director does not recommend a nominee submitted by the Academy Board, the Director shall select a nominee and forward that recommendation to the Board of Trustees for appointment. The Board of Trustees shall have the sole and exclusive right to appoint members to the Academy Board.
  - c. **Exigent Appointments:** When the Director determines an "exigent condition" exists which requires him/her to make an appointment to a public school academy's board of directors, the Director, with University President approval, may immediately appoint a person to serve as a public school academy board member for the time specified, but not longer than the next meeting held by the Board of Trustees when a regular appointment may be made by the Board of Trustees. The Director shall make the appointment in writing and notify the public school academy's board of directors of the appointment. Exigent conditions include, but are not limited to when an Academy Board seat is vacant, when a Academy Board cannot reach a quorum, when the Board of Trustees determines that an Academy Board member's service is no longer required, when an Academy Board member is removed, when an Academy Board fails to fill a vacancy, or other reasons which would prohibit the Academy Board from taking action without such an appointment.
2. **Qualifications of Academy Board Members:** To be qualified to serve on the Academy Board, a person shall: (a) be a citizen of the United States; (b) reside in the State of Michigan; (c) submit all materials requested by the GVSU Charter Schools Office including, but not limited to, a GVSU Academy Board Member Questionnaire and a release for criminal history background check; (d) not be an employee of the Academy; (e) not be a director, officer, or employee of a company or other entity that contracts with the Academy; and (f) not be an employee or representative of GVSU or be a member of the Board of Trustees.
  3. **Oath /Acceptance of Office / Voting Rights:** Following appointment by the Board of Trustees, Academy Board Appointees may begin their legal duties, including the right to vote, after they have signed an Acceptance of Public Office form and taken the Oath or Affirmation of Public Office administered by a member of the Academy Board, other public official or notary public.
  4. **Length of Term; Removal:** An appointed Academy Board member is an "at will" board member who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees for a term of office not to exceed three (3) years. Regardless of the length of term, terms shall end on June 30 of the final year of service, unless shorter due to other provisions of this resolution. A person appointed to serve as an Academy Board member may be reappointed to serve

additional terms. When an Academy Board member is appointed to complete the term of service of another Academy Board member, their service ends at the end of the previous Academy Board member's term.

If the Board of Trustees determines that an Academy Board member's service in office is no longer required, then the Board of Trustees may remove an Academy board member with or without cause and shall specify the date when the Academy Board member's service ends. An Academy Board member may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Academy's Board for cause.

5. **Resignations:** A member of the Academy Board may resign from office by submitting a written resignation or by notifying the Director. The resignation is effective upon receipt by the Director, unless a later date is specified in the resignation. A written notice of resignation is not required. If no such written notification is provided, then the Director shall confirm a resignation in writing. The resignation shall be effective upon the date the Director sends confirmation to the resigning Academy Board member.
  
6. **Vacancy:** An Academy Board position shall be considered vacant when an Academy Board member:
  - a. Resigns
  - b. Dies
  - c. Is removed from Office
  - d. Is convicted of a felony
  - e. Ceases to be qualified
  - f. Is incapacitated
  
7. **Filling a Vacancy:** The Academy Board may nominate and the Director shall recommend or temporarily appoint persons to fill a vacancy as outlined in the "Subsequent Appointments" and "Exigent Appointments" procedures in this resolution.
  
8. **Number of Academy Board Member Positions:** The number of member positions of the Academy Board of Directors shall be five (5), seven (7) or nine (9), as determined from time to time by the Academy Board.
  
9. **Quorum:** In order to legally transact business, the Academy Board shall have a quorum physically present at a duly called meeting of the Academy Board. A "quorum" shall be defined as follows:

# of Academy Board positions	# required for Quorum
Five (5)	Three (3)
Seven (7)	Four (4)
Nine (9)	Five (5)

A board member who is absent from a meeting of the board due to military duty may participate in the meeting virtually, and that member's virtual presence will count towards quorum and allow the absent member to participate in and vote on business before the board.

10. **Manner of Acting:** The Academy Board shall be considered to have "acted," when a duly called meeting of the Academy Board has a quorum present and the number of board members voting in favor of an action is as follows:

# of Academy Board positions	# for Quorum	# required to act
Five (5)	Three (3)	Three (3)
Seven (7)	Four (4)	Four (4)
Nine (9)	Five (5)	Five (5)

11. **Conservator; Appointment by University President:** Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, in the event that the health, safety, and welfare of the Academy students, property, or funds are at risk, the University President, after consulting with the University Board Chairperson, may appoint a person to serve as the Conservator of the Academy. Upon appointment, the Conservator shall have all powers of a Board of Directors of a Public School Academy and act in the place and stead of the Academy Board. The University President shall appoint the conservator for a definite term, which may be extended in writing. During the appointment, the Academy Board members are suspended and all powers of the Academy Board are suspended. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. During their appointment, the Conservator shall have the following powers: a) take into his or her possession all Academy property and records, including financial, board, employment, and student records; b) institute and defend board actions by or on behalf of the Academy; c) continue the business of the Academy including entering into contracts, borrowing money, and pledging, mortgaging, or otherwise encumbering the property of the Academy as security for the repayment of the loans, however, the power shall be subject to any provisions and restrictions in any existing credit documents; d) hire, fire, and discipline employees of the Academy; e) settle or compromise with any debtor or creditor of the Academy, including any taxing authority; f) review all outstanding agreements to which the Academy is a party and to take those actions which the Academy Board may have exercised to pay, extend, rescind, renegotiate, or settle such agreements as needed; and g) perform all acts necessary and appropriate to fulfill the Academy's purposes as set forth under the Code or this Contract.

## ARTICLE VII

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, board, officers or other private persons, or organization organized and operated for a profit (except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof). Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a governmental entity exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 115 of the IRC, or comparable provisions of any successor law.

To the extent permitted by law, upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board shall after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation to the Board of Trustees for forwarding to the State School Aid Fund established under Article IX, Section 11 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, as amended.



## **ARTICLE VIII**

The corporation and its incorporators, board members, officers, employees, and volunteers have governmental immunity as provided in Section 7 of Act No. 170 of the Public Acts of 1964, being Sections 691.1407 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## **ARTICLE IX**

These Articles of Incorporation shall not be amended except by the process provided in the contract executed by the Academy Board and the Board of Trustees.

## **ARTICLE X**

The Academy Board shall have all the powers and duties permitted by law to manage the business, property and affairs of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE XI**

A director or volunteer officer is not personally liable to the corporation or its members for money damages for any action taken or any failure to take any action as a volunteer officer, except liability for any of the following:

- (i) The amount of a financial benefit received by a director or volunteer officer to which he or she is not entitled.
- (ii) Intentional infliction of harm on the corporation, its shareholders, or members.
- (iii) A violation of Section 551 of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act;
- (iv) An intentional criminal act.
- (v) A liability imposed under section 497(a).

If the corporation obtains tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, the corporation assumes all liability to any person other than the corporation for all acts or omissions of a volunteer director occurring on or after the filing of the Articles incurred in the good faith performance of the volunteer director's duties.

This article shall not be deemed a relinquishment or waiver of any kind of Section 7 of the Government Liability for Negligence Act, being Act No. 170, Public Acts of Michigan, 1964.

## **ARTICLE XII**

The corporation assumes the liability for all acts or omissions of a volunteer director, volunteer officer, or other volunteer if all of the following are met:

- (i) The volunteer was acting or reasonably believed he or she was acting within the scope of his or her authority;
- (ii) The volunteer was acting in good faith;

- (iii) The volunteer's conduct did not amount to gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct;
- (iv) The volunteer's conduct was not an intentional tort; and
- (v) The volunteer's conduct was not a tort arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle for which tort liability may be imposed under section 3135 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3135.

This article shall not be deemed a relinquishment or waiver of any kind of Section 7 of the Governmental Liability for Negligence Act, being Act No. 170, Public Acts of Michigan, 1964.

### ARTICLE XIII

The officers of the Academy Board shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be selected by the Board of Directors. The Academy Board may select one or more Assistants to the officers, and may also appoint such other officers and agents as they may deem necessary for the transaction of the business of the corporation.

### ARTICLE XIV

These Restated Articles of Incorporation shall become effective upon filing. However, the corporation shall not carry out the purposes set forth in Article II unless/or until the Board of Trustees issues to the Academy Board a contract to operate as a public school academy, and the contract is executed by both the Academy Board and the Board of Trustees.

These Restated Articles of Incorporation were duly adopted by the directors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2019, in accordance with the provisions of Section 641 of the Act (MCL 450.2641). The necessary number of votes were cast in favor of these Restated Articles of Incorporation.

By: Melissa Sass  
Melissa Sass  
Its: Board Secretary

**SCHEDULE 3**

**BYLAWS**

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**BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

This organization shall be called West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics (The “Academy” or the “corporation”).

**ARTICLE II**

**FORM OF ACADEMY**

The Academy is organized as a non-profit, non-stock, directorship corporation.

**ARTICLE III**

**OFFICES**

Section 1.       Principal Office.   The principal office of the Academy shall be located in the State of Michigan.

Section 2.       Registered Office.   The registered office of the Academy shall be 17350 Hazel Street, Spring Lake, MI 49456. The registered agent is Joanna Bennink. It must be located in the state of Michigan, and be the business office of the registered agent, as required by the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act.

**ARTICLE IV**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1.       General Powers.   The business, property and affairs of the Academy shall be managed by the Academy Board of Directors (“Academy Board”). The Academy Board may exercise any and all of the powers granted to it under the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act or pursuant to Part 6A of the Revised School code (“Code”). The Academy Board may delegate said powers to the officers and committees of the Academy Board as it deems appropriate or necessary, as long as such delegation is consistent with the Articles, these Bylaws, the Contract and Applicable Law.

Section 2.       Method of Selection and Appointment.       Nomination and appointment to the Academy Board shall be handled in the following manner:

1.   Method of Selection and Appointment of Academy Board Members:

- a. Initial Academy Board Member Nominations and Appointments: As part of the public school academy application, the public school academy applicant shall propose to the Director of the University Charter Schools Office (“Director”), the names of proposed individuals to serve on the initial board of directors of the proposed public school academy. When the Director recommends an initial contract for approval to the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees (“Board of Trustees”), he/she shall include recommendations for initial Academy Board members. These recommendations may, but are not required to, include individuals proposed by the public school academy applicant. To be considered for the appointment, the nominees must have completed the required board member Questionnaire prescribed by the University Charter Schools office; and (ii) the criminal Background Check Report prescribed by the University Charter Schools Office.
  - b. Subsequent Academy Board Member Nominations and Appointments: Except as provided in paragraph (2) below, the Academy Board may nominate individuals for subsequent Academy Board of Director positions. As part of the appointment process, the Academy Board may submit to the Director: (i) the name of the nominee; (ii) the board member candidate application materials identified in paragraph (a) above; and (iii) a copy of the Academy Board nominating resolution. The Director may or may not recommend a nominee submitted by the Academy Board. If the Director does not recommend a nominee submitted by the Academy Board, the Director shall select a nominee and forward that recommendation to the Board of Trustees for appointment. The board of Trustees shall have the sole and exclusive right to appoint members to the Academy Board.
  - c. Exigent Appointments: When the Director determines an “exigent condition” exists which requires him/her to make an appointment to a public school academy’s board of director, the Director, with University President approval, may immediately appoint a person to serve as a public school academy board member for the time specified, but not longer than the next meeting made by the Board of Trustees. The Director shall make the appointment in writing and notify the public school academy’s board of directors of the appointment. Exigent conditions include, but are not limited to when an Academy Board seat is vacant, determines that an Academy Board member’s service is no longer required, when an Academy Board member is removed, when an Academy Board fails to fill a vacancy, or other reasons which would prohibit the Academy Board from taking action without such an appointment.
2. Qualifications of Academy Board Members: To be qualified to serve of the Academy Board, a person shall: (a) be a citizen of the United States; (b) reside in the State of Michigan; (c) submit all materials requested by the GVSU Charter Schools Office including, but not limited to, a GVSU Academy Board Member Questionnaire and a release for criminal history background check; (d) not be an employee of the Academy; (e) not be a director,

officer, or employee of a company or other entity that contracts with the Academy; and (f) not be an employee or representative of GVSU or be a member of the Board of Trustees.

3. Oath / Acceptance of Office / Voting Rights: Following appointment by the Board of Trustees, Academy Board Appointees may begin their legal duties, including the right to vote, after they have signed an Acceptance of Public Office form and taken the Oath or Affirmation of Public Office administered by a member of the Academy Board, other public official or notary public.

4. Length of Term; Removal: An appointed Academy Board member is an “at will” board member who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees for a term of office not to exceed three (3) years. Regardless of the length of term, terms shall end on June 30 of the final year of service, unless shorter due to other provisions of this resolution. A person appointed to serve as an Academy Board member may be reappointed to serve additional terms. When an Academy Board member is appointed to complete the term of service of another Academy Board member, their service ends at the end of the previous Academy Board member’s term.

If the Board of Trustees determines that an Academy Board member’s service in office is no longer required, then the Board of Trustees may remove an Academy Board member with or without cause and shall specify the date when the Academy Board member’s service ends. An Academy Board member may be removed from the office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Academy’s Board for cause.

5. Resignations: A member of the Academy Board may resign from office by submitting a written resignation or by notifying the Director. The resignation is effective upon receipt by the Director, unless a later date is specified in the resignation. A written notice of resignation is not required. If no such written notification is provided, then the Director shall confirm a resignation in writing. The resignation shall be effective upon the date the Director sends confirmation to the resigning Academy Board member.

6. Vacancy: An Academy Board position shall be considered vacant when an Academy Board member:

- a. Resigns
- b. Dies
- c. Is removed from Office
- d. Is convicted of a felony
- e. Ceases to be qualified
- f. Is incapacitated

7. Filling a Vacancy: The Academy Board may nominate and the Director shall recommend or temporarily appoint persons to fill a vacancy as outlined in the “Subsequent Appointments” and “Exigent Appointments” procedures in this resolution.



8. Number of Academy Board Member Positions: The number of member positions of the Academy Board of Directors shall be five (5), seven (7), or nine (9), as determined from time to time by the Academy Board.
9. Quorum: In order to legally transact business, the Academy Board shall have a quorum physically present at a duly called meeting of the Academy Board. A “quorum” shall be defined as follows:

# of Academy Board positions	# required for Quorum
Five (5)	Three (3)
Seven (7)	Four (4)
Nine (9)	Five (5)

A board member who is absent from a meeting of the board due to military duty may participate in the meeting virtually, and that member’s virtual presence will count towards quorum and allow the absent member to participate in and vote on business before the board.

10. Manner of Acting: The Academy Board shall be considered to have “acted,” when a duly called meeting of the Academy Board has a quorum present and the number of board members voting in favor of an action is as follows:

# of Academy Board positions	# for Quorum	# required to act
Five (5)	Three (3)	Three (3)
Seven (7)	Four (4)	Four (4)
Nine (9)	Five (5)	Five (5)

Section 3. Conservator; Appointment by University President. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, in the event that the health, safety, and welfare of the Academy students, property, or funds are at risk, the University President, after consulting with the University Board Chairperson, may appoint a person to serve as the Conservator of the Academy. Upon appointment, the Conservator shall have all powers of a Board of Directors of a Public School Academy and act in the place and stead of the Academy Board. The University President shall appoint the conservator for a definite term, which may be extended in writing. During the appointment, the Academy Board members are suspended and all powers of the Academy Board are suspended. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. During their appointment, the Conservator shall have the following powers: a) take into his or her possession all Academy property and records, including financial, board, employment, and student records; b) institute and defend board actions by or on behalf of the Academy; c) continue the business of the Academy including entering into contracts, borrowing money, and pledging, mortgaging, or otherwise encumbering the property of the Academy as security for the repayment of the loans, however, the power shall be subject to any provisions and restrictions in any existing credit documents; d) hire, fire, and discipline employees of the Academy; e) settle or compromise with any debtor or creditor of the Academy, including any taxing authority; f) review all outstanding agreements to which the Academy is a

party and to take those actions which the Academy Board may have exercised to pay, extend, rescind, renegotiate, or settle such agreements as needed; and g) perform all acts necessary and appropriate to fulfill the Academy's purposes as set forth under the Code or this Contract.

Section 4. Compensation. By resolution of the Academy Board, Directors may be paid their expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the Academy Board, subject to the statutes regarding Contracts of Public Servants with Public Entities, Act No. 317 of the Public Acts of 1968, being Sections 15.321 to 15.330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws and the Standards of Conduct for Public Officers and Employees, Act No. 196 of the Public Acts of 1973, being Sections 15.341 to 15.348 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and the statute concerning Incompatible Public Offices, Act No. 566 of the Public Acts of 1978, being Sections 15.181 to 15.185 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## ARTICLE V

### MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual and Regular Meetings. The Academy Board shall hold an annual meeting each year. The meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Academy Board of Directors shall from time to time determine. The Academy Board may also provide, by resolution, the time and place, within the state of Michigan, for the holding of additional regular meetings. The Academy shall provide notice of all regular meetings as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Academy Board may be called by or at the request of the President or any Academy Board Director. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Academy Board may fix the place within the state of Michigan for holding any special meeting of the Academy Board called by them, and, if no other place is fixed, the place of meeting shall be the principal business office of the corporation in the state of Michigan. The corporation shall provide notice of all special meetings as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Section 3. Notice; Waiver. The Academy Board must comply with the notice provisions of the Open Meetings Act. In addition, notice of any meeting shall be given to each Director stating the time and place of the meeting, delivered personally or mailed or sent by facsimile to each Director at the Director's business address. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting by written statement, or telecopy sent by the Director, signed before or after the holding of the meeting. The attendance of a Director at a meeting constitutes a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Section 4. Open Meetings Act. All meetings of the Academy Board, shall at all times be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Section 5. Presumption of Assent. A director of the Academy Board who is present at a meeting of the Academy Board at which action on any corporate matters is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless that Director's dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless that Director shall file a written dissent to such action with the person acting as the

Secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof or shall forward such dissent by registered mail to the Secretary of the corporation immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. This right to dissent shall not apply to a Director who voted in favor of such action.

## ARTICLE VI

### COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees. The Academy Board, by resolution, may designate one or more committees, each committee to consist of one or more Directors selected by the Academy Board. As provided in the resolution as initially adopted, and as thereafter supplemented or amended by further resolution, the committees shall have such powers as delegated by the Academy Board, except (i) filling of the vacancies in the officers of the Academy Board or committees created pursuant to this Section; (ii) amending the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; or (iii) any action the Academy Board cannot lawfully delegate under the Articles, Bylaws or Applicable Law. All committee meetings shall at all times be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Each committee shall fix its own rules governing the conduct of its activities and shall make such reports the Academy Board of its activities as the Academy Board may request.

## ARTICLE VII

### OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

Section 1. Number. The officers of the Academy shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such Assistant officers as may be selected by the Academy Board.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The Academy Board shall elect the initial officers at its first duly noticed meeting. Thereafter, the Academy Board shall elect the officers annually as terms expire at the annual meeting of the Academy Board. If the election of officers is not held at that meeting, the election shall be held as soon thereafter as may be convenient. Each officer shall hold office while qualified or until the officers resigns or is removed in the manner provided in Article IV, Section 2.

Section 3. Removal. If the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees determines that an Academy Board member's service in office is no longer required, then the Board of Trustees may remove an Academy board member with or without cause and shall specify the date when the Academy Board member's service ends. An Academy Board member may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Academy's Board for cause.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office shall be filled in accordance with Article IV, Section 2.

Section 5. President. The President of the Academy shall be a member of the Academy Board. The President of the corporation shall preside at all meetings of the Academy Board. If there is not a President, or if the President is absent, then the Vice-President shall preside. If the Vice-President is absent, then a temporary chair, chosen by the members of the Academy Board attending the meeting shall

preside. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees and may be designated Chairperson of those committees by the Academy Board. The President shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of President of the Board as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time.

Section 6. Vice-President. The Vice-President of the Academy shall be a member of the Academy Board. In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Vice-President by the President or the Academy Board.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary of the Academy shall be a member of the Academy Board. The Secretary shall perform, or cause to be performed, the following duties: (a) keep the minutes of the Academy Board meetings in one or more books provided that purpose; (b) see that all notices, including those notices required under the Open Meetings Act, are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all authorized documents; (d) keep a register of the post office address of each Director; and (e) perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and other duties assigned by the President or by the Academy Board.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer of the Academy shall be a member of the Academy Board. The Treasurer shall perform, or cause to be performed, the following duties: (a) keep charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; (b) keep accurate books and records of corporate receipts and disbursements; (c) deposit all moneys and securities received by the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board; (d) complete all required corporate filings; (e) assure that the responsibilities of the fiscal agent of the corporation are properly carried out; and (f) in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Academy Board.

Section 9. Assistants and Acting Officers. The Assistants to the officers, if any, selected by the Academy Board, shall perform such duties and have such authority as shall from time to time be delegated or assigned to them by the Secretary or Treasurer or by the Academy Board. The Academy Directors shall have the power to appoint any person to perform the duties of an officer whenever for any reason it is impractical for such officer to act personally. Such acting officer so appointed shall have the powers of and be subject to all restrictions upon the officer to whose office the acting officer is so appointed except as the Academy Board may by resolution otherwise determine.

Section 10. Salaries. Officers shall not receive a salary unless the salary has been specifically approved by the Academy Board, subject to the statute concerning Incompatible Public Offices, Act No. 566 of the Public Acts of 1978, being sections 15.181 to 15.185 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Officers of the corporation who are Directors of the corporation may not be compensated for their services. They may, however, receive traveling and other expenses.

Section 11. Filing More Than One Office. Subject to the statute concerning Incompatible Public Offices, Act No. 566 of the Public Acts of 1978, being Sections 15.181 to 15.185 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, any two offices of the corporation except those of President and Vice-President may be held by the same person, but no officer shall execute, acknowledge or verify any instrument in more than one capacity.

## ARTICLE VIII

### CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS; SPECIAL CORPORATE ACTS

Section 1. Contracts. The Academy Board may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract, to execute and deliver any instrument, or to acknowledge any instrument required by law to be acknowledged in the name of and on behalf of the corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances, but the appointment of any person other than an officer to acknowledge an instrument required by law to be acknowledged should be made by instrument in writing. When the Academy Board authorizes the execution of a contract or of any other instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, without specifying the executing officers, the President or Vice-President, and the Secretary or Treasurer may execute the same and may affix the corporate seal there to. No contract into, by or on behalf of the Academy Board, shall in any way bind the University or impose any liability on the University, its trustees, officers, employees or agents.

Section 2. Loans. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Academy Board. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. No loan or advance to, or overdraft of funds by an officer or member of the Academy Board otherwise than in the ordinary and usual course of the business of the corporation, and on the ordinary and usual course of the business or security, shall be made or permitted. No loan entered into, by or on behalf of the Academy Board, shall in any way be considered a debt or obligation of Grand Valley State University or impose any liability on Grand Valley State University, its trustees, officers, employees, or agents.

Section 3. Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents, of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Academy Board.

Section 4. Deposits. All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited within three (3) business days after the receipt of the funds by the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Academy Board may select, provided that such financial institution is eligible to be a depository of surplus funds under section 1221 of the Revised School Code, being Section 380.1221 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Section 5. Voting of Securities Owned by this Corporation. Subject always to the specific directions of the Academy Board, any shares or other securities issued by another corporation and owned or controlled by this corporation may be voted at any meeting of security holders of such other corporation by the President of this corporation or by proxy appointed by Treasurer of this corporation or by proxy appointed by the Secretary or Treasurer. Such proxy or consent in respect to any shares or other securities issued by any other corporation and owned by this corporation shall be executed in the name of this corporation by the President, the Secretary or the Treasurer of this corporation without necessity of any authorization by the Academy Board, affixation of corporate seal or countersignature or attestation by another officer. Any person or persons designated in the manner above stated as the proxy or proxies of this corporation shall have full right, power, and authority to vote the shares or other securities issued by such other corporation and owned by this corporation the same as such shares or other securities might be voted by this corporation.

Section 6. Contracts Between Corporation and Related Persons. As required by Applicable Law, any Director, officer or employee of the Academy, who enters into a contract with the Academy, that meets the definition of contract under the statute on Contracts of Public Servants with Public Entities, Act No. 317 of the Public Acts of 1968, being sections 15.321 to 15.330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall comply with the public disclosure requirement set forth in Section 3 of the statute.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

Each person who is or was a member of the Academy Board, or a trustee, director, officer or member of a committee of the Academy and each person who serves or has served at the request of the Academy as a trustee, director, officer, partner, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall be indemnified by the corporation to the fullest extent permitted by the corporation laws of the State of Michigan as they may be in effect from time to time. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any such person against any liability asserted against and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have power to indemnify such person against such liability under the preceding sentence. The corporation may, to the extent authorized from time to time by the Board, grant rights to indemnification to any employee or agent of the corporation to the fullest extent provided under the laws of the State of Michigan as they may be in effect from time to time.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **FISCAL YEAR, BUDGET AND UNIFORM BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTING**

Section 1. Fiscal Year, Budget and Uniform Budgeting and Accounting. The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of July in each year. The Board of Directors, subject to the oversight responsibilities of the University Board, shall have exclusive control of the budget. The board

shall prepare and publish an annual budget in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, being Act 2 of the public laws of Michigan of 1968, as amended.

## ARTICLE XI

### SEAL

The Academy Board may provide a corporate seal, which shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation, the State of Michigan and the words "Corporate Seal" and "Public School Academy."

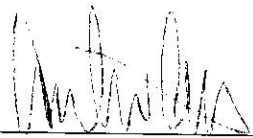
## ARTICLE XII

### AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by obtaining the affirmative vote of a majority of the Academy Board at any regular or special meeting of the Academy Board, if a notice setting forth the terms of the proposal has been given in accordance with the notice requirements for the special meetings. Upon arrival, the Academy Board shall forward the amendment to the University Charter Schools Office. The amendment shall be automatically incorporated into Schedule 3 of the Contract upon receipt of the amendment by the University Charter Schools Office. The Academy Board is encouraged to submit proposed Bylaw changes to the Charter Schools Office, for review and comment, prior to adoption. If at any time the University identifies a provision in the Academy Board's Bylaws that violates or conflicts with applicable law or the Contract, it shall notify the Academy Board in writing and the Academy Board shall remedy the identified provision to be in concert with applicable law and the Contract.

## CERTIFICATION

The Board certifies that these Bylaws were adopted as and for the Bylaws of a Michigan corporation in an open and public meeting, by the Academy Board on the 24th day of September, 2019.

  
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Board Secretary PRESIDENT

**SCHEDULE 4**

**FISCAL AGENT AGREEMENT**



## SCHEDULE 4

### FISCAL AGENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is part of the Contract issued by the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees ("University Board"), an authorizing body as defined by the Revised School Code, as amended (the "Code"), to West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics ("Academy"), a public school academy.

#### Preliminary Recitals

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code and the Contract, the University Board, as authorizing body, is the fiscal agent for the Academy, and

WHEREAS, the University Board is required by law to forward any State School Aid Payments received from the State of Michigan ("State") on behalf of the Academy to the Academy,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises set forth below, the parties agree to the following:

### ARTICLE I

#### DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

Section 1.01. Definitions. Unless otherwise provided, or unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following definitions:

"Account" means an account established by the Academy for the receipt of State School Aid Payments at a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union which has not been deemed ineligible to be a depository of surplus funds under Section 6 of Act No. 105 of the Public Acts of 1855, being Section 21.146 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

"Agreement" means this Fiscal Agent Agreement.

"Fiscal Agent" means the University Board or an officer or employee of Grand Valley State University as designated by the University Board.

"Other Funds" means any other public or private funds which the Academy receives and for which the University Board voluntarily agrees to receive and transfer to the Academy.

"State School Aid Payment" means any payment of money the Academy receives from the State School Aid Fund established pursuant to Article IX, Section 11 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 or under the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended.

"State" means the State of Michigan.

"State Treasurer" means the office responsible for issuing funds to urban high school academies for State School Aid Payments pursuant to the School Aid Act of 1979, as amended.

Section 1.02. Fiscal Agent Agreement Incorporated into Contract; Use of Contract Definitions. This Fiscal Agent Agreement shall be incorporated into and is part of the Contract issued by the University Board to the Academy. Terms defined in the Contract shall have the same meaning in this Agreement.

## ARTICLE II

### FISCAL AGENT DUTIES

Section 2.01. Receipt of State School Aid Payments and Other Funds. The University Board is the Fiscal Agent for the Academy for the limited purpose of receiving State School Aid Payments. By separate agreement, the University Board and the Academy may also agree that the University Board will receive Other Funds for transfer to the Academy. The Fiscal Agent will receive State School Aid Payments from the State, as provided in Section 3.02.

Section 2.02. Transfer to Academy. Except as provided in the Contract, the Fiscal Agent shall transfer all State School Aid Payments and all Other Funds received on behalf of the Academy to the Academy within three (3) business days of receipt or as otherwise required by the provisions of the State School Aid Act of 1979 or applicable State Board rules. The State School Aid Payments and all Other Funds shall be transferred into the Account designated by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Academy and by a method of transfer acceptable to the Fiscal Agent.

Section 2.03. Limitation of Duties. The Fiscal Agent has no responsibilities or duties to verify the Academy's pupil membership count, as defined in the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended, or to authorize, to approve or to determine the accuracy of the State Aid School Payments received on behalf of the Academy from the State Treasurer. The duties of the Fiscal Agent are limited to the receipt and transfer to the Academy of State School Aid Payments and Other Funds received by the Academy. The Fiscal Agent shall have no duty to monitor or approve expenditures made by the Academy Board.

Section 2.04. Academy Board Requests for Direct Intercept of State School Aid Payments. If the Academy Board directs that a portion of its State School Aid Payments be forwarded by the Fiscal Agent to a third party account for the payment of Academy debts and liabilities, the Academy shall submit to the University Charter Schools Office: (i) a copy of the Academy Board's resolution authorizing the direct intercept of State School Aid Payments; and (ii) a copy of a State School Aid Payment Agreement and Direction document that is in a form and manner acceptable

to the Fiscal Agent. No State Aid Payment Agreement and Direction document shall be effective until it is acknowledged by the University President.

### ARTICLE III

#### STATE DUTIES

Section 3.01 Eligibility for State School Aid Payments. The State, through its Department of Education, has sole responsibility for determining the eligibility of the Academy to receive State School Aid Payments. The State, through its Department of Education, has sole responsibility for determining the amount of State School Aid Payments, if any, the Academy shall be entitled to receive.

Section 3.02. Method of Payment. Each State School Aid Payment for the Academy will be made to the Fiscal Agent by the State Treasurer by issuing a warrant and delivering the warrant to the Fiscal Agent by electronic funds transfer into an account specified by the Fiscal Agent, or by such other means deemed acceptable to the Fiscal Agent. The State shall make State School Aid Payments at the times specified in the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended.

### ARTICLE IV

#### ACADEMY DUTIES

Section 4.01. Compliance with State School Aid Act. In order to assure that funds are available for the education of pupils, an Academy shall comply with all applicable provisions of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended.

Section 4.02. Expenditure of Funds. The Academy may expend funds that it receives from the State School Aid Fund for any purpose permitted by the State School Aid Act of 1979 and may enter into contracts and agreements determined by the Academy as consistent with the purposes for which the funds were appropriated.

Section 4.03. Mid-Year Transfers. Funding for students transferring into or out of the Academy during the school year shall be in accordance with the State School Aid Act of 1979 or applicable State Board rules.

Section 4.04. Repayment of Overpayment. The Academy shall be directly responsible for reimbursing the State for any overpayments of State School Aid Payments. At its option, the State may reduce subsequent State School Aid Payments by the amount of the overpayment or may seek collection of the overpayment from the Academy.

Section 4.05. Deposit of Academy Funds. The Academy Board agrees to comply with Section 1221 of the Revised School Code, being MCL 380.1221, regarding the deposit of State School Aid Payments and Other Funds received by the Academy.

## ARTICLE V

### RECORDS AND REPORTS

Section 5.01. Records. The Fiscal Agent shall keep books of record and account of all transactions relating to the receipts, disbursements, allocations and application of the State School Aid Payments and Other Funds received, deposited or transferred for the benefit of the Academy, and these books shall be available for inspection at reasonable hours and under reasonable conditions by the Academy and the State.

Section 5.02. Reports. The Fiscal Agent shall prepare and send to the Academy within thirty (30) days of September 1, and annually thereafter, a written report dated as of August 31 summarizing all receipts, deposits and transfers made on behalf or for the benefit of the Academy during the period beginning on the latter of the date hereof or the date of the last such written report and ending on the date of the report, including without limitation, State School Aid Payments received on behalf of the Academy from the State Treasurer and any Other Funds which the University Board receives under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE VI

### CONCERNING THE FISCAL AGENT

Section 6.01. Representations. The Fiscal Agent represents that it has all necessary power and authority to enter into this Agreement and undertake the obligations and responsibilities imposed upon it in this Agreement and that it will carry out all of its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 6.02. Limitation of Liability. The liability of the Fiscal Agent to transfer funds to the Academy shall be limited to the amount of State School Aid Payments as are from time to time delivered by the State and the amount of Other Funds as delivered by the source of those funds.

The Fiscal Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or neglected to be taken by it in good faith in any exercise of reasonable care and believed by it to be within the discretion or power conferred upon it by this Agreement, nor shall the Fiscal Agent be responsible for the consequences of any error of judgment; and the Fiscal Agent shall not be answerable except for its own action, neglect or default, nor for any loss unless the same shall have been through its gross negligence or willful default.

The Fiscal Agent shall not be liable for any deficiency in the State School Aid Payments received from the State Treasurer to which the Academy was properly entitled. The Fiscal Agent shall not be liable for any State School Aid overpayments made by the State Treasurer to the Academy for which the State subsequently seeks reimbursement.

Acknowledgment of Receipt

The undersigned, on behalf of the State of Michigan, Department of Treasury, acknowledges receipt of the foregoing Fiscal Agent Agreement that is part of the Contract issued by the University Board to the Academy.

BY: David Boyne  
David Boyne, Director, State Finance Division,  
Bureau of State and Authority Finance  
Michigan Department of Treasury

Date: April 4, 2022

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**SCHEDULE 5**

**MASTER CALENDAR OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**Public School Academy / School of Excellence  
Master Calendar of Reporting Requirements  
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

DUE DATE	REPORT DESCRIPTION	SUBMIT TO:
July 1	Board Adopted 2022-2023 School Calendar/School Day Schedule.	CSO
July 1	Board adopted Annual Calendar of Regularly Scheduled Meetings for 2021-2022.	CSO
July 1	Board Adopted Annual Operating Budget for the General Fund and School Service Fund for 2021-2022.	CSO
July 1	Copy of Notice of Public Hearing for Annual Operating Budget for 2021-2022.	CSO
July 1	Budgeted Enrollment Number for 2022-2023.	CSO
July 25	DS-4168 Report of Days and Clock Hours of Pupil Instruction for 2021-2022 academic year, if applicable (See MDE website, <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mde">www.michigan.gov/mde</a> , for MDE due date and form).	CSO
August 3	Board Resolution appointing Chief Administrative Officer for 2022-2023. Must be a board member.	CSO
August 3	Board Resolution appointing Freedom of Information Act Coordinator for 2022-2023.	CSO
August 3	Board Designated Legal Counsel for 2022-2023.	CSO
August 3	School Safety Liaison for 2022-2023.	CSO
August 16	Special Education Procedures (new schools only or if updated)	CSO
August 30	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Statements – quarter ending 06/30.	CSO
September 7	GVSU Check Directions (Where do we send checks for the 2022-2023 year?).	CSO
September 7	Updated Waitlist Number for 2022-2023.	CSO
September 7	Board approved Student Handbook 2022-2023.	CSO
September 7	Board adopted Employee Handbook 2022-2023.	CSO
September 7	Copy of School Improvement Plan covering 2022-2023 academic year.	CSO
September 7	School Contacts Update Certification.	CSO
September 19	Hylant Insurance Policy Submission.	CSO
October 5	Schedule 6 Certification	CSO
October 5	Staff Roster (GVSU Format).	CSO
October 5	Annual Nonprofit Corporation Information Update for 2022.	CSO
October 5	Board adoption of the Statewide Safety Information Policy (see MCL 380.1308 for more information- <b>new schools only</b> . (fix epicenter for new schools only)	CSO
October 12	Unaudited Count Day Submission.	CSO
October 12	Criminal History Record Registration- New Schools.	CSO
October 12	DS-4898 PSA Preliminary Pupil Membership Count for September 2022 Enrollment and Attendance for 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year PSAs and	CSO

DUE DATE	REPORT DESCRIPTION	SUBMIT TO:
	Academies who added grade levels. (See MDE website, <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mde">www.michigan.gov/mde</a> for MDE due date).	
November 1	Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. (See MDE Website, <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mde">www.michigan.gov/mde</a> , for MDE due date.	CSO
November 1	Management Letter (comments and recommendations from independent financial auditor) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, if issued. If a management letter is not issued, a letter from the Academy stating a management letter was not issued is required to be submitted.	CSO
November 1	Annual A-133 Single Audit for year ending June 30, 2022, is required if over \$750K in federal funds have been expended. If a single audit is not necessary, a letter from the Academy stating as such is required to be submitted.	CSO
November 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Statements – quarter ending 09/30.	CSO
December 16	Transparency Page Update Certification.	CSO
January 13	Staff Roster (GVSU Format).	CSO
January 13	School Contacts Update Certification.	CSO
January 13	Statewide Safety Information Policy	CSO
January 30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Statements – quarter ending 12/31.	CSO
January 30	Board Member Annual Conflict of Interest.	CSO
January 30	Annual Education Report. The deadline changes for this each year. Please be sure to check <a href="http://mischool.net">mischool.net</a> for the updated templates, or find them in the Epicenter Task.	CSO
February 8	Unaudited Winter Count Day Submission.	CSO
March (TBD)	Anti-Bullying Policy, in accordance with Matt’s Safe School Law (new schools).	CSO
April 28	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Statements – quarter ending 03/31.	CSO
May 15	Notice of Open Enrollment & Lottery Process or Open Enrollment & Lottery Process Board Policy for 2023-2024. Must include board approved offered seat schedule.	CSO
May 15	Offered Seat Schedule per Grade	CSO
June 1	Certificate of Boiler Inspection covering 2023-2024.	CSO
June 6	NWEA Counts for next academic year	CSO
June 14	Waitlist for 2023-2024.	CSO
June 14	Board Adopted 2023-2024 School Calendar/School Day Schedule.	CSO
June 14	Board adopted Annual Calendar of Regularly Scheduled Meetings for 2023-2024.	CSO



DUE DATE	REPORT DESCRIPTION	SUBMIT TO:
June 14	Copy of Notice of Public Hearing for Annual Operating Budget for 2023-2024.	CSO
June 27	2022-2023 Log of emergency drills, including date, time and results. See Epicenter Task for template.	CSO
June 27	Board adopted Letter of Engagement for year ending June 30, 2023, independent financial audit.	CSO
June 27	Food service license expiring in 2024.	CSO
June 27	Points of Pride for Annual Report	CSO
June 27	School Description for Annual Report	CSO
June 27	Scholarship Dollars awarded to graduating seniors (High Schools Only)	CSO
June 27	Total number of graduates (High Schools Only)	CSO

**Ongoing Reporting Requirements  
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

*The following documents do not have a set calendar date; however, they require submission within a certain number of days from board action or other occurrence.*

DUE DATE	REPORT DESCRIPTION	SUBMIT TO:
Date notice is posted	Academy Board Meeting Record of Postings – cancellations, changes, special meetings, emergency etc. Must include time and date of actual posting.	CSO
7 days prior to meeting	Board packet- including Agenda and all attachments.	CSO
14 days after Board meeting	Draft Academy Board Meeting Minutes and Resolutions of regular, special & emergency board meetings.	CSO
14 days after Board approval	Approved Academy Board Meeting Minutes and Resolutions of regular, special & emergency board meetings.	CSO
30 business days after board approval	Board Adopted Annual Operating Budget for 2021-2022 including Salary/Compensation Transparency Reporting to be available on school website per the State School Aid Act as amended	No submission needed.
14 days after Board approval	Oath of Office and written acceptance for each Board Member.	CSO
10 business days after Board approval	Board adopted <i>Amended</i> Budget and General Appropriations Resolution.	CSO
10 days of receipt	Correspondence received from the Michigan Department /State Board of Education requiring a formal response.	CSO

DUE DATE	REPORT DESCRIPTION	SUBMIT TO:
10 days of receipt	Correspondence received from the Health Department requiring a formal response.	CSO
10 days of receipt	Written notice of litigation or formal proceedings involving the Academy.	CSO
30 days prior to board execution	Board proposed draft Educational Management Company Agreements or Amendments thereto.	CSO
5 business days of receipt	Request and Responses to Freedom of Information Requests.	CSO

**Original/Subsequent Board Policy Reporting Requirements  
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

*The following documents do not have a set calendar date; however, they require an original submission and subsequent submission if Board action is taken making amendments/changes.*

REPORT DESCRIPTION	SUBMIT TO:
Articles of Incorporation. Must have GVSU Board approval before modifying.	CSO
Board of Director Bylaws.	CSO
Educational Service Provider Agreements/Amendments	CSO
Academy's Educational Goals.	CSO
Office of Fire Safety (OFS-40) – original occupancy permit and permits for renovations/additions, etc.	CSO
Lease, Deed of Premises or Rental Agreement and subsequent amendments (includes modular units).	CSO
Curriculum including any additions/deletions.	CSO
Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Management Plan. Visit <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/asbestos">www.michigan.gov/asbestos</a> for Michigan's model management plan. A copy of the "acceptance" letter sent by MIOSHA is also required.	CSO
Communicable Disease Curriculum (including minutes of board approval).	CSO
Job Descriptions for all employee groups	CSO
REQUIRED BOARD POLICIES	
<b>Board adopted Purchasing Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 380.1267, MCL 380.1274	CSO
<b>Use of Medications Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 380.1178, 380.1178a, 380.1179	CSO
<b>Harassment of Staff or Applicant Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). <b>Harassment of Students Policy</b> (date of approval or revision) Reference: MCL 380.1300a	CSO
<b>Search and Seizure Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 380.1306	CSO

<b>Emergency Removal, Suspension and Expulsion of Students Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 380.1309; MCL 380.1312(8)&(9); MCL 37.1402	CSO
<b>Parent/Guardian Review of Instructional Materials &amp; Observation of Instructional Activity Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 380.1137	CSO
<b>Board Member Reimbursement of Expenses Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 380.1254; MCL 388.1764b	CSO
<b>Equal Access for Non-School Sponsored Student Clubs and Activities Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 380.1299	CSO
<b>Electronic or Wireless Communication Devices Policy</b> (date of approval or revision).	CSO
<b>Preparedness for Toxic Hazard and Asbestos Hazard Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 324.8316, 380.1256	CSO
<b>Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). Including, but not limited to, Michigan Constitution, Article I, §26, Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.	CSO
<b>Academy Deposit Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). PA 105 of 1855, being MCL 21.146, Section 11.10 of the Charter Contract	CSO
<b>Parental Involvement Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 380.1294	CSO
<b>Wellness Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: 42 USC §§ 1751, 1758, 1766; 42 USC § 1773	CSO
<b>Corporal Punishment Policy</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 380.1312(8)&(9);	CSO
<b>Anti-Bullying Policy (Matt’s Safe School Law)</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 380.1310b	CSO
<b>Cardiac Emergency Response Plan</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 29.19	CSO
<b>Emergency Operations Plan</b> (date of approval or revision). Reference: MCL 380.1308	CSO
<b>Data Breach Response Plan</b> (date of approval or revision). The Academy Board shall design and implement a comprehensive data breach response plan that is made available to Academy personnel and Educational Service Providers.	CSO

**Calendar of Additional Reporting Requirements and Critical Dates  
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023**

*The following reports Academies must submit to the local ISD, MDE, CEPI and other organizations throughout the year.*

DUE DATE	REPORT DESCRIPTION	SUBMIT TO:
TBD	Student Count Day for State Aid F.T.E.	No submission required.
August	4094 Transportation Report from 2020-21.	CEPI (online)
September	SE-4096 Special Education Actual Cost Report (Contact ISD for due date).	ISD
Sept.	*Special Education Findings – Sept. Strand Report for: B-1, B-2, B-9, B-10, and B-13. Data review and complete corrective actions if required. Corrective Action	Catamaran
October	Eye Protection Certificate (#4527 Certification of Eye Protective Devices Electronic Grant System [MEGS] if applicable).	CEPI
October	Certification of Constitutionally Protected Prayer.	MDE
October	SE-4094 Transportation Expenditure Report (Contact ISD for due date).	ISD
October 1 – October 31 (as scheduled)	Teacher Certification/Criminal Background Check/Unprofessional Conduct. This is an onsite review scheduled and conducted by Quality Performance Resource Group. No submission required.	No submission needed.
Oct/Nov	Deadline for MEIS/Single Record Student Database (“SRSD”) electronic file (Contact the local ISD for due date.)	CEPI
November	Deadline for Immunization Records Report – IP100. (Contact Health Dept. for due date).	Local Health Dept.
November 14	Deadline for electronic submission to the Financial Information Database (FID, formerly known as the Form B). State aid will be withheld if the submission is not successful.	CEPI
Nov/Dec	<b>Special Education Count on MI-CIS.</b> Special education data must be current and updated in the Michigan Compliance and Information System (MI-CIS). This information is used to determine funding for next year (Contact local ISD for due date).	ISD
December 1 - December 31 (as scheduled)	Teacher Certification/Criminal Background Check/Unprofessional Conduct. This is an onsite review scheduled and conducted by Quality Performance Resource Group. No submission required.	No submission required.
Nov/Dec	Registry of Educational Personnel (REP) Submission.	CEPI
December 30	Municipal Finance Qualifying Statement, if applicable (online submission).	MI Dept. of Treasury
January	*Special Education Findings – January Strand Report for: B-11, B-12. Data review and complete corrective actions if required.	Catamaran
Feb 1	Deadline for Immunization Record Report – IP100 (Contact Health Dept. for due date). A financial penalty of 5% of a school’s state aid allocation can be assessed if the immunization rate is not at 90% or above.	Local Health Dept.
Feb	Supplemental Student Count for State Aid F.T.E.	No submission required.
March	FS-4731-C – Count of Membership Pupils eligible for free/reduced breakfast, lunch or milk (official date TBD).	MDE

DUE DATE	REPORT DESCRIPTION	SUBMIT TO:
March	MEIS/Single Record Student Database (“SRSD”) electronic file (Contact local ISD for due date.)	ISD, CEPI
March	Special Education: Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Eligibility Test.	Catamaran (online)
May 1 – May 31 (as scheduled)	Teacher Certification/ Criminal Background Check/Unprofessional Conduct. This is an onsite review scheduled and conducted by Quality Performance Resource Group. No submission required.	No submission required.
May	*Special Education Findings – May Strand Report for: B-3, B-4, B-5, B-6, and B-13. Data review and completion of corrective actions as required.	Catamaran
June	MEIS/ Single Record Student Database (“SRSD”) electronic file (Contact local ISD for due date).	ISD, CEPI
June	Registry of Educational Personnel (REP).	CEPI
June	School Infrastructure Database (SID).	CEPI
June	4107 – Bus inventory	CEPI (online)

\*Monthly special education compliance updates, all special education complaints, and the annual Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Eligibility Test and corrective measures are communicated and submitted through Catamaran. Regular monthly (or more frequently) review of special education information is recommended to assure compliance with state reporting requirements. Catamaran can be accessed at: <https://training.catamaran.partners/>. Timelines and Due Dates are located on bottom left side of the screen under *Deadlines*. User account and login information is located at: <https://catamaran.partners/Login.aspx?APPTHEME=MICIMS&ReturnURL=/>

\*\*\* The CSO may amend this document from time-to-time at its discretion.

**SCHEDULE 6**

**INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY ACADEMY AND EDUCATIONAL  
MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

## SCHEDULE 6

### **INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY ACADEMY AND EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

A. The following described categories of information are specifically included within those to be made available to the public and the University Charter Schools Office by the Academy in accordance with Section 11.17(a). Information to be Provided by the Academy, of the Terms and Conditions:

1. Copy of the Contract
2. Copies of the executed Constitutional Oath of public office form for each serving Director
3. List of currently serving Directors with name, address, and term of office
4. Copy of the Academy Board 's meeting calendar
5. Copy of public notice for all Academy Board meetings
6. Copy of Academy Board meeting agendas
7. Copy of Academy Board meeting minutes
8. Copy of Academy Board approved budget and amendments to the budget
9. List of bills paid for amounts of \$10,000.00 or more as submitted to the Academy Board
10. Copy of the quarterly financial reports submitted to the University Charter Schools Office
11. Copy of curriculum and other educational materials given to the University Charter Schools Office
12. Copy of School improvement plan (if required)
13. Copies of facility leases, mortgages, modular leases and/or deeds
14. Copies of equipment leases
15. Proof of ownership for Academy owned vehicles and portable buildings
16. Copy of Academy Board approved management contract with Educational Service Provider
17. Copy of Academy Board approved services contract(s)
18. Office of Fire Safety certificate of occupancy for all Academy facilities
19. MDE letter of continuous use (if required)
20. Local County Health Department food service permit (if required)

21. Asbestos inspection report and asbestos management plan (if required)
22. Boiler inspection certificate and lead based paint survey (if required)
23. Phase 1 environmental report (if required)
24. List of current Academy teachers and school administrators with their individual salaries as submitted to the Registry of Educational Personnel
25. Copies of administrator and teacher certificates or permits for all current administrative and teaching staff
26. Evidence of fingerprinting, criminal back-ground and record checks and unprofessional conduct check required by the Code for all Academy teachers and administrators
27. Academy Board approved policies
28. Copy of the annual financial audit and any management letters issued to the Academy Board as part of the audit
29. Proof of insurance as required by the Contract
30. Any other information specifically required under Public Act 277 of 2011

B. The following information is specifically included within the types of information available to the Academy by the Educational Management Organization (if any) in accordance with Section 11.17(b). Information to be provided by Educational Management Company, of the Terms and Conditions:

1. Any information needed by the Academy in order to comply with its obligations to disclose the information listed under (a) above.

C. In accordance with Section 11.13. Additional Required Provisions for Educational Service Provider Agreements, of the Terms and Conditions, the following categories must be clearly defined within each ESP agreement that the Academy is a party to:

1. Roles and responsibilities of the parties
2. Services and resources provided by the ESP
3. Fee or expense payment structure
4. Financial control, oversight, and disclosure
5. Renewal and termination of the agreement”



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## CLIENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Client Services Agreement (the "Agreement") is effective July 1, 2022

**BETWEEN:** **CS PARTNERS, INC.**, a Michigan corporation d/b/a **PARTNER SOLUTIONS** ("Partner Solutions"); **CSP MANAGEMENT INC.**, a Michigan corporation d/b/a **PARTNER SOLUTIONS FOR SCHOOLS** ("Partner Solutions for Schools" and together with "Partner Solutions", collectively "PS")

**AND:** **WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS**, a Michigan public school academy (the "Academy") organized under Part 6(A) of the Revised School Code (the "Code"), as amended, being MCL §380.501 to §380.507.

### RECITALS

The Academy has been issued a contract (the "Contract") by Grand Valley State University (the "Authorizer") to organize and to operate as a public school academy.

The Code permits a public school academy to contract with entities for certain services of the public school academy.

As a wholly owned subsidiary of Partner Solutions, Partner Solutions for Schools is the employer of record for all staff assigned to work at the Academy. Partner Solutions offers to public school academies back office human resource services and financial services (the "Services"). Together, Partner Solutions and Partner Solutions for Schools are jointly responsible for providing the Services under this Agreement.

The Academy desires to engage PS to provide such Services based on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which are hereby expressly acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### 1. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

- A. Relationship of the Parties. PS is not a division, subsidiary or any part of the Academy. The Academy is a corporate and governmental entity authorized under the Code. The Academy is not a division or any part of PS. The relationship between the parties hereto was developed and entered into through arms-length negotiation and is based solely on the terms of this Agreement. PS (its officers, directors, employees, and designated agents) shall be regarded at all times as performing services as independent contractors for the Academy.
- B. The Board. Academy's Board of Directors (the "Board") is the governing body with oversight responsibilities over the Academy. The parties acknowledge that throughout this Agreement the term "Board" and the term "Academy" are sometimes used interchangeably in some sections for the sole purpose of readability based on the nature and subject-matter of the article/section. This Agreement is executed by a duly authorized member of the Board (on behalf of the Academy), and by so executing this Agreement the Board acknowledges and accepts all obligations and responsibilities related to the Board as set forth in this Agreement.

The Academy shall retain control and have responsibility over all its business and instructional operations including but not limited to, the educational program, instructional equipment and supplies, student achievement, student discipline, special education, parent engagement, food service, budgeting, purchasing, transportation, athletics, extracurricular activities, building and property management, policy and procedure implementations and oversight. The Board is responsible for the monitoring and the accountability for academic outcomes; appropriate implementation of policies and procedures including special education processes; parent, student and community interactions; and all of the day to day operations of the Academy.

- C. Confidentiality. During the Term of this Agreement, and only to the extent permitted by law, the Academy may disclose or provide access to confidential data and information to Partner Solutions and its respective officers, directors, employees, staff assigned to the Academy (“Worksite Staff”) and designated agents. PS and its related entities may access confidential data and information, to the extent permitted by Academy Board Policies and applicable law, including without limitation, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), 20 USC §1232g, 34 CFR Part 99; Section 1136 of the Michigan Revised School Code, MCL 380.1136; the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”), 20 USC §1401 *et seq.*, 34 CFR 300.610 -300.626; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 USC §794a, 34 CFR 104.36; the Michigan Mandatory Special Education Act, MCL 380.1701 *et seq.*; the American with Disabilities Act, 42 USC §12101 *et seq.*; the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”), 42 USC 1320d - 13200d-8; 45 CFR 160,162 and 164; and social security numbers, as protected by the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, 5 USC §552a; and the Michigan Social Security Number Privacy Act, MCL 445.84.

The Academy agrees to define “school official” in the Academy’s annual notification of rights under FERPA to include a contractor who performs an institutional service or function for which the Academy would otherwise use its own employees, having a legitimate educational interest such that they are entitled to access educational records under FERPA. PS and its employees and subcontractors agree to comply with FERPA and corresponding regulations applicable to school officials, as well as the pupil privacy requirements of section 1136 of the Code, MCL 380.1136. If PS receives education record information from any sources as permitted under the Code, PS shall use the education record information only as contemplated by this Agreement and PS shall not sell or otherwise provide the information to any other person or entity except as provided by law.

- D. Contractors and Subcontractors. Each Party will be solely responsible for the acts of its own contractors and subcontractors.
- E. No Related Parties or Common Control. The parties hereby agree that none of the voting power of the governing body of the Academy or the Board will be vested in PS or its directors, members, managers, officers, shareholders, or employees. Further, the Academy and PS are not, and shall not become: (a) members of the same controlled group, as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “IRS Code”); or (b) related persons, as that term is defined in the IRS Code.
- F. Compliance with Academy’s Contract. PS agrees to perform its duties and responsibilities under this Agreement in a manner that is consistent with the Academy’s obligations under the Academy’s Contract issued by Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees. The provisions of the Academy’s Contract shall supersede any competing or conflicting provisions contained in this Agreement.
- G. Compliance with Section 11.23 of Contract Terms and Conditions. The ESP shall make information concerning the operation and management of the Academy, including without limitation the information described in Schedule 6 of the Contract, available to the Academy as deemed necessary by the Academy Board in order to enable the Academy to fully satisfy its obligations under Section 11.23(a) of the Contract Terms and Conditions.

- H. Compliance with Section 503c [or 553c if SOE]. On an annual basis, PS agrees to provide the Academy Board with the same information that a school district is required to disclose under section 18(2) of the State School Aid Act of 1979, MCL 388.1618, for the most recent school fiscal year for which the information is available. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this information, the Academy Board shall make the information available on the Academy's website home page, in a form and manner prescribed by the Michigan Department of Education. The defined terms in section 503c [553c if SOE] of the Code, MCL 380.503c [553c if SOE], shall have the same meaning in this Agreement.

## 2. SCHOOL LEADER

- A. School Leader Role. The School Leader will be hired by Partner Solutions for Schools and shall administer the educational program and curriculum at the Academy. The School Leader will hold all required certifications as required by the Code.

PS will provide administrative support to the School Leader to staff the Academy. After qualified staff are selected by the School Leader, Partner Solutions for Schools will onboard and provide additional administrative support to the School Leader. It is the responsibility of the School Leader to verify and confirm that all teaching assignments align with teacher certification.

The School Leader or designee shall be responsible for approving and submitting appropriate hours-worked for all hourly Worksite Staff. The School Leader will notify PS of any staffing needs and/or change in status regarding Worksite Staff prior to any reassignment.

## 3. BACK OFFICE HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES BY PARTNER SOLUTIONS FOR SCHOOLS

- A. Worksite Staff. Partner Solutions for Schools shall employ Worksite Staff as may be necessary to accomplish the educational mission of the Academy consistent with the Academy's budget approved by the Board. Partner Solutions for Schools shall have the complete and exclusive authority and control over human resource matters such as approval of hiring, terminating, disciplining, and reassigning of Worksite Staff. All other functions and responsibilities related to the Academy's operations, including but not limited to those set forth in Paragraph 1.B. of this Agreement, shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Academy. See Exhibit A for additional specifics.
- B. Compensation. Compensation for Worksite Staff shall be established by the Academy and paid by Partner Solutions for Schools. For purposes of this Agreement, "compensation" shall include salary, fringe benefits, and state, federal, local and social security withholdings. Partner Solutions for Schools shall be responsible for paying its portion of social security, unemployment, and any other taxes required by law to be paid on behalf of its Worksite Staff. Unless required by applicable statute, court or administrative decision, or Attorney General's opinion, Partner Solutions for Schools shall not make payment to the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System or any other public retirement system on behalf of Worksite Staff. Teachers employed by Partner Solutions for Schools shall not be considered teachers for purposes of continuing tenure under MCL §38.71 et. seq.
- C. Health Benefits. Partner Solutions for Schools shall provide to Worksite Staff group health and other benefits (i.e., dental, vision, disability, life insurance, etc.) subject to eligibility requirements under the plan and applicable laws. Partner Solutions for Schools will also provide COBRA benefits to eligible Worksite Staff.
- D. 401K Plan Administration. Partner Solutions for Schools will complete and sign all necessary 401K regulatory and plan documents as required by law and as fiduciary agent of the plan.

- E. Payroll Taxes. Partner Solutions for Schools shall report and pay all applicable federal, state and local payroll taxes.
- F. Payroll Records. Partner Solutions for Schools shall maintain and verify all required payroll and benefit records.
- G. Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS). If Worksite Staff discloses to Partner Solutions for Schools their participation in MPSERS, Partner Solutions for Schools: (a) shall promptly notify the Academy in writing of the identity of any individual assigned by Partner Solutions for Schools to perform services at the Academy who is a retirant from the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS); and (b) shall provide information on a pay period basis regarding any such individual's wages or amounts paid and hours of service under this Agreement, as necessary for the Academy to report on an Exhibit and in such manner as may be determined from time to time by MPSERS. MCL 38.1342(6).
- H. Non-Compete Agreement. PS agrees that it shall not impose any contractual requirement or contractual obligation on Worksite Staff to enter into a non-compete provision or agreement.

#### 4. **ACADEMY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Facility. Academy shall comply with all health and safety laws, regulations, ordinances, directives, and rules of controlling federal, state, and local government and will immediately report all workplace accidents and injuries of Worksite Staff to Partner Solutions for Schools by fully completing and sending an incident report form within 24 hours after the accident. Academy agrees to comply at its expense with any specific directives from Partner Solutions for Schools, Partner Solutions for Schools' workers' compensation carrier, or any government agency having jurisdiction over the workplace health and safety. Academy shall provide or ensure use of all personal protective equipment, as required by federal, state or local law, regulation, ordinance, directive, or rule or as deemed necessary by Partner Solutions for Schools, its workers' compensation or liability insurance carrier. Partner Solutions for Schools or its insurance carriers shall have the right to inspect Academy's place of business at all reasonable times to ensure compliance with the terms of this Agreement.
- B. Fair Labor Standards Act. Academy shall provide through the School Leader or designee complete and accurate information to Partner Solutions for Schools concerning the nature and extent of the duties performed or to be performed by the Worksite Staff and Academy shall be responsible for providing records of hours worked by the Worksite Staff upon request by Partner Solutions for Schools via on-line system provided. Academy shall reimburse Partner Solutions for Schools for any overtime pay that is or becomes due to or owed to any Worksite Staff.
- C. Complaints. Academy will immediately (within 24 hours) report to Partner Solutions for Schools any complaints by Worksite Staff concerning any alleged violation of employment, immigration or safety laws or regulations and will cooperate with Partner Solutions for Schools in investigating and resolving any such complaints. Any complaints about Academy operations (such as complaints from students, parents, authorizer, visitors, etc...) shall be the sole responsibility of the Academy.
- D. Notification Requirements. Academy will immediately (within 24 hours) report civil or administrative proceedings regarding employment matters and notify Partner Solutions for Schools of any requests for leave of absence, resignation or other change in status of any Worksite Staff. The Academy is also required to notify PS in writing if the Academy receives a notification from their Authorizer discussing a possibility

of an intent to revoke the Contract and/or non-renewal or closure is discussed by a Board member or their Authorizer.

- E. Evaluation of Worksite Staff. Evaluation and compensation systems shall be selected by the Academy and shall comply with all applicable laws. The Academy through the School Leader shall conduct teacher performance evaluations as it relates to the delivery of the curriculum in the Academy and as required by the Michigan Department of Education.

If the Board becomes dissatisfied with the performance of Worksite Staff, the Board shall state the causes of such dissatisfaction in writing and deliver it to Partner Solutions for Schools. It is agreed that any dissatisfaction shall be reasonable in nature and related specifically to the duties and responsibilities of the Worksite Staff at the Academy.

## 5. JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Direction and Control of Worksite Staff. Partner Solutions for Schools will administer payroll and benefit services for the Academy, pay the wages of Worksite Staff and has the right to hire, fire, promote, reassign, discipline and terminate any Worksite Staff in consultation with the Academy and as otherwise provided in this Agreement. In performing the above responsibilities, the School Leader will confer and consult with Partner Solutions for Schools and the Academy as necessary or requested or as otherwise provided in this Agreement before hiring, firing, promoting, reassigning, disciplining and/or terminating any Worksite Staff. The Academy, through the School Leader, will be responsible for the day to day activities of Worksite Staff to operate the Academy in compliance with Academy policies, procedures, their Authorizer contract and all applicable law.

The Academy agrees to follow Partner Solutions for Schools' directives, policies and procedures to maintain compliance in employment issues. In relation to Academy's day-to-day control of Worksite Staff, the Academy may have opportunity to make decisions or take action that is governed by employment laws, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the National Labor Relations Act, the Fair Labor and Standards Act, and any other federal, state, or local employment and discrimination laws. If the Academy makes such decision or takes such action without consulting PS or if the Academy fails or refuses to abide by the advice provided by PS on such issue, Academy agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold PS harmless from any and all claims or liabilities which may arise as a result from such decision or action, or failure to abide by the advice of PS and its instructions as an employer.

- B. Criminal Background Checks. Partner Solutions for Schools and the Academy acknowledge that Worksite Staff assignments must be in compliance with Sections 1230, 1230a, 1230b and related provisions of the Code pertaining to criminal background checks and unprofessional conduct checks whether or not they in fact apply to Worksite Staff and that said compliance will be a term and condition of Partner Solutions for Schools' employees, working at the Academy.

The Academy, through the School Leader, shall conduct criminal background checks on all Worksite Staff as required by law. Partner Solutions will track the results and provide reporting as requested. The Academy is responsible for any costs associated with performing the criminal background check.

Partner Solutions for Schools shall conduct unprofessional conduct checks on all Worksite Staff. Partner Solutions for Schools will forward any negative results of unprofessional conduct checks to the School Leader, acting on behalf of the Board.

Partner Solutions for Schools shall consult with the Academy for any non-listed felony before exercising any discretion pursuant to the above referenced statutes.

## 6. BACK OFFICE FINANCIAL SERVICES BY PARTNER SOLUTIONS

- A. Budget Process. Partner Solutions shall provide a budgeting tool to the School Leader in order to construct a budget for Board approval. It is the responsibility of the Board to review, revise, and approve the annual budget. The Academy's CAO shall not be an employee of Partner Solutions but shall be a member of the Academy Board or their designee. The Board and CAO shall remain responsible for any and all budgeting, accounting, bookkeeping, payments, and all financial decisions.
- B. Travel Reimbursement. In the performance of the Back Office Services Partner Solutions will attend Board meetings as requested for the budget, budget revisions and/or such other essential business services. In the event Partner Solutions is requested by the Academy Board to travel to other Academy meetings, events or the like, the Academy shall pay ordinary and customary costs to Partner Solutions for such travel. The costs for such travel will be mutually agreed upon by the Academy Board and Partner Solutions prior to the occurrence of that travel.
- C. Financial Services. Partner Solutions shall provide the Board via the School Leader the following below. See Exhibit B for specific details.
1. a projected annual budget;
  2. detailed monthly statements (or as requested by the Board via the School Leader) no more than thirty (30) days after month's end. Financial statements will be provided as directed by the Board via the School Leader within reason prior to each Board meeting to allow time for all Board members to review the information prior to the meeting. These financial statements shall include: a balance sheet, a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance at object level detail with comparison of budget-to-actual and a cash flow statement. These statements shall include all revenues received, from whatever source, with respect to the Academy, and detailed budgets with statements of all direct expenditures for the Services rendered to or on behalf of the Academy, whether incurred on-site or off-site;
  3. facilitate the annual audit in compliance with applicable laws showing the manner in which funds are spent at the Academy, however, it is acknowledged that only the Academy shall select and retain independent auditors and the Academy shall contract directly with any auditor of its choice, and Partner Solutions will cooperate with the production of any and all documents necessary for the audit. Any such audit shall be the property of the Academy; and,
  4. other information as reasonably requested by the Board via the School Leader to enable the Board to monitor Partner Solutions' performance under the Agreement.
- D. Academy Funds. All funds received by the Academy shall be placed in the Academy's depository account as required by law. The signatories on the Academy Board accounts shall solely be Academy Board members or properly designated Academy Board employees. Interest income earned on Academy accounts shall accrue to the Academy.
- E. Purchases. Partner Solutions will not purchase any materials or equipment with Partner Solutions' funds unless requested by the Academy Board and accompanied by an approved Academy purchase order.
- F. Academy's Rights to Curriculum and Educational Materials. The Academy shall own, without restriction, all proprietary rights to curriculum and educational materials that are or were directly developed by the Academy and paid for with Academy funds.

## 7. FEE AND PAYMENT

A. Service Fee. During the Term of this Agreement, the Board shall pay Partner Solutions for personnel and financial services a Fee (the "Fee") in accordance with the schedules below. The parties agree that the Fee amount is reasonable compensation for the provision of the Services.

1. **Back Office Human Resources Services**. During the Term of this Agreement, the Board shall pay Partner Solutions for permanent personnel services an annual fee of total gross wages paid for Worksite Staff employed by Partner Solutions for Schools and assigned to the Academy on the following schedule:

<b>Gross Payroll \$/Year</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Annual Minimum</b>
\$0-\$2 Million	3.7%	\$40,000
More than \$2 Million	3.5%	\$40,000

If the Academy wishes Partner Solutions for Schools to employ temporary staff and/or substitutes, an additional fee of five percent (5%) of gross wages for those specific employees will be charged.

2. **Back Office Financial Services**. During the Term of this Agreement, the Board shall pay Partner Solutions for financial services an annual fee of \$48,000 with a three percent (3%) increase after three (3) years.

The Fee may also include up to ten percent (10%) of any Additional Revenue provided that CS Partners discloses that the Fee also applies to said Additional Revenue and the Board approves the same in the Academy's annual budget, or any revised budget, prior to the application and payment of such Fee.

The parties intend that this Agreement meet all of the applicable safe harbor conditions as set forth in Sections 5.02 through Sections 5.07 of the Revenue Procedure 2017-13. In this regard, the Academy and PS make the following representations:

- i. (A) PS' compensation under this Agreement is reasonable compensation for services to be rendered hereunder and is not based, in whole or in part, on a share of net profits and/or a share of the net losses from the operation of the Academy or upon the disposition, damage or destruction of the Academy's property; (B) This Agreement does not pass on to PS the burden of bearing any share of net losses from the operation of the Academy or upon the disposition, damage or destruction of the Academy's property; (C) The term of this Agreement is not greater than 30 years or 80 percent of the useful life of the Academy's school facilities currently financed with tax-exempt debt (if shorter) including all renewal options; (D) The Academy bears the risk of loss upon the disposition, damage or destruction of the Academy's property; and (E) PS is not entitled to and will not take any federal tax position that is inconsistent with being a service provider under this Agreement to the Academy.
- ii. In interpreting this Agreement and in the provision of the services required hereunder, PS shall not have any role or relationship with the Academy that, in effect, substantially limits the Academy's ability to exercise its rights and obligations under State law. As required by the Academy's Article of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Academy Board may not include any director, officer or employee of a management company that contracts with the Academy. In furtherance of such restriction, it is agreed between the Academy and PS that none of the voting power of the governing body of the Academy will be vested in PS

or its directors, members, managers, officers, shareholders and employees, and the Academy and PS will not be related parties as defined in Treas. Reg. 1.150-1(b).

- B. Payroll Costs. The Academy will also pay Partner Solutions for Schools, on an at-cost basis for properly invoiced salary, benefits, and other costs attributable to Worksite Staff (“Payroll Costs”), including but not limited to gross wages, FICA, Medicare, FUTA, SUTA, workers’ compensation insurance, professional liability insurance, separation costs, employer portions of health, dental, vision and life insurance, and 401K employer contributions (if applicable).

Partner Solutions for Schools shall be in receipt of funds for Payroll Costs no later than the third business day preceding each payroll date (“Payroll Date”) for Partner Solutions for Schools’ Worksite Staff. Said funds will be received by Partner Solutions for Schools via an electronic transfer, either initiated by the Academy or by Partner Solutions for Schools, whichever is agreed upon by both parties. For purposes of this Agreement the Payroll Date shall be that date or dates established annually by Partner Solutions for Schools.

If the Payroll Costs funding is not received in full three (3) business days prior to the Payroll Date, payroll will not be processed until full payment is received from the Academy, unless prior arrangements have been made in writing between the Academy and Partner Solutions for Schools

- C. Reimbursable Expenses. In addition to the Fee, the Academy shall reimburse Partner Solutions for Schools for all costs reasonably incurred and paid by Partner Solutions for Schools directly attributable to and appropriately apportioned to providing the Services as specified in this Agreement (“Reimbursable Expenses”). Such costs include, but are not limited to, Payroll Costs for Worksite Staff that were not advanced under Section B above, costs mandated by governmental entity, administrative agency or court of law (for example, payment into the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System), employment ads, recruiting fees, background screening fees, Concentra testing fees, advanced training or Academy-specific training, job fair booth fees, substitute charges/fees, and other mutually agreed upon expenses.

Reimbursable Expenses incurred by Partner Solutions for Schools will be paid by the Academy by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the month the expenditure was incurred by Partner Solutions for Schools.

If desired, the Board may advance funds to Partner Solutions for Schools for such costs reimbursable under the Agreement before such costs are incurred (rather than reimburse Partner Solutions for Schools after the expense is incurred).

- D. Availability of Funds. Notwithstanding any other term or provision in this Agreement to the contrary, Partner Solutions for Schools shall not be, directly or indirectly, liable to any third party for any cost or expense incurred by the Academy, and Partner Solutions for Schools shall only be required to perform its responsibilities under this Agreement to the extent Partner Solutions for Schools has received funds from the Academy.
- E. Other Institutions. The Academy acknowledges that Partner Solutions for Schools may enter into agreements similar to this Agreement with other public or private educational schools or institutions (the “Institutions”). Partner Solutions for Schools shall maintain separate accounts for reimbursable expenses incurred on behalf of the Academy and for reimbursable expenses incurred on behalf of the Institutions. Partner Solutions for Schools shall only charge the Academy for expenses incurred on behalf of the Academy.



If Partner Solutions for Schools incurs reimbursable expenses on behalf of the Academy and the Institutions which are incapable of precise allocation between the Academy and the Institutions, then Partner Solutions for Schools shall allocate such expenses among the Institutions and the Academy, on a pro-rata basis, based on the number of students enrolled at the Academy and the Institutions, or the number of staff assigned to the Academy and the Institutions or upon such other equitable basis as agreed by the parties.

## 8. TERM AND TERMINATION

- A. **Term.** This Agreement shall be effective for the duration of the Academy's current authorizing Contract with the Authorizer, subject to earlier termination under this Section. The Term will be for a five\_(5) year period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027 (the "Term").
- B. **Termination by PS.** PS may terminate this Agreement prior to the end of the Term in the event the Board fails to remedy a material breach within the required time frames below.
1. PS may immediately terminate this Agreement with no additional liability or responsibility if Partner Solutions for Schools fails to receive compensation for Payroll Costs. For this breach only, the Academy has until the Payroll Date to fund payroll or to reach an agreement with Partner Solutions for Schools on the payment of these funds or else an immediate breach may be declared.
  2. PS may also immediately terminate this Agreement with no additional liability or responsibility upon the occurrence of any of the following:
    - a) Academy operations cease to exist due to, but not limited to, bankruptcy or insolvency, discontinued operations by successors and assigns, facility closure in a manner that prevents worksite staff from working, or reconstitution;
    - b) The Academy requests a reduction in workforce of more than 20%;
    - c) The Academy is a financially distressed business as set forth in the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN), 29 U.S.C. §2101, et seq. The Board shall notify Partner Solutions for Schools 90 days prior to the facility closure in order for Partner Solutions for Schools to satisfy notice requirements to Worksite Staff under WARN;
    - d) A determination has been made by a governmental entity, administrative agency or court of law that Partner Solutions for Schools is required to pay into MPSERS.
    - e) Failure by the Academy to pay the Fee or Reimbursable Expenses;
    - f) If there is a substantial and unforeseen increase in the cost of administering services of this Agreement; or
    - g) The Academy makes decisions inconsistent with the recommendations of PS.

The Academy has thirty (30) days after notice from PS to remedy any of these breaches except for the breach of non-payment of Payroll Costs.

Termination prior to the end of the Term shall not relieve the Academy of any financial or other obligations to PS outstanding as of the date of termination. Failure by PS to (a) declare a breach, (b) place the Academy on notice thereof, or (c) exercise or exert any remedy available to PS under this Agreement or applicable laws, shall not be deemed a waiver of PS's rights and remedies whatsoever.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, PS may terminate this Agreement without cause and without penalty to be effective upon completion of an academic year provided that PS delivers written notice of intention to terminate to the Academy at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the then-current academic year.

- C. Termination by the Academy. The Academy may terminate this Agreement prior to the end of the Term in the event that PS fails to remedy a material breach within the required time frames below. A material breach includes, but is not limited to:
- 1) Material failure by PS to account for its expenditures or to pay funds for all compensation required for payroll (provided that Partner Solutions for Schools has received such funds from the Academy to do so);
  - 2) Material failure by PS to provide the Services as required by this Agreement;
  - 3) A determination has been made by a governmental entity, administrative agency or court of law that Partner Solutions for Schools is required to pay into MPSERS; or
  - 4) Any action or inaction by PS that places the Contract in jeopardy of revocation, suspension or termination, as evidenced by written notification from the Authorizer and is not cured within sixty (60) days of that notice.

PS has ten (10) days after notice from the Academy to remedy a breach that involves the non-payment of funds for all "compensation" required for payroll (provided that Partner Solutions for Schools has received such funds from the Academy to do so) or to reach an agreement with the Academy on the payment of those funds. PS has thirty (30) days after written notice from the Academy to remedy all other breaches. Upon expiration of this Agreement, or termination for any reason, all amounts due to PS shall immediately become due and payable by the Academy, unless otherwise agreed in writing by PS.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Academy may terminate this Agreement without cause and without penalty to be effective upon completion of an academic year provided that the Academy delivers written notice of intention to terminate to PS at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the then-current academic year.

- D. Revocation or Termination of Contract. If the Academy's Contract issued by the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees is revoked or terminated, this Agreement shall automatically terminate on the same date as the Academy's Contract is revoked or termination without further action of the parties.
- E. Amendment Caused By Academy Site Closure or Reconstitution. In the event that the Academy is required (i) to close an Academy site pursuant to a notice issued by the State School Reform/Redesign Officer under Section 507 [561 if SOE] of the Code, MCL 380.507 [561 if SOE]; or (ii) to undergo a reconstitution pursuant to Section 507 [561 if SOE] of the Code, MCL 380.507 [561 if SOE], and of the Contract Terms and Conditions, and such closure of an Academy site or reconstitution causes an amendment to or termination of this ESP Agreement, the parties agree that this ESP Agreement shall be amended or terminated to implement the Academy site closure or reconstitution, with no cost or penalty to the Academy, and the ESP shall have no recourse against the Academy or the University Board for implementing such site closure or reconstitution.

## 7. INDEMNIFICATION AND COOPERATION

- A. Indemnification of PS. To the extent permitted by law, the Academy shall indemnify, save, and hold harmless PS and all of its employees, officers, directors, subcontractors, and agents against any and all

lawsuits and causes of action or other forms of liability that may arise out of or by reason of any noncompliance by the Academy with any agreements, covenants, warranties or undertakings of the Academy contained in or made pursuant to this Agreement; any misrepresentations or breach of this Agreement, enforcement of this Agreement, or Academy's obligations hereunder, including but not limited to, failure to timely and accurately notify PS of any workplace injuries, leaves of absence, hours worked, change in employment status; any claim arising out of the Academy's educational and school operations (including but not limited to student achievement, special education, student discipline, student or parent issues, implementation of policies and procedures); any violations of law by the Academy, its officers, directors, contractors or other agents; any act or omission of the Academy, its officers, directors, contractors or other agents; any incorrect information received from Academy that was relied upon by PS; any acts or failures to act by Academy which occurred prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement; and if the Academy makes a personnel decision without consulting PS or if Academy fails or refuses to abide by the advice provided by PS on such personnel issue.

In the event that the Academy or PS receives funds for the benefit of the Academy pursuant to a grant, endowment, scholarship, or other source of governmental funding ("Funding"), the Academy shall be solely responsible for the Funding and any liabilities associated therewith, including any Funding that is ordered returned to the distributing agency. The Academy further agrees, to the extent permitted by law, to indemnify, save, and hold harmless PS and all of its employees, officers, directors, subcontractors, and agents against any and all lawsuits and causes of action or other forms of liability that may arise in connection with the Funding.

In addition, to the extent permitted by law, the Academy shall indemnify, save, hold harmless, and reimburse PS for any and all legal expenses and costs associated with the defense of any such claim, demand or suit, including any claim for failure to pay wages or overtime based on the hours worked reports approved and submitted by the School Leader. The Academy agrees to advance to PS all costs, actual attorneys' fees, actual experts' fees, and similarly related expenses immediately upon request so that PS is not required to pay such expenses out of its own funds.

PS agrees that for any claim for indemnification made by PS, to the extent the interests of PS and the Academy are aligned, the parties agree to coordinate a defense to minimize the costs of such defense. To the extent the Academy shall be responsible for indemnification of PS, the Academy shall have the right to select the attorneys of its choice and to make all decisions and in every respect control the manner in which PS and the Academy are defended. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Academy indemnify PS for the attorney fees accrued by PS in the regular course of business.

To the extent the parties are coordinating a defense, the parties shall utilize shared counsel which shall be paid for by the Academy and no reimbursement of any costs or fees shall be necessary. The Academy may reimburse PS for pre-approved legal expenses and costs associated with the defense of any such claim, demand, or suit which are not otherwise covered by the shared defense.

If desired, all or part of the indemnification obligations set forth in this section may be met by the purchase of insurance by the Academy. The indemnification in this Section shall also specifically apply, without limitation, to any current claims or litigation at the time this Agreement is executed, as well as any future or additional claims or litigation regarding any prior activities of the Academy.

- B. Indemnification of the Academy. PS shall indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Academy and all of its employees (if any), officers, directors, volunteers, subcontractors, and agents against any and all lawsuits and causes of action or other forms of liability that may arise out of, or by reason of any noncompliance by PS with any agreements, covenants, warranties, or undertakings of PS contained in or made pursuant to this Agreement, and any misrepresentation or breach of this Agreement.

In addition, PS shall indemnify, save, hold harmless, and reimburse the Academy for any and all legal expenses and costs associated with the defense of such claim, demand or suit. PS agrees to advance to the Academy all costs, actual attorneys' fees, actual experts' fees, and such similarly related expenses immediately upon request so that the Academy is not required to pay such expenses out of its own funds.

This indemnification shall not apply to any matter that involves Academy operations, including but not limited to, student achievement, student discipline, special education, parent and community engagement, food service, transportation, athletics, extracurricular activities, building and property management, compliance issues, and/or policy and procedure implementation.

The Academy agrees that for any claim for indemnification made by the Academy, to the extent the interests of PS and the Academy are aligned, the parties agree to coordinate a defense to minimize the costs of such defense. To the extent PS shall be responsible for indemnification of the Academy, PS shall have the right to select the attorneys of its choice and to make all decisions and in every respect control the manner in which PS and the Academy are defended. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall PS indemnify the Academy for the attorney fees accrued by the Board in the regular course of business.

To the extent the parties are coordinating a defense, the parties shall utilize shared counsel which shall be paid for by PS and no reimbursement of any costs or fees shall be necessary. PS may reimburse the Academy for pre-approved legal expenses and costs associated with the defense of any such claim, demand, or suit which are not otherwise covered by the shared defense.

If desired, all or part of the indemnification obligations set forth in this section may be met by the purchase of insurance by PS. The indemnification in this Section shall also specifically apply, without limitation, to any current claims or litigation at the time this Agreement is executed, as well as any future or additional claims or litigation regarding any prior activities of PS.

- C. Indemnification for Negligence. To the extent permitted by law, each party to this Agreement shall indemnify and hold harmless the other, and their respective boards of directors, shareholders, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, or representatives, from any and all claims and liabilities which they may incur, and which arise out of the negligence of any of the other party's board of directors, shareholders, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, or representatives.
- D. Immunities and Limitations. The Academy may assert all immunities from and statutory limitations of liability in connection with any claims arising under this Agreement.
- E. Responsibility of Academy. The Academy will be solely and entirely responsible for its acts and omissions and for the acts and omissions of the Academy's agents and employees (if any) in connection with the performance of the Academy's responsibilities under this Agreement; provided, however, that nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor will be construed, as a waiver of the governmental immunity provided to the Academy and its incorporators, board members, officers, employees, and volunteers under Section 7 of Act 170, Public Acts of Michigan, 1964, as amended, MCL 691.1407. If PS is made a party to any litigation involving claims arising out of or relating in any way to any alleged acts and/or omissions of the Academy or its directors, agents, or employees, if any, the Academy will provide any reasonable assistance requested by PS in the defense against such claims as long as such assistance does not adversely affect the Academy's ability to defend against such claims.
- F. Mutual Duty to Cooperate. The parties acknowledge that each party has a duty and obligation to cooperate with the other party, and further that such duty to cooperate is a material part of this Agreement. The purpose of the duty to cooperate is to enable each party to perform its obligations as efficiently as possible. The duty to cooperate also includes reasonable assistance in the event of litigation or a dispute involving a party

related to the Academy or the Services provided, such as provision of testimony, records and/or documents reasonably related to the litigation or dispute (which are not otherwise protected from disclosure).

- G. Indemnification of Grand Valley State University. The parties acknowledge and agree that the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees, Grand Valley State University and its members, officers, employees, agents or representatives are deemed to be third party beneficiaries for purposes of this Agreement. As third party beneficiaries, the parties hereby promise to indemnify and hold harmless Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees, Grand Valley State University and its members, officers, employees, agents or representatives from all claims, demands, or liability, including attorney fees, and related expenses, on account of injury, loss or damage, including, without limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage or any other losses of any kind whatsoever and not caused by the sole negligence of Grand Valley State University, which arise out of or are in any manner connected with Grand Valley State University Board's approval of the Application, the University Board's consideration of or issuance of a Contract, the Academy's preparation for and operation of a public school, or which are incurred as a result of the reliance by Grand Valley State University and its Board of Trustees members, officers, employees, agents or representatives upon information supplied by the Academy or the ESP, or which arise out of the failure of the Academy to perform its obligations under the Contract issued to the Academy by Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees. The parties expressly acknowledge and agree that Grand Valley State University and its Board of Trustee members, officers, employees, agents or representatives may commence legal action against either party to enforce its rights as set forth in this Agreement.

## 8. INSURANCE

- A. Academy Insurance. The Academy will secure and maintain general liability and umbrella insurance coverage in accordance with its Contract. This coverage will include the building and related capital facilities if they are the property of the Academy. The Academy will maintain such insurance in an amount and on such terms as required or permitted by the provisions of the Contract, including the indemnification of PS required by this Agreement, and naming PS as an additional insured. The Academy will, upon request, present evidence to PS that it maintains the requisite insurance in compliance with the provisions of this section. PS will comply with any information or reporting requirements applicable to the Academy under the Academy's policy with its insurer(s), to the extent practicable. Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor shall be construed, as a waiver or relinquishment of any immunity from action or liability enjoyed by the Academy under controlling law.
- B. PS Insurance. PS will secure and maintain general liability and umbrella insurance coverage, and workers compensation coverage with the Academy listed as an additional insured. PS will maintain such policies of insurance as are required by the Contract, including the indemnification of the Academy as required by this Agreement. In the event that the Authorizer requests any change in coverage, PS agrees to comply with any change in the type or amount of coverage as requested, within thirty (30) days after notice of the insurance coverage change. PS will, upon request, present evidence to the Academy or its Authorizer that it maintains the requisite insurance in compliance with the provisions of this section. The Academy will comply with any information or reporting requirements applicable to PS under PS's policy with its insurer(s), to the extent practicable.
- C. Workers' Compensation Coverage. Additionally, each party shall maintain workers' compensation insurance, as required by state law, covering their respective employees, if any.

## 9. WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS

- A. Warranties and Representations of the Academy. The Academy represents to PS that (a) it has the authority

under law to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and to incur the obligations provided for under this Agreement, (b) its actions have been duly and validly authorized, and (c) it will adopt the necessary resolutions or expenditure approvals required for execution of this Agreement.

- B. Warranties and Representations of Partner Solutions. Partner Solutions represents and warrants to the Academy that (a) it is a Michigan corporation in good standing duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Michigan, (b) it has the authority under applicable laws to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and to incur the obligations provided for under this Agreement, (c) its actions have been duly and validly authorized, and (d) it will adopt any and all resolutions required for execution of this Agreement.
- C. Warranties and Representations of Partner Solutions for Schools. Partner Solutions for Schools represents and warrants to the Academy that (a) it is a Michigan corporation in good standing duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Michigan, (b) it has the authority under applicable laws to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and to incur the obligations provided for under this Agreement, (c) its actions have been duly and validly authorized, and (d) it will adopt any and all resolutions required for execution of this Agreement.
- D. Mutual Representations and Warranties. Each party represents and warrants to the other party that except as disclosed in writing to the other party, to its knowledge, there are no pending actions, claims, suits, or proceedings, whether threatened or reasonably anticipated, against or affecting it, which if adversely determined would have a material adverse effect (as might be reasonably determined by the non-affected party if disclosed) on its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

## 10. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- A. Mediation. Any and all disputes between the parties concerning any alleged breach of this Agreement or arising out of or relating to the interpretation of this Agreement or the parties' performance of their respective obligations under this Agreement shall first be communicated in writing to the other party and mutually discussed between the parties with an opportunity to cure. If no resolution can be ascertained through that mutual discussion, then the matter will be submitted to mediation for resolution in Ottawa County, Michigan. Both parties must mutually agree upon the mediator selected and shall participate in all meetings in good faith. The mediation shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association seated in Ottawa County, Michigan, with such variations as the parties and arbitrators unanimously accept. The parties will share equally in the costs of the mediation including forum fees, expenses and charges of the mediator.
- B. Arbitration. If the mediation does not result in a mutually satisfactory compromise, then the matter shall be resolved by arbitration, and such procedure shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for such matters. Unless the parties agree upon a single arbitrator, the arbitration panel shall consist of three (3) persons. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association seated in Ottawa County, Michigan, with such variations as the parties and arbitrators unanimously accept. The arbitrators' award shall be final and binding. A judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court having appropriate jurisdiction, by any party, without the consent of the other party. The losing party shall pay the cost of arbitration, not including attorney fees. It shall be within the discretion and purview of the arbitrator or arbitration panel to award reasonable attorney fees to the prevailing party.

## 11. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes and replaces any and all prior written or oral agreements and understandings between the Academy and PS. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties.

- B. Force Majeure. Notwithstanding any other sections of this Agreement, neither party shall be liable for any delay in performance or inability to perform due to acts of God or beyond human control or control of the parties including but not limited to war, riot, embargo, fire, explosion, sabotage, accident, labor strike, flood, terrorism, school closure, pandemic or other acts beyond their reasonable control.
- C. Governing Law. This Agreement and the rights of the parties hereto shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Michigan.
- D. Governmental Immunity. Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor will be construed, as a waiver of the governmental immunity provided to the Academy and its incorporators, board members, officers, employees (if any), and volunteers under Section 7 of Act 170, Public Acts of Michigan, 1964, as amended, MCL 691.1407.
- E. Official Notices. All notices or other communications required by the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and sent to the parties at the addresses set forth below. Notice may be given by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or personal delivery. Notices shall be deemed to have been given on the date of personal delivery, or, if given by mail, the postmark date. Personal delivery can be accomplished by email to any email hereafter the subject of authorized use for said purpose by the recipient. Unless amended or updated in writing, the addresses of the parties hereto for the purposes of this Agreement shall be:

THE ACADEMY:      Board President  
                              17350 Hazel Street  
                              Spring Lake, MI 49456

With a copy to: Goldman & Associates, PLC  
                              930 McArthur River Drive  
                              Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

PS:                      Partner Solutions  
                              Partner Solutions for Schools  
                              c/o Chris Matheson  
                              869 South Old US 23  
                              Brighton, Michigan 48114

- F. Assignment. This Agreement shall not be assigned (a) by PS, without prior consent of the Board, in writing which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; or (b) by the Academy, without the prior consent of PS, in writing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. PS may, without the consent of the Board, delegate the performance of but not responsibility for any duties and obligations of PS hereunder to any independent contractor, expert or professional adviser.
- G. Limitation of Liability. EXCEPT FOR AMOUNTS EXPRESSLY DUE AND OWING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, EACH PARTY'S TOTAL LIABILITY TO THE OTHER AND ANY THIRD PARTIES UNDER OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE AGGREGATE AMOUNTS PAID OR DUE AND OWING BY THE ACADEMY TO PS HEREUNDER. THIS LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY AMOUNTS OWED PURSUANT TO A PARTY'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. PS' TOTAL LIABILITY TO THE ACADEMY UNDER OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE AGGREGATE AMOUNTS PAID OR DUE AND OWING BY THE ACADEMY TO PS HEREUNDER.

- H. Amendment. This Agreement may only be amended in writing, signed by a duly authorized representative of each party.
- I. Effect of Headings. The underlined headings are included for convenience of the reader, and if the underlined headings are inconsistent with the other text the underlined text shall be disregarded.
- J. Waiver. No waiver of any portion of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any other provision, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver unless otherwise expressly stated in writing.
- K. Severability. The invalidity of any portion or term of this Agreement shall not affect the remaining portions or terms of this Agreement. In the event a portion or a term of this Agreement is deemed invalid, the parties shall cooperatively work together to modify the invalid portion or term as minimally as possible to cure the invalidity, while at all times preserving the spirit and purpose of the applicable portion or term.
- L. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- M. No Third Party Rights. This Agreement is made for the sole benefit of the Academy and PS. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, nothing in this Agreement shall create or be deemed to create a relationship between the parties, or either of them individually with any third person, third party beneficiary, fiduciary, or the Authorizer.
- N. Survival of Termination. All representations, warranties, and indemnities made in this Agreement shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement without limitation.
- O. Delegation of Authority; Compliance with Laws. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as delegating to PS any of the powers or authority of the Board which are not subject to delegation by the Board in accordance with all applicable laws. The parties agree to comply with all applicable laws.
- P. Academy Property/Ownership. The parties agree that the Academy shall be the owner of all documentation, education records, data, licenses, copyright, inventions, trade names and marks, logos, including the Academy's official name and name it is known by or formerly known as, developed, produced or created pursuant to the performance of this Agreement, funded by the Academy, by use of time paid for by the Academy and no matter by whom produced or created and which were owned or possessed or asserted by the Academy prior to this Agreement. PS shall return to or make available to the Academy anything owned by the Academy on demand.
- Q. PS Property/Ownership. The parties agree that PS shall be the owner of all documentation, education records, data, licenses, copyright, inventions, trade names and marks, logos, including PS's official name and name it is known by or formerly known as, developed, produced or created pursuant to the performance of this Agreement, funded by PS, by use of time paid for by PS and no matter by whom produced or created and which were owned or possessed or asserted by PS prior to this Agreement. The Academy shall return to or make available to PS anything owned by PS on demand.
- R. Tax Exempt Financing. If the Academy has any outstanding tax-exempt bonds and/or any future tax-exempt debt obligations, the parties intend that this Agreement meet all of the applicable safe harbor conditions as set forth in Sections 5.02 through Sections 5.07 of Revenue Procedure 2017-13. In this regard, the Academy and PS make the following representations: (1) (a) PS's compensation under this Agreement is reasonable compensation for services to be rendered hereunder and is not based, in whole or in part, on a share of net profits and/or a share of the net losses from the operation of the Academy or upon the disposition, damage or destruction of the Academy's property; (b) This Agreement does not pass on to PS the burden of bearing any share of net losses from the operation of the Academy or



upon the disposition, damage or destruction of the Academy's property; (c) The term of this Agreement is not greater than 30 years or 80 percent of the remaining useful life of the Academy's tax-exempt bond financed school facility (if shorter) including all renewal options; (d) The Academy bears the risk of loss upon the disposition, damage or destruction of the Academy's property; and (e) PS is not entitled to and will not take any federal tax position that is inconsistent with being a service provider under this Agreement to the Academy. In interpreting this Agreement and in the provision of the services required hereunder, PS shall not have any role or relationship with the Academy that, in effect, substantially limits the Academy's ability to exercise its rights and obligations under State law. (2) As required by the Academy's Article of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Academy Board may not include any director, officer or employee of a management company that contracts with the Academy. In furtherance of such restriction, it is agreed between the Academy and PS that none of the voting power of the governing body of the Academy will be vested in PS or its directors, members, managers, officers, shareholders and employees, and the Academy and PS will not be a "related party" as defined in Treas. Reg. 1.150-1(b).

- S. Execution. The parties may execute this Agreement by facsimile or in counterparts. A facsimile or photographic copy of this Agreement may be relied upon by either party, or any third party, as if it were an original signature copy. If this Agreement is executed in counterparts, the separate counterpart signature pages shall be combined and treated by the parties, or any third party, as if the separate counterpart signature pages were part of one original signature copy. If the parties agree, signatures may be replaced by representations made in writing and exchanged by the parties in whatever form they agree.
- T. Review by Independent Counsel. The parties agree that each has reviewed, or had the opportunity to review, this Agreement with its own independent legal counsel prior to the execution of this Agreement.

The undersigned hereby execute this Agreement to be effective as of the date set forth first above.

**THE ACADEMY:**

**WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS**, a Michigan public school academy

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Its: Board President

**PS:**

**PARTNER SOLUTIONS  
PARTNER SOLUTIONS FOR SCHOOLS**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Its: Designated Officer

**SCHEDULE 7**

**ACADEMY SPECIFIC INFORMATION & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**SCHEDULE 7-1**

**EDUCATIONAL GOALS AND PROGRAMS**

**SCHEDULE 7-1**

**EDUCATIONAL GOALS**

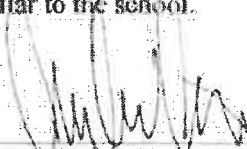
**Academic Achievement**

As measured by the state assessment, the school's percentage of total tested students in all tested grades identified as proficient in all tested subjects or identified as college ready as reported by the Michigan Department of Education will meet or exceed the select peer schools' mean reported percentage of total tested students in all tested grades identified as proficient in all tested subjects or identified as college ready. Select peer schools are the set of school buildings determined annually by GVSU to be the most demographically, socioeconomically, programmatically, and geographically similar to the school.

**Academic Growth**

As measured by the state assessment, the school's mean student growth percentile rank in English language arts and math will meet or exceed the select peer schools' mean student growth percentile rank. Select peer schools are the set of school buildings determined annually by GVSU to be the most demographically, socioeconomically, programmatically, and geographically similar to the school.

Date: 6/15/22

  
Board President/Vice President Signature

**Secretary's Certification:**

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the <sup>West Michigan Academy of</sup> ~~Arts & Academics~~ Board of Directors at a properly noticed open meeting held on the 15 day of JUNE, 2022, at which a quorum was present.

  
Board Secretary

**SCHEDULE 7-2**

**CURRICULUM**

The Academy will comply with the requirements of MCL 380.552(20). The Academy will submit a report to the MDE, in a form or manner prescribed by the MDE, that reports the number of pupils enrolled in an online or distance learning program during the immediately preceding month.

Please see separate file for full Curriculum



**SCHEDULE 7-3**

**STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Except as otherwise provided by law, the Academy shall use certificated teachers according to state board rule. The Academy may use noncertified individuals to teach as follows:

(a) A classroom teacher in any grade a faculty member who is employed full-time by the state public university and who has been granted institutional tenure, or has been designated as being on tenure track, by the state public university, and

(b) In any other situation in which a school district is permitted under this act to use noncertificated teachers.

All administrators or other person whose primary responsibility is administering instructional programs or as a chief business official shall meet the certification and continuing education requirements as described in MCL 380.1246.

Administrator and Teacher Evaluation Systems. The Academy Board shall adopt and implement for all teachers and school administrators a rigorous, transparent, and fair performance evaluation system that complies with sections 1249 and 1250 of the Code. If the Academy enters into an agreement with an Educational Service Provider, then the Academy Board shall ensure that the Educational Service Provider adopts a performance evaluation system that complies with this section.

Performance Evaluation System Commencing with the 2013-2014 School Year. If the Academy Board adopts and implements for all teachers and school administrators a performance evaluation system that complies with section 1249(7) of the Code, then the Academy Board is not required to implement a performance evaluation system that complies with section 1249(2) and (3). If the Academy enters into an agreement with an Educational Service Provider, then the Academy Board shall ensure that the Educational Service Provider adopts a performance evaluation system that complies with this section.

Parent Notification of Ineffective Teacher Ratings. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year and continuing on during the term of this Contract, if a pupil is assigned to be taught by a teacher who has been rated as ineffective on his or her 2 most recent annual year-end evaluations under section 1249, the Academy Board shall notify the pupil's parent or legal guardian that the pupil has been assigned to a teacher who has been rated as ineffective on the teacher's 2 most recent annual year-end evaluations. The notification shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the pupil's parent or legal guardian by U.S. mail not later than July 15<sup>th</sup> immediately preceding the beginning of the school year for which the pupil is assigned to the teacher, and shall identify the teacher who is the subject of the notification.

Teacher and Administrator Job Performance Criteria. The Academy Board shall implement and maintain a method of compensation for its teachers and school administrators that includes job performance and job accomplishments as a significant factor in determining compensation and additional compensation earned and paid in accordance with Applicable Law. The assessment of job performance shall incorporate a rigorous, transparent, and fair evaluation system that evaluates a teacher's or school administrator's performance at least in part based upon data on student growth as measured by assessments and other objective criteria. If the Academy enters into an agreement with an Educational Service Provider, then the Academy Board shall ensure that the Educational Service Provider complies with this section.

## **SCHOOL LEADER**

**Reports To:** Partner Solutions

**Employed By:** Partner Solutions

**FLSA Status:** Exempt

**Other Titles:** Principal, Director, Executive Director, Chief Academic Officer

### **Core Principles**

Employees of Partner Solutions are dedicated to the mission of student and Academy success. The employees understand and contribute to building a culture that is driven by a belief and a desire that every child deserves a high quality, safe and orderly school where students and families are held in the highest regard. In every location, every position supports one another, works collaboratively to solve problems, demonstrates a willingness to improve and aspires to play an integral role in fulfilling the goals of education reform. All employees work in collegial environments that prize innovation and a solution oriented frame of mind to meet and exceed the goals of Partner Solutions.

### **Essential Duties**

The School Leader is responsible for communicating the mission and purpose of the Academy to all stakeholders. An employee in this position is responsible for establishing positive relationships with students, families and staff to develop a culture that fulfills the mission of the Academy. The School Leader will select, supervise, mentor and evaluate assigned Academy staff and determine required professional development. If also acting as the instructional leader, the School Leader will interpret data and implement instructional and procedural strategies that reflect high expectations for students and staff. The School Leader is responsible for daily operations at the Academy with regard to safety, compliance and living within the approved Academy budget. Ultimately, the School Leader will demonstrate innovative ways of responding to challenges that reflect a dedication and belief that all children can succeed. The School Leader is also responsible to report to the board, regarding the management and performance of the Academy. In addition, the School Leader is responsible for any and all duties as assigned.

### **Qualifications**

#### *Supervision*

Individuals in this position must be able to apply effective supervision methods. The School Leader is responsible for the supervision of all assigned employees, and ultimately the effectiveness of the Academy. Supervisory responsibilities include selecting staff, leading the staff evaluation process, developing and being faithful to procedures and plans that result in 100% compliance and positive stakeholder perception.

#### *Planning & Implementation*

An effective employee in this position will act as the Academy leader by planning, evaluating and recommending goals and objectives for all assigned staff. In addition, the School Leader must provide leadership in curriculum, instruction, administration, school improvement and professional development. An employee in this position is responsible for overseeing the development of all programs within the Academy and guarantees they are carried out with fidelity.

### *Knowledge & Expertise*

Qualified employees in this position will possess and continuously build knowledge of all aspects of school reform and improvement. The School Leader will actively seek to increase and apply their knowledge of curriculum development, training design, metrics for evaluation, analysis of student achievement data and research on effective pedagogy. The School Leader must be able to provide classroom observation and feedback regarding the execution of the curriculum. An employee in this position must be comfortable working with all business related documents including budget, compliance, student records and any other supplemental documents.

### *Reasoning Ability*

An employee in this position must be able to effectively draw conclusions based on their ability to identify problems, collect information and establish facts. In addition, an individual in this position will possess the ability to provide both logical and abstract solutions in standard and non-standard situations. An employee in this position will evidence this quality through mission-driven, research-based decision making.

### *Interpersonal Qualities*

A qualified employee in this position will possess outstanding oral and written communication skills. This employee must have the ability to provide effective responses to all inquiries from all parties, including students, parents, Partner Solutions, the community and the Academy Board. An employee in this position must also be able and willing to work with staff and other administration to problem solve.

\*All employees must successfully pass a criminal background check.

\*All employees must follow the policies as outlined in the Employee Handbook.

### **Education & Experience**

All administrators or other person whose primary responsibility is administering instructional programs or as a chief business official shall meet the certification and continuing education requirements as described in MCL 380.1246.

It is the employee's responsibility to understand and fulfill any license and training obligations specific to position and/or for equipment that will be operated.

### **Physical Demands & Work Environment**

In order to successfully perform the essential duties of this job, the employee would ideally be able to meet the following physical demands:

- Occasionally lift and/or move objects weighing up to 25 pounds.
- Stand and walk frequently.
- Withstand all demands presented by outside weather conditions at any time of the year.
- Withstand a moderate noise level.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the job.

## **TEACHER**

**Reports To:** School Leader and/or Department Director

**Employed By:** Partner Solutions

**FLSA Status:** Exempt

**Other Titles:** Resource Room Teacher, Special Education Teacher, Lead Teacher, Intervention Teacher, Online Facilitator Teacher, Substitute Teacher, MTSS Coordinator, Success Coach and all other subject or grade level teachers

### **Core Principles**

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### **Essential Duties**

Teachers are members of a professional community, where they work collaboratively to promote high expectations and academic growth. Teachers are dedicated to the mission of the Academy by participating in professional development and applying it to their classrooms. Exceptional Teachers demonstrate a solution-oriented approach to challenges, are reflective and work to understand and use best practices to continuously improve instruction and increase student achievement. Teachers are responsible for implementing the Academy curriculum, participating in its revision, developing assessments and monitoring student progress and for maintaining positive home-Academy relationships.

Special Education Teachers are responsible for promoting a positive learning environment for students with disabilities. Special Education Teachers must modify instructional techniques in order to enhance learning for all students. In addition, Special Education Teachers are responsible for collaboration, participation in professional development and continuous improvement of instructional practices. Special Education Teachers are responsible for tracking the progress of students with disabilities and communicating progress with parents.

### **Qualifications**

#### *Supervision*

Individuals in this position must be able to apply effective supervision methods. Teachers will be responsible for the supervision of students. Supervisory responsibilities include establishing respectful routines and procedures that maximize learning by establishing a safe and orderly environment and overseeing all classroom activities. Teachers may also participate as supervisors in Teacher led school improvement activities.

#### *Planning & Implementation*

An effective employee in this position will assist in the creation of an instructional plan based on student needs in coordination with the published education program. In addition, the Teacher must implement instructional strategies as expected and described by administration and leadership. The Teacher is responsible for researching and employing instructional methods and carrying out practices required for student success.

#### *Knowledge & Expertise*

Qualified employees in this position will possess knowledge of curriculum development and metrics for evaluation. The Teacher must be an expert in instructional implementation and be committed to a reflective, solutions-oriented approach to continuous school improvement. Excellent Teachers understand and expect to be exemplars of life-long learning. The Teacher must possess a high level of knowledge and expertise in their specific subject matter. The Teacher must execute a variety of instructional techniques.

#### *Reasoning Ability*

An employee in this position must be able to effectively draw conclusions based on their ability to identify problems, collect information and establish facts. Teachers possess the intellectual capacity and agency to affect student achievement and positive Academy change. In addition, the Teacher will possess the ability to provide both logical and abstract solutions in standard and non-standard situations.

#### *Interpersonal Qualities*

A qualified employee in this position will possess outstanding oral and written communication skills. This employee must have the ability to provide effective responses to all inquiries from all parties, including students, parents, staff, Partner Solutions, the community and the Academy Board. An employee in this position must also be able and willing to work with staff and administration to problem solve.

\*All employees must successfully pass a criminal background check.

\*All employees must follow the policies as outlined in the Employee Handbook.

#### **Education & Experience**

- Except as otherwise provided by law, the Academy shall use certificated teachers according to state board rule.
- The Physical Education Teacher must complete concussion training prior to beginning their assignment.
- The Science Teacher must complete Hazardous Materials Training prior to beginning their assignment.

It is the employee's responsibility to understand and fulfill any license and training obligations specific to position and/or for equipment that will be operated.

#### **Physical Demands & Work Environment**

In order to successfully perform the essential duties of this job, the employee would ideally be able to meet the following physical demands:

- Occasionally lift and/or move objects weighing up to 25 pounds.
- Stand and walk frequently.
- Withstand all demands presented by outside weather conditions at any time of the year.
- Withstand a moderate noise level.
- Assist/lift students, as necessary.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the job.



## **NON-CERTIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

**Reports To:** School Leader and/or Department Director and/or Office Manager

**Employed By:** Partner Solutions

**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt

**Other Titles:** Assistant Office Manager, Administrative Assistant, Technology Assistant, Student Services Coordinator, Administrative Intern, Secretary, Receptionist, Truancy Officer, Homeless Liaison, Short Watch, Supervisor of Information Management and Compliance Reporting, Coordinator of Compliance Data & Data Management, Academy Liaison Officer, Office Assistant, Pupil Accounting

### **Core Principles**

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### **Essential Duties**

Non-Certified Administrative Staff are responsible for assisting with all office operations. Employees in this position will be the face of the Academy and the main point of contact for all Academy visitors. Non-Certified Administrative Staff will be responsible for all communication with parents, assisting with reporting and documentation and all other duties as assigned.

### **Qualifications**

#### *Planning & Implementation*

An effective employee in this position will possess the ability to provide leadership, initiative, support and assistance with all administrative functions. In addition, this position is responsible for developing and maintaining schedules for students, staff and office personnel.

#### *Knowledge & Expertise*

Qualified employees in this position will possess knowledge of all methods of communication, including email and phone. An employee in this position must be able to assist in file maintenance, student medication tracking, answering phones and communicating with students, parents and staff. In addition, an employee in this position is responsible for directing and assisting individuals in the office, including students and parents.

#### *Reasoning Ability*

An employee in this position must be able to effectively draw conclusions based on their ability to identify problems, collect information and establish facts. In addition, an individual in this position will possess the ability to provide both logical and abstract solutions in standard and non-standard situations.

### *Interpersonal Qualities*

A qualified employee in this position will possess outstanding oral and written communication skills. This employee must have the ability to provide effective responses to all inquiries from all parties, including students, parents, staff, Partner Solutions, the community and the Academy Board. An employee in this position must also be able and willing to work with staff and administration to problem solve.

\*All employees must successfully pass a criminal background check.

\*All employees must follow the code of conduct as outlined in the Employee Handbook.

### **Education & Experience**

It is the employee's responsibility to understand and fulfill any license and training obligations specific to position and/or for equipment that will be operated.

### **Physical Demands & Work Environment**

In order to successfully perform the essential duties of this job, the employee must be able to meet the following physical demands:

- Occasionally lift and/or move objects weighing up to 25 pounds.
- Stand and walk frequently.
- Withstand all demands presented by outside weather conditions at any time of the year.
- Withstand a moderate noise level.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the job.

## **PARAPROFESSIONAL**

**Reports To:** School Leader and/or Department Director

**Employed By:** Partner Solutions

**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt

**Other Titles:** Teacher Assistant, Special Education Assistant, TST Assistant, Title I Paraprofessional, English Learners Coordinator, Online Facilitator Paraprofessional, School Testing Coordinator, Paraprofessional Student Coach

### **Core Principles**

Employees of Partner Solutions are dedicated to the mission of student and Academy success. The employees understand and contribute to building a culture that is driven by a belief and a desire that every child deserves a high quality, safe and orderly school where students and families are held in the highest regard. In every location, every position supports one another, works collaboratively to solve problems, demonstrates a willingness to improve and aspires to play an integral role in fulfilling the goals of education reform. All employees work in collegial environments that prize innovation and a solution oriented frame of mind to meet and exceed the goals of Partner Solutions.

### **Essential Duties**

Paraprofessionals provide instructional assistance under the supervision of classroom Teacher(s) or other instructional leaders as assigned. Paraprofessionals assist in the preparation and delivery of unit plans and provide individual and small group instruction. High quality Paraprofessionals attend staff professional development and conscientiously apply the strategies and research studied there. Paraprofessionals actively work to understand and support student assessment, particularly for those students who require interventions. Paraprofessionals are responsible for maintaining logs and for understanding the scope of services provided according to grant funding regulations and guidelines (if applicable). In addition, the Paraprofessional is responsible for any and all further duties as assigned.

Title I Paraprofessionals provide supplementary instructional assistance to students who have been identified to receive additional academic support under the Title I program. This position should be viewed as vital to the school improvement plan implementation and student achievement and ensures that students who need the most help receive instruction support from qualified Paraprofessionals. Title I Paraprofessionals are responsible for completing semi-annual certifications or personnel activity reports as required.

### **Qualifications**

#### *Supervision*

Individuals in this position must be able to apply effective supervision methods. The Paraprofessional will be responsible for assisting with the supervision of students.

#### *Planning & Implementation*

An effective employee in this position will provide effective instructional assistance within a designated program. In addition, the Paraprofessional must be able to plan and implement a

strategy, under the supervision of the assigned instructional leader, for improving student success based on each individual student's needs.

### *Knowledge & Expertise*

Qualified employees in this position will possess the ability to maintain a safe and orderly environment. In addition, the Paraprofessional must be able to account for multiple students at once. The Paraprofessional must have knowledge of classroom reinforcement, intervention, behavior reporting and the proper treatment of special needs students.

### *Reasoning Ability*

An employee in this position must be able to effectively draw conclusions based on their ability to identify problems, collect information and establish facts. In addition, an individual in this position will possess the ability to provide both logical and abstract solutions in standard and non-standard situations.

### *Interpersonal Qualities*

A qualified employee in this position will possess outstanding oral and written communication skills. This employee must have the ability to provide effective responses to all inquiries from all parties, including students, parents, staff, Partner Solutions, the community and the Academy Board. An employee in this position must also be able and willing to work with staff and administration to problem solve.

\*All employees must successfully pass a criminal background check.

\*All employees must follow the policies as outlined in the Employee Handbook.

### **Education & Experience**

The Paraprofessional must meet one of the following requirements:

- Complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (equal to 60 semester hours); **or**
- Obtain an associate's degree (or higher); **or**
- Meet a rigorous standard of quality and demonstrate, through a formal state or local academic assessment:
  - Knowledge of, and the ability to assist in, instructing reading, writing and mathematics; **or**
  - Knowledge of and the ability to assist in, instructing reading readiness, writing readiness and mathematics readiness, as appropriate.

It is the employee's responsibility to understand and fulfill any license and training obligations specific to position and/or for equipment that will be operated.

### **Physical Demands & Work Environment**

In order to successfully perform the essential duties of this job, the employee would ideally be able to meet the following physical demands:

- Occasionally lift and/or move objects weighing up to 25 pounds.

- Stand and walk frequently.
- Withstand all demands presented by outside weather conditions at any time of the year.
- Assist/lift students if necessary.
- Withstand a moderate noise level.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the job.

## **FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEE**

**Reports To:** School Leader and/or Department Director

**Employed By:** Partner Solutions

**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt

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### **Essential Duties**

Food Service Employees are responsible for all phases of food preparation. Food Service Employees must be able to maintain a safe, clean and orderly working environment. In addition, Food Service Employees are responsible for all other duties as assigned.

### **Qualifications**

#### *Supervision, Planning & Implementation*

The Food Service Employee must possess supervisory skills necessary for the supervision of students during the lunch period. An effective Food Service Employee will follow protocol set by the United States Department of Agriculture.

#### *Knowledge & Expertise*

Qualified employees in this position will possess knowledge of rules and regulations provided by the Food and Drug Administration for food preparation. The Food Service Employee must possess the ability to maintain a clean and orderly working environment. In addition, a Food Service Employee must possess food preparation knowledge.

#### *Reasoning Ability*

An employee in this position must be able to effectively draw conclusions based on their ability to identify problems, collect information and establish facts. In addition, an individual in this position will possess the ability to provide both logical and abstract solutions in standard and non-standard situations.

#### *Interpersonal Qualities*

A qualified employee in this position will possess outstanding oral and written communication skills. This employee must have the ability to provide effective responses to all inquiries from all parties, including students, parents, staff, Partner Solutions, the community and the Academy Board. An employee in this position must also be able and willing to work with staff and administration to problem solve.

\*All employees must successfully pass a criminal background check.

\*All employees must follow the policies as outlined in the Employee Handbook.

### **Education & Experience**

It is the employee's responsibility to understand and fulfill any license and training obligations specific to position and/or for equipment that will be operated.

### **Physical Demands & Work Environment**

In order to successfully perform the essential duties of this job, the employee must be able to meet the following physical demands:

- Occasionally lift and/or move objects weighing up to 50 pounds.
- Stand, walk, reach, lift, push, pull, talk or hear frequently.
- Withstand all demands presented by outside weather conditions at any time of the year.
- Withstand a moderate noise level.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the job.

## **CUSTODIAN**

**Reports To:** School Leader and/or Department Director

**Employed By:** Partner Solutions

**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt

### **Core Principles**

Employees of Partner Solutions are dedicated to the mission of student and Academy success. The employees understand and contribute to building a culture that is driven by a belief and a desire that every child deserves a high quality, safe and orderly school where students and families are held in the highest regard. In every location, every position supports one another, works collaboratively to solve problems, demonstrates a willingness to improve and aspires to play an integral role in fulfilling the goals of education reform. All employees work in collegial environments that prize innovation and a solution oriented frame of mind to meet and exceed the goals of Partner Solutions.

### **Essential Duties**

An employee in this position is responsible for all assigned custodial duties, including the cleanliness, maintenance and safety of all assigned Academy buildings, equipment and grounds. Employees in this position will perform routine cleaning and minor repairs. The Custodian is responsible for creating and maintaining a cleaning schedule. In addition, the Custodian is responsible for all further duties as assigned.

### **Qualifications**

#### *Supervision*

Individuals in this position must be able to apply supervision assistance when applicable. At times, the Custodian may be responsible for assisting with the supervision of students.

#### *Planning & Implementation*

An effective employee in this position will possess the ability to provide reliable input in order to develop and maintain an efficient cleaning schedule for the Academy. In addition, the Custodian must be able to carry out the schedule routinely.

#### *Knowledge & Expertise*

Qualified employees in this position will possess knowledge of cleaning and maintenance of buildings, grounds and equipment. The Custodian must possess knowledge of cleaning tools, chemicals and procedures. The Custodian must also be able to operate cleaning equipment safely.

#### *Reasoning Ability*

An employee in this position must be able to effectively draw conclusions based on their ability to identify problems, collect information and establish facts. In addition, an individual in this position will possess the ability to provide both logical and abstract solutions in standard and non-standard situations.



### *Interpersonal Qualities*

A qualified employee in this position will possess outstanding oral and written communication skills. This employee must have the ability to provide effective responses to all inquiries from all parties, including students, parents, staff, Partner Solutions, the community and the Academy Board. An employee in this position must also be able and willing to work with staff and administration to problem solve.

\*All employees must successfully pass a criminal background check.

\*All employees must follow the policies as outlined in the Employee Handbook.

### **Education & Experience**

The Custodian must complete hazardous materials training prior to beginning their assignment. It is the employee's responsibility to understand and fulfill any license and training obligations specific to position and/or for equipment that will be operated.

### **Physical Demands & Work Environment**

In order to successfully perform the essential duties of this job, the employee must be able to meet the following physical demands:

- Occasionally lift and/or move objects weighing up to 75 pounds (when applicable, a back-belt should be worn when lifting heavy objects).
- Stand or walk for the majority of a day.
- Withstand all demands presented by outside weather conditions at any time of the year.
- Withstand a moderate noise level.
- Withstand exposure to cleaning chemicals on a routine basis.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the job.

**SCHEDULE 7-4**

**METHODS OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUPIL ASSESSMENT**

**SCHEDULE 7-4**

Grand Valley State University shall evaluate the success of the Academy by considering multiple areas of performance. Criteria that the Grand Valley State University Charter Schools Office will use in its evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, the performance of the Academy in the areas of student performance, board governance, organizational performance, compliance reporting, facility conditions, fiscal strength and reporting and other pertinent performance data, as required by federal and state law, the authorizing contract, or desired by the authorizer for review.

Included in this evaluation shall be the requirements of Article VI Section 6.5 of the authorizing agreement, which states:

**Section 6.5. Methods of Accountability and Pupil Assessment.** In addition to those set forth in this Section 6.5, the Academy shall evaluate its pupils' work based on the assessment strategies identified in the Schedules. The Academy shall also assess pupil using all applicable testing that the Code or the Contract requires. The Academy shall provide the University Charter Schools Office with copies of reports, assessments, and test results concerning the following:

- a) educational outcomes achieved by pupils attending the Academy and other reports reasonably requested by the University Charter Schools Office;
- b) an assessment of the Academy's student performance at the end of each academic school year or at such other times as the University Board may reasonably request;
- c) an annual education report in accordance with the Code;
- d) an annually administered nationally recognized norm-referenced achievement test for the Academy's grade configuration or a program of testing approved by the University Charter Schools Office Director; and
- e) all tests required under Applicable Law.

The University Board may use such reports, assessments and test results in making its decision to suspend, terminate, or not issue a new contract at the end of the Contract, or revoke the Contract.

Date:

6/15/22

  
Board President/Vice President Signature

Secretary's Certification:

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics Board of Directors at a properly noticed open meeting held on the 15 day of June, 2022 at which a quorum was present.

  
Board Secretary

**SCHEDULE 7-5**

**ACADEMY'S ADMISSION POLICIES AND CRITERIA**

## **Charter School Enrollment Provisions of State Law**

The Admissions Policy of West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics is developed based on the language of the state law, which refers to a charter school as a “public school academy.” Because West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics is chartered by Grand Valley State University, the following statutory provisions apply:

For a public school academy authorized by a state public university, enrollment shall be open to all pupils who reside in this state who meet the admission policy. If there are more applications to enroll in the public school academy than there are spaces available, pupils shall be selected to attend using a random selection process. However, a public school academy may give *enrollment priority* to a sibling of a pupil *enrolled* in the public school academy. A public school academy shall allow any student who was enrolled in the public school academy in the immediately preceding school year to *enroll* in the public school academy in the appropriate grade.... [Michigan Revised School Code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.504(3)] (*emphasis added*)

State law also allows charter schools to accept students in an approved foreign exchange program.

## **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

### **Open Enrollment Period**

Spaces in each grade K-8 for the following school year will not be officially assigned until after 3:00 p.m. on the third Friday in March at which time Open Enrollment closes. If the third Friday in March is not a school day, Open Enrollment closes at 3:00 p.m. on the next school day.

### **Admissions Priority**

To identify which applicants may be admitted for the following school year, a Lottery Meeting will be held at the school shortly after the close of Open Enrollment at a publicized date and time to be announced via the Academy’s newsletter. At that time, other applicants, if necessary, may be placed on a prioritized Wait List by grade based on the results of a random selection process.

### **Priority Groups.**

The order of priority in which spaces for each grade will be filled is as follows:

- 1) Students enrolled for the current school year who re-enroll on or before the first Friday in March.
- 2) Siblings of students currently enrolled, if the sibling applies on or before the third Friday in March.
- 3) Siblings of newly enrolled students. When, at the close of Open Enrollment, one sibling is accepted into a grade that is not oversubscribed, or is accepted by lottery, any of their siblings in Priority Group 4 are immediately advanced to Priority Group 3.
- 4) New students that enroll on or before the third Friday in March who do not have a sibling that was accepted, subject to space availability, which may be determined by random selection process.
- 5) Any applicant that applies after the third Friday in March. Such students would be accepted in Wait List order only if space is available.

*Priority Group 1 - Current Students.* If a student is enrolled at West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics for the current school year, that student shall be allowed to enroll for the next school year if a Re-Enrollment Registration Form is completed and returned on or before the first Friday in March.

*Priority Group 2 - Brothers/Sisters of Current Students.* If a student is currently enrolled and has one or more siblings that wish to attend West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics for next school year, the currently-enrolled student’s siblings will be given enrollment priority if an Enrollment Registration Form for each sibling is completed and returned on or before the third Friday in March.

*Priority Group 3 - Brothers/Sisters of Newly-enrolled Students.* Note that West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics strives to allow brothers and sisters to attend the same school and tries to give all preference allowed by law to accomplish this during the Open Enrollment and, if necessary, the random selection process. As more fully explained below, if a family has two or more children that apply to West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics, when one child is validly accepted and enrolled at the Admissions Meeting, all of that child’s siblings who have applied

are accepted and may enroll as long as space is available in that grade. If space is not available, they advance to the sibling wait-list. This preference is not available after the Admissions Meeting has been held and Open Enrollment is closed.

*Priority Group 4 – New Applicants.* If the number of applicants for a grade is less than or equal to the number of spaces available for that grade, all new applicants for that grade are accepted and are enrolled at the Admissions Meeting. If there are more applicants than spaces available, a random selection process will be used. Applicant families are encouraged to attend the Admissions Meeting, but are not required to attend or have representation.

*Priority Group 5 – Applicants After the Close of Open Enrollment.* For grades that are not oversubscribed at the end of Open Enrollment, applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the grade is full, at which time further applicants are placed on a Wait List. For each grade with a Wait List, all applications received will be placed on the Wait List. The Wait List has two parts: 5A) the Sibling Wait List and 5B) the General Wait List. For the purposes of enrollment priority, a parent's children, step-children, adopted children, and foster children are all considered to be each other's siblings. If an applicant to be placed on a Wait List is the sibling of an enrolled student, the applicant is placed on the bottom of the Sibling Wait List. If an applicant to be placed on a Wait List is not the sibling of an enrolled student, the applicant is placed on the bottom of the General Wait List.

### **RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS (LOTTERY)**

For each grade that has more applicants than spaces available at the close of Open Enrollment (making it a "Lottery Grade"), applicants in Priority Groups 1 and 2 will be admitted for the fall. Next, a random selection process (a "Lottery") will be performed to create a preference order for the applicants in Priority Group 4. Each applicant selected by Lottery has a numerical "Lottery Priority" ahead of each student subsequently selected by Lottery for that Lottery Grade.

For each Lottery Grade, a numbered "Lottery Priority List" will be created by grade to document the order of preference determined by the Lottery. If a new family has multiple children in the lottery (a "Multiple Applicant New Family"), all begin in Priority Group 4 and remain there unless and until one is enrolled via the Lottery. If there are Lotteries for multiple grades, the Lotteries will be performed from the lowest Lottery Grade to the highest Lottery Grade.

After the Lottery has been held for each Lottery Grade and the Lottery Priority Lists have been created, a New Family Re-Prioritization will be performed. For each Multiple Applicant New Family, if one of their applicants has Lottery Priority that assures him or her a space, all other applicants in that Multiple Applicant New Family are given status in Priority Group 3 and are admitted and enrolled as long as space is available in that grade. The applicants remaining in Priority Group 4 are accepted in order of Lottery Priority until all spaces for a grade are filled. The remaining applicants are placed on a Wait List in the order they were selected by Lottery.

### **SELECTION FROM WAIT LIST**

If a space in a grade with a Wait List becomes available for any reason, the space will be offered to the next available applicant on that grade's Sibling Wait List. If there are no remaining applicants on a grade's Sibling Wait List, an available space will be offered to the next available applicant on that grade's General Wait List. It is the intent of West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics to allow family members to attend the same school whenever possible. It is recognized and consistent with state law to accept applicants from the Sibling Wait List that may have submitted an application after some or all of the applicants on the General Wait List. If an applicant that is accepted from the General Wait List has siblings on the General Wait List of any grade, each of the accepted applicant's siblings move immediately to the bottom of the Sibling Wait List for their grade. If multiple spaces become available in a grade (for example the addition of 20 spaces to create an additional class within the grade), the Wait List is evaluated one space at a time, such that siblings may move from the General Wait List to the bottom of the Sibling Wait List in the middle of the process of filling the available spaces. If spaces become open for multiple grades, the grades will be evaluated sequentially from the lowest grade to the highest grade.

### **ADMISSION IS CONDITIONAL**

Applicants are required to fully complete all required enrollment materials and provide all necessary information. This includes, but is not limited to, the enrollment registration form, emergency contact information, copy of birth certificate, and immunization records. Making an omission of a material fact or a false statement in Enrollment Registration materials may be sufficient cause for denying an applicant consideration for enrollment or for expulsion after enrollment.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH STUDENT HANDBOOK**

All students and prospective students must abide by the West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics' Student Handbook and are subject to disciplinary action for violations thereof, up to and including expulsion. In other words, a prospective student is subject to the all school policies, practices and procedures (and consequences for violations), even before their first day of class.

### **EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics does not charge tuition and does not discriminate in its pupil admissions policies or practices on the basis of intellectual or artistic ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, status as a handicapped person, or any other basis not permitted by Michigan's public schools. [Some testing may be required to determine the proper placement in a subject. Math tests, for example, are generally required for new middle school students to determine in which class they belong and to benchmark educational progress. Such tests are administered after a student has been accepted for admission.]

APPROVED: 01/23/07 Board Minutes

**SCHEDULE 7-6**

**SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE**



# WMAAA 2022-2023 Calendar



August 2022						
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Aug 23 - 24	Staff PD; No School For Students
Aug 30	First Day of School - 1/2 Day
Sept 2-5	Labor Day Weekend
Oct 5	Count Day
Oct 12	1/2 Day for Students; PM Conf.
Oct 13	Staff PD; PM Conf. No School Students
Oct 14	Staff PD; No School For Students
Oct 28	End of 1st Quarter
Oct 31	1/2 Day for Students and Staff
Nov 21-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 23	1/2 Day For Students and Staff
Dec 26 - Jan 6	Christmas Break
Jan 20	End of 2nd Quarter
Feb 8	Count Day
Feb 9	Staff PD, No School for Students
Feb 10-13	Mid-Winter Break
Mar 8	1/2 Day for Students; PM Conf.
Mar 9	Staff PD; PM Conf.
Mar 10	Staff PD; No School For Students
Mar 31-Apr 7	Spring Break
Apr 10	End of 3rd Quarter
May 29	Memorial Day
June 8	1/2 Day for Students and Staff
June 9	1/2 Day Students and Staff; Last Day

	Staff PD Full Day/No Students
	Half Day 11:30 Dismissal
	No Students/No Staff
	End of Quarter

Quarters	
Q1	8/30 - 10/28
Q2	11/31 - 1/20
Q3	1/23 - 3/24
Q4	3/27 - 6/9

\*pending board approval

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- **School Hours**
  - **Full Day:** 8:00am-3:00pm
  - **Half Day:** 8:00am-11:30pm
  - **Drop off:** starts at 7:30am
  - **Pick-up:** no later than 3:45pm
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- **Middle School**
    - 8:00 - 8:15 Homeroom
    - 8:20 - 9:15 - First hour
    - 9:20 - 10:15 - Second hour
    - 10:20 - 11:15 - Third hour
    - 11:20 - 12:15 - Fourth hour
    - 12:20 - 12:55 - Lunch/ Recess
    - 1:00 - 1:55 - Fifth hour
    - 2:00 - 2:55 - Sixth hour

**SCHEDULE 7-7**

**AGE/GRADE RANGE OF PUPILS ENROLLED**

**Schedule 7-7**  
**Age and Grade Range of Pupils**

The Academy may enroll age-appropriate students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

**SCHEDULE 7-8**

**ADDRESS AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PHYSICAL PLANT; LEASE  
OR DEED FOR PROPOSED SITE; OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE**

**Schedule 7-8**  
**Description of Physical Plant**

**West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics:** 17350 Hazel Street, Spring Lake, MI 49456

WMAAA is a gray building made of brick and siding. There are currently 24 classrooms, 5 arts classrooms, including a dance room with locker rooms attached (no showers), and a band room, 2 smaller special education classrooms, one computer lab, a set design room and a 496 seat Performing Arts Center. There are two playgrounds.

**\$3,165,000**  
**Full Term Certificates of Participation, Series 1999**  
**Evidencing Proportionate Interests of the Owners**  
**Thereof in a Financing Agreement**  
**with West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics, Michigan**

**CERTIFICATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

May 19, 1999

West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics  
14211 120th Avenue  
Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, Miller, Johnson & Kuehn, Incorporated (herein called the "Underwriters"), hereby offer to enter into this Certificate Purchase Agreement (this "Agreement") with West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics, a public school academy of the State of Michigan ("West Michigan"), for the purchase by the Underwriters of \$3,165,000 Full Term Certificates of Participation, Series 1999 (the "Certificates"), each evidencing and representing a proportionate interest in Purchase Payments to be made by West Michigan under a Financing Agreement dated as of May 1, 1999 (the "Financing Agreement"), between MJK Capital Corporation ("MJK") and West Michigan. This offer is made subject to acceptance by West Michigan by the execution hereof by the authorized officer of West Michigan prior to 10:00 p.m., Minneapolis, Minnesota time, on May 19, 1999, and upon such acceptance, this Agreement shall be in full force and effect in accordance with its terms and shall be binding upon West Michigan and the Underwriters.

1. Upon the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations set forth herein, the Underwriters hereby agree to purchase and West Michigan hereby agrees to sell and cause to be authenticated and delivered by U.S. Bank Trust National Association (the "Trustee"), as trustee, to the Underwriters all (but not less than all) of the Certificates in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,165,000 at an aggregate purchase price of \$3,006,750, plus accrued interest from May 1, 1999 to the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined). The Certificates shall be issued and secured under and pursuant to a Trust Agreement dated as of May 1, 1999 (the "Trust Agreement"), between West Michigan, MJK and the Trustee, and shall mature on May 1 in the years, shall bear interest at the annual rates and shall be subject to optional, mandatory sinking fund and extraordinary redemption as set forth in Schedule A hereto. The Underwriters agree to make a public offering of the Certificates at the respective initial offering prices set forth in Schedule A hereto, which prices may be changed from time to time by the Underwriters after the initial public offering.

Pursuant to the Financing Agreement, West Michigan will acquire certain real property (the "Land"), cause to be designed, constructed and equipped thereon certain real and personal property (the "Improvements"; the Land and the Improvements are herein together referred to as the "Project"), and finance the Project with MJK. West Michigan will agree to make semi-annual payments (the "Purchase Payments") in amounts and at times sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Certificates when due. West Michigan will also agree to make monthly deposits (the "Purchase Payment Deposits") during five month periods prior to Purchase Payment due dates in amounts sufficient to pay the interest portion of the Purchase Payment next due and the principal portion of the Purchase Payments next due. MJK will sell, assign and convey to the Trustee the Financing Agreement and its right to receive the Purchase Payments and Purchase Payment Deposits pursuant to an Assignment Agreement dated as of May 1, 1999 (the "Assignment"). Pursuant to a Mortgage Agreement dated as of May 1, 1999 (the "Mortgage"), West Michigan will mortgage the Project to MJK. Pursuant to a State School Aid Payment Agreement and Direction dated as of May 1, 1999 (the "State Aid Agreement"), between MJK and West Michigan and acknowledged by the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University, West Michigan will direct that certain state aid payments pledged under the Financing Agreement (the "Pledged Revenues"), be paid directly to the Trustee. MJK's rights under the Mortgage and State Aid Agreement will also be assigned to the Trustee pursuant to the Assignment.

2. West Michigan shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Underwriters, promptly after acceptance hereof, copies of the final official statement of West Michigan dated May 11, 1999 (the "Official Statement"), with only such changes as have been approved by West Michigan and the Underwriters. You authorize and ratify the distribution by the Underwriters of the Official Statement in offering the Certificates for public sale to prospective purchasers of the Certificates. West Michigan shall also deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Underwriters within seven business days after the date hereof additional copies of the Official Statement in such number as the Underwriters may reasonably request not more than four business days after the date hereof.

3. At 12:00 noon, Minneapolis, Minnesota time, on May 19, 1999, or at such other time, or on such earlier or later date as the Underwriters and West Michigan may mutually agree (the "Closing Date"), West Michigan will cause the Trustee to deliver to the Underwriters or their representative in Minneapolis, Minnesota the Certificates in definitive typewritten form, duly executed, together with the other documents mentioned herein. Such delivery and payment for the Certificates is herein called the "Closing." It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Certificates, and the failure to print such number on any Certificate or any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Underwriters to accept delivery of and pay for the Certificates in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Underwriters will accept delivery of the Certificates and pay the purchase price thereof as set forth in Section 1 by Federal Reserve System wire transfer in immediately available Federal funds or by any other form of immediately available Federal funds to the order of the Trustee. The parties will use their best efforts to ensure that the Certificates will be made available for



checking and packaging by the Underwriters or their representative at an office specified by the Underwriters in the city in which the Certificates are to be delivered at least one business day prior to the Closing Date.

4. In order to induce the Underwriters to enter into this Agreement and to make the offering and sale of the Certificates, West Michigan hereby represents, warrants and agrees with the Underwriters as follows:

(a) West Michigan is duly organized and existing as a public school academy and public agency under the laws of the State of Michigan and has all necessary power and authority to enter into and perform its duties under the Financing Agreement, the Trust Agreement, the Mortgage, the State Aid Agreement and this Agreement, and, when executed and delivered by the respective parties thereto, the Financing Agreement, the Trust Agreement, the Mortgage, the State Aid Agreement and this Agreement will constitute legally valid and binding obligations of West Michigan, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws or equitable principles relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally.

(b) The execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Financing Agreement, the Mortgage, the State Aid Agreement and the Trust Agreement, and compliance with the provisions hereof have been, or by the Closing Date will be, duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of West Michigan and will not conflict with or constitute a breach of or default under any law, administrative regulation, court decree, resolution, charter, bylaw or any agreement to which West Michigan is subject or by which it is bound or by which its properties may be affected.

(c) Except as may be required under Blue Sky or other securities laws of any state, there is no consent, approval, authorization or other order of, filing with, or certification by, any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over West Michigan required for the execution and delivery of the Certificates or the entering into of the Financing Agreement, this Agreement, the Mortgage, the State Aid Agreement and the Trust Agreement or the consideration by West Michigan of the other transactions contemplated thereby and by this Agreement, except as may have already been obtained.

(d) As of the date hereof, the information contained in the Official Statement is true and correct in all material respects, and does not contain any untrue or misleading statement of material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(e) The Mortgage, the Financing Agreement and the Assignment shall be duly recorded to the extent necessary to preserve the validity or priority of the lien created

thereby, and all financing statements shall be, as of the Closing Date, duly recorded and filed in such manner and in such place as is required by law to establish, preserve and protect the security interest created thereby on all collateral specifically or generally described in such document as subject to such security interest and under the laws then in force (including provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code of the State), and it will not be necessary to re-record or re-file any such documents except that it will be necessary to file continuation statements at the end of each five-year period as required by said Uniform Commercial Code.

(f) West Michigan will furnish such information, execute such instruments and take such other action in cooperation with the Underwriters as the Underwriters may reasonably request and at the Underwriter's expense in order (i) to qualify the Certificates for offer and sale under the Blue Sky or other securities laws and regulations of such states and other jurisdictions of the United States as the Underwriters may reasonably designate and (ii) to determine the eligibility of the Certificates for investment under the laws of such states and other jurisdictions, and will use its best efforts to continue such qualifications in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Certificates.

(g) There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, governmental agency, public board or body, pending or, to the best of West Michigan's knowledge, threatened, against West Michigan affecting the existence of West Michigan or the titles of its officers to their respective offices or in any way contesting or affecting the validity or enforceability of the Certificates, this Agreement, the Financing Agreement, the Trust Agreement, the State Aid Agreement or the Mortgage or contesting the powers of West Michigan to execute and deliver or to consummate the transactions contemplated in such documents or the Official Statement, or contesting in any way the completeness or accuracy of the Official Statement or any amendment or supplement thereto, wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would materially adversely affect the validity or enforceability of the Certificates, the Trust Agreement, this Agreement, the Financing Agreement, the State Aid Agreement or the Mortgage.

(h) If between the date hereof and the Closing Date any event shall occur which might or would cause the Official Statement, as then supplemented or amended, to contain any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, West Michigan shall notify the Underwriters and if in the opinion of West Michigan or the Underwriters such event requires the preparation and publication of a supplement or amendment to the Official Statement, West Michigan will cause the Official Statement to be amended or supplemented in a form and in a manner approved by the Underwriters and West Michigan.

(i) After the Closing, if any event shall occur as a result of which it is necessary in the opinion of the Underwriters, to amend or supplement the Official Statement in order to make the Official Statement not misleading in light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser, West Michigan will forthwith prepare and furnish to the Underwriters (at the expense of West Michigan for 90 days from the Closing Date, and thereafter at the expense of the Underwriters) a reasonable number of copies of an amendment of or supplement to the Official Statement (in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters and West Michigan) which will amend or supplement the Official Statement so that it will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances existing at the time the Official Statement is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading.

(j) West Michigan hereby approves the Official Statement and authorizes the use and distribution of the Official Statement, including all amendments and supplements thereto, by the Underwriters in connection with the public offering and sale of the Certificates.

(k) The Official Statement is deemed "final" in accordance with Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

5. (a) To the extent permitted by law, West Michigan agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Underwriters and each person, if any, who controls (as such term is defined in Section 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended--collectively the "Securities Acts") the Underwriters (i) against any and all judgments, losses, claims, damages and liabilities arising out of any information contained in the Official Statement (except information furnished in writing by the Underwriters expressly for inclusion in the Official Statement) that is untrue or incorrect, or is alleged to be untrue and incorrect, in any material respect or the omission therefrom, or the alleged omission therefrom, of any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading (unless resulting from the Underwriter's or such person's negligence or intentional or willful misconduct); and (ii) to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation commenced or threatened arising from a claim based upon any such untrue statement or omission if such settlement is effected with the written consent of West Michigan. In case any claim shall be made or action brought against the Underwriters or any controlling person (as aforesaid) based upon the Official Statement, in respect of which indemnity may be sought against West Michigan, or the Underwriters or such controlling person shall promptly notify West Michigan in writing setting forth the particulars of such claim or action and West Michigan shall assume the defense thereof including the retaining of counsel and the payment of all expenses. The Underwriters or any such controlling person shall have the right to retain separate counsel in any such action and to participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the

expense of the Underwriters or such controlling person, as the case may be, unless the retaining of such counsel has been specifically authorized by West Michigan.

(b) The Underwriters agree to indemnify and hold harmless West Michigan and each person, if any, who controls (as such term is defined in Section 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) West Michigan (i) against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities arising out of any information furnished in writing by the Underwriters for use in the Official Statement, that is untrue in any material respect, or the omission therefrom of any such information, which is required to be contained therein or which is necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading in any material respect; or arising out of violations by the Underwriters of representations made by it in this Agreement or violations by it of applicable securities laws; and (ii) to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation commenced or threatened arising from a claim based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or violation, if such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Underwriters. In case any claim shall be made or action brought against West Michigan or such controlling person (as aforesaid) based upon the Official Statement or this Agreement, in respect of which indemnity may be sought against the Underwriters, West Michigan or such controlling person shall promptly notify the Underwriters in writing setting forth the particulars of such claim or action and the Underwriters shall assume the defense thereof, including the retaining of counsel and the payment of all expenses. West Michigan or any controlling person shall have the right to retain separate counsel, in any such action and to participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of the party retaining such counsel unless the retaining of such counsel has been specifically authorized by the Underwriters.

(c) For the purpose of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section 5, the information furnished in writing by the Underwriters for use in the Official Statement shall consist of the interest rates and prices and other statements with respect to the public offering of the Certificates set forth on the cover pages of, and under the caption "Underwriting" in, the Official Statement.

6. The Underwriters enter into this Agreement in reliance upon the representations and warranties of West Michigan contained herein and in the Financing Agreement, the Mortgage, the State Aid Agreement and the Trust Agreement, and in reliance upon the representations and warranties to be contained in the documents and instruments to be delivered at the Closing by West Michigan and upon the performance by West Michigan of its obligations hereunder both on and as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date. Accordingly, the Underwriter's obligation under this Agreement to accept delivery of and to pay for the Certificates shall be conditioned upon the performance by West Michigan of its obligations to be performed hereunder and under such documents and instruments at or prior to the Closing, and shall also be subject to the following additional conditions:

(a) the representations and warranties of West Michigan contained herein shall be true and correct on the date hereof and as of the Closing, as if made on and at the Closing:

(b) at or prior to the Closing, the Underwriters shall receive the following documents:

- (i) an executed copy of the Trust Agreement;
- (ii) an executed copy of the Financing Agreement;
- (iii) an executed copy of the Assignment;
- (iv) an executed copy of the Mortgage;
- (v) an executed copy of the State Aid Agreement;
- (vi) the opinions of Clark Hill P.L.C., counsel to West Michigan, and Dorsey & Whitney LLP, special tax counsel, dated the Closing Date, in form reasonably acceptable to the Underwriters;
- (vii) a copy of the filed UCC-1 financing statements executed by West Michigan as debtor and assigned to the Trustee evidencing the first secured position in the Project and the Pledged Revenues; and evidence of the proper recording of the Assignment, the Mortgage and a fixture financing statement with respect to the Project executed by West Michigan as debtor and assigned to the Trustee, in the real estate records of Ottawa County, Michigan.
- (viii) a copy of the filed UCC-1 financing statement executed by the MJK as debtor to the Trustee as secured party, covering the assignment of the Financing Agreement and amounts due thereunder;
- (ix) a certificate of officers of West Michigan dated the Closing Date, in form reasonably acceptable to the Underwriters;
- (x) a certificate of officers of the Trustee, dated as of the Closing Date, in form reasonably acceptable to the Underwriters;
- (xi) a certificate of West Michigan regarding the accuracy of the information in the Official Statement, dated the Closing Date, in form reasonably acceptable to the Underwriters;

- (xii) certified copies of all resolutions adopted by the governing body of West Michigan authorizing the execution and delivery of the Financing Agreement and related documents;
- (xiii) a title insurance policy insuring the Trustee's interest in the Project granted by the Mortgage, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriters;
- (xiv) such additional legal opinions, certificates, proceedings, instruments and other documents as the Underwriters, or West Michigan's counsel or special tax counsel to the purchaser may reasonably request to evidence compliance by West Michigan with legal requirements, the truth and accuracy, as of the time of Closing, of the representations of West Michigan herein and in the Official Statement, and the due performance or satisfaction by West Michigan at or prior to such time of all agreements then to be performed and all conditions then to be satisfied by West Michigan;

(c) at the Closing, the Trust Agreement, the Mortgage, the Financing Agreement, the State Aid Agreement and the Assignment shall be in full force and effect and shall not have been amended, modified or supplemented except as may have been agreed to in writing by us; and there shall be in full force and effect such resolutions as, in the opinion of counsel to West Michigan or special tax counsel to the purchaser, shall be necessary in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

If the conditions to the Underwriter's obligations contained in this Agreement are not satisfied or if the Underwriter's obligations shall be terminated for any reason permitted herein, this Agreement shall terminate and neither the Underwriters nor West Michigan shall have any further obligation hereunder.

7. During the initial public offering of the Certificates (a period including the final date the Underwriters are charged with furnishing a copy of the Official Statement to a potential customer under SEC Rule 15c2-12 but no later than six months after the Closing Date), West Michigan will (a) not consent to the distribution of any amendment of or supplement to the Official Statement to which, after having been furnished with a copy, the Underwriters shall object in writing or which shall be disapproved by counsel for the Underwriters and (b) if any event shall occur as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of the Underwriters, to amend or supplement the Official Statement in order to make the Official Statement not misleading in light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser, consent to the distribution of an amendment of or supplement to the Official Statement, prepared without expense to the Underwriters (in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters) in a reasonable number of copies which will amend or supplement the Official Statement so that it

will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing at the time the Official Statement is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading. Any amendment of or supplement to the Official Statement to be distributed pursuant to this Section 7 shall contain a statement that the Underwriters have neither participated in the preparation thereof nor made any independent investigation of the facts contained therein and do not assume any responsibility for the sufficiency, accuracy or completeness of the information contained therein.

8. The Underwriters shall have the right to cancel their obligation to purchase the Certificates if (i) between the date hereof and the Closing, legislation shall have been enacted by the Congress of the United States or the legislature of the State of Minnesota or legislation shall have been reported out of committee of either body or be pending in committee of either body, or a decision shall have been rendered by a court of the United States or the Tax Court of the United States, or a ruling shall have been made or a regulation or temporary regulation shall have been proposed or made or any other release or announcement shall have been made by the Treasury Department of the United States or the Internal Revenue Service, with respect to federal taxation upon revenues or other income of the general character to be derived from the Certificates which, in the reasonable judgment of the Underwriters, materially adversely affects the market for the Certificates, or (ii) there shall exist any event which, in the reasonable judgment of the Underwriters, either (a) makes untrue or incorrect in any material respect as of such time any statement or information contained in the Official Statement or (b) is not reflected in the Official Statement but should be reflected therein in order to make the statements and information contained therein not misleading in any material respect, or (iii) there shall have occurred any outbreak of hostilities or other national or international calamity or crisis, the effect of which outbreak, calamity or crisis on the financial markets of the United States is such as, in the reasonable judgment of the Underwriters, would make it impracticable for the Underwriters to market or enforce contracts for the sale of the Certificates, or (iv) there shall be in force a general suspension of trading on the New York Stock Exchange or minimum or maximum prices for trading shall have been fixed and be in force, or maximum ranges for prices for securities shall have been required and be in force on the New York Stock Exchange, whether by virtue of a determination by that Exchange or by order of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other governmental authority having jurisdiction, or (v) a general banking moratorium shall have been declared by either Federal, Michigan, Minnesota or New York authorities having jurisdiction and be in force, or (vi) there shall be any material adverse change in the affairs of West Michigan, or (vii) there shall be established any new restriction on transactions in securities materially affecting the free market for securities (including the imposition of any limitation on interest rates) or the extension of credit by, or the change to the net capital requirements of, underwriters established by the New York Stock Exchange, the Securities and Exchange Commission, any other federal or state agency or the Congress of the United States, or by Executive Order, or (viii) a default shall have occurred with respect to any security issued by a state or political subdivision having a population over 1,000,000 which, in the opinion of the Underwriters has a material adverse effect on the securities markets.



9. Fees, expenses and costs incident to the execution and performance of this Agreement and to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Certificates to the Underwriters, including the cost of printing the Official Statement (in reasonable quantities); CUSIP Service Bureau charges; and fees and expenses of counsel to West Michigan and special tax counsel, including Blue Sky and legal investment services (including filing and registration fees), shall be the obligation of West Michigan, but such expenses shall be paid only if the Certificates are issued and shall not exceed \$135,060. All expenses to be paid pursuant to this Agreement shall be paid by the Trustee from Certificate proceeds. Underwriter's compensation in the amount of \$158,250 is reflected in the discounted purchase price for the Certificates of \$3,006,750, with the Certificates to be reoffered at par (\$3,160,000).

10. Any notice or other communication to be given to West Michigan under this Agreement may be given by delivering the same in writing at the address set forth above, and any such notice or other communications to be given to the Underwriters may be given by delivering the same in writing to Miller, Johnson & Kuehn, Incorporated, 5500 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 800, Minneapolis, MN 55416, Attention: Mr. Jay Hromatka. The approval of the Underwriters when required hereunder or the determination of its satisfaction as to any document referred to herein shall be in writing signed by the Underwriters and delivered to you.

11. This Agreement is made solely for the benefit of West Michigan and the Underwriters (including the successors or assigns of the Underwriters, but excluding any purchaser, of a Certificate from the Underwriters) and, to the extent expressed herein, controlling persons thereof, and no other persons, partnership, association or corporation shall acquire or have any right hereunder or by virtue hereof. All representations and agreements of the parties to this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of the Underwriters and shall survive the delivery of and payment for the Certificates. Any and all controversies, disputes or claims between the Underwriters or West Michigan and affiliates or controlling persons thereof arising out of or relating to this Agreement or executed in connection herewith, or any breach hereof or thereof, or any services to be rendered hereunder or thereunder, shall be resolved by arbitration in Minneapolis, Minnesota in accordance with the rules then observed by the National Association of Securities Dealers, and judgment upon any award rendered may be entered by any court of competent jurisdiction. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.



Very truly yours,

**MILLER, JOHNSON & KUEHN,  
INCORPORATED, Underwriters**

By *Jan Kowalke*  
Its Vice President

Accepted and Agreed to:

**WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS**

By *David A. Lewis*  
Its Director

## Schedule A

### Maturity

The Certificates mature on the dates and in the amounts, bear interest at the annual rates and are being offered at the prices, as follows:

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Price</u>
May 1, 2003	\$45,000	5.50%	100%
May 1, 2004	45,000	5.60	100
May 1, 2005	50,000	5.70	100
May 1, 2006	50,000	5.80	100
May 1, 2029	2,975,000	7.00	100

### Redemption

Optional. The Certificates are subject to redemption on May 1, 2004 and each May 1 and November 1 thereafter, upon the direction of West Michigan, in whole, at their principal amount plus accrued interest.

Mandatory. The Certificates maturing on May 1, 2029 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on April 1 in the years and principal amounts set forth below at a redemption price equal to their principal amount plus accrued interest to the redemption date:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2007	55,000
2008	60,000
2009	65,000
2010	70,000
2011	75,000
2012	80,000
2013	85,000
2014	90,000
2015	95,000
2016	100,000
2017	110,000
2018	115,000
2019	125,000
2020	135,000
2021	145,000
2022	155,000
2023	165,000
2024	175,000
2025	185,000
2026	200,000
2027	215,000
2028	230,000

Extraordinary. The Certificates are subject to redemption on any May 1 or November 1 upon the occurrence of a "Determination of Taxability" as set forth in the Financing Agreement, at a price equal to 103% of their principal amount.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER & INDUSTRY SERVICES  
**OFFICE OF FIRE SAFETY**  
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 LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909-8200

PLAN REVIEW REPORT		
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ARCHITECT / ENGINEER:	PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	DATE
William Roy Integrated Architecture 4090 Lake Dr SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546 Ph: 616-574-0220	New Classroom Addition to School	8/5/03
	FACILITY:	O.F.S. PROJECT NO.
	Western Michigan Academy 17350 Hazel Street Spring Lake, MI 49456	23532
	COUNTY:	JOB NO.
	OTTAWA	
The plans and specifications for the above project have been reviewed for compliance with the applicable FIRE SAFETY RULES. The review does not reflect structural or engineering matters outside the matter of fire safety. Field inspection approval will be required before occupancy.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved contingent upon compliance with following: <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved for the reasons listed:		

PLEASE REFERENCE OUR NUMBER 23532 ON FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE, ADDENDA, BLUEPRINTS, ETC., CONCERNING THIS PROJECT, AND NOTIFY ANY OTHER ARCHITECT/ENGINEER, COMPANY, SUB-CONTRACTOR, ETC. INVOLVED.

The submitted documents have been reviewed for compliance with the 1999 School Fire Safety Rules assuming Type V (000) construction and no sprinkler coverage.

1. Cross corridor doors in pairs, where dead ends are created, shall be double egress in accordance with Section 2.1.4.2. **Special attention to Door 113.**
2. All glazing in fire rated doors shall be minimum 1/4 inch wired glass with a maximum area as allowed per testing Refer to NFPA 80. **Special attention to size of glazing in Door 113, which is larger than the typically allow 100 square inches.**
3. Separate all hazardous areas from the remainder of the facility with minimum one hour fire resistive construction including minimum "C" or 45 minute labeled fire door assemblies. Refer to Section 10-3.2.1 and Policy 5-13. **Special attention to Mechanical Mezzanine walls.**
4. Required minimum one hour fire resistive walls shall extend tight to the floor or roof deck above, unless the ceiling itself constitutes an approved one hour barrier when tested as a wall. Refer to Sections 10-3.6. and 6-2.2.2. **Special attention to new corridor ceiling. Note: Detail 8/A5.1 is not in compliance as a rated wall.**
5. Penetrations of fire barriers shall be protected in accordance with Section 6-2.3.2.4. Please provide the field inspector with the UL design number or manufacturer's data sheet for any through-penetration fire stopping.
6. Means of egress shall be marked in accordance with Section 10-2.10. **Special attention to missing directional signs at south end of Corridor 113 and at each set of cross-corridor doors.**
7. Hardware will be field reviewed only.
  - a. Information regarding proposed special locking arrangements as allowed under Section 10-2.3.2.3 shall be submitted for review and approval.

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# CERTIFICATE OF USE AND OCCUPANCY

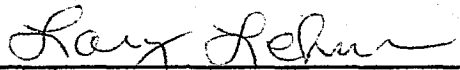
## PERMANENT

Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services  
Bureau of Construction Codes & Fire Safety/Building Division  
P. O. Box 30254  
Lansing, MI 48909  
(517) 241-9317

Permit No. LB018456  
West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics  
17350 Hazel Street  
Spring Lake, Michigan  
Ottawa County

The above named building of Use Group E and Construction Type 5B is approved for use and occupancy.

**THIS APPROVAL IS GRANTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTIONS 13 OF ACT 230 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1972, AS AMENDED, BEING §125.1513 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 110.0 OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE. THIS SHALL SUPERSEDE AND VOID ANY PREVIOUS APPROVAL OF USE AND OCCUPANCY.**



**Larry Lehman, Chief  
Building Division**

November 13, 2003