

This **CHARTER** is entered into by and between **ST. ALOYSIUS** (“**Sponsor**”) and **Northwest Ohio Classical Academy** (“**School Governing Authority**”), the governing board of a new start-up Ohio public community school established as a public benefit corporation under Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) Chapter 1702.

WHEREAS, R.C. Chapter 3314 permits Ohio public community schools; and

WHEREAS, **St. Aloysius** is an authorized **Sponsor** under R.C. Chapter 3314; and

WHEREAS, the **School Governing Authority** is an Ohio public benefit corporation with its corporate principal place of business located at **5025 Glendale Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614** (“**School**”) in **Lucas County**, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the **School** is located in the **Toledo City School District** (school district); and

WHEREAS, the **School Governing Authority** wishes to fully state or restate its agreement to operate an Ohio community school;

NOW THEREFORE, the **School Governing Authority** and the **Sponsor** enter into this Charter pursuant to the following terms and conditions. All Attachments and Recitals to this Charter are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Charter.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1 **Purpose.** This Charter authorizes the operation of the **School** pursuant to R.C. Chapter 3314. Such school shall be a public school, independent of any School District and is part of the State of Ohio Program of Education. Pursuant to R.C. Section 3314.01, the **School Governing Authority** may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for services necessary for the operation of the **School**. The **School Governing Authority** may carry out any act and ensure the performance of any function that is in compliance with the Ohio Constitution, R.C. Chapter 3314, other statutes applicable to community schools and the terms of this Charter. The **School Governing Authority** covenants and agrees to Sections 1.2 through 1.3 below.
- 1.2 **Non-Profit Corporation.** The **School** is established and operated as a non-profit corporation under R.C. Chapter 1702 if established prior to April 8, 2003. The **School Governing Authority** shall maintain in good standing the **School’s** status as a non-profit corporation. The **School Governing Authority** shall hold all rights to the name of the **School** and any trade names or fictitious names.
- 1.3 **Public Benefit Corporation.** The **School Governing Authority** must be an Ohio Public Benefit Corporation under R.C. 1702.01(P), if formed after April of 2003. Attached as **Attachment 1.3** are the Certificate of Incorporation, Articles of Incorporation, and Code of Regulations. Any changes or updates in any of these documents must be reported in

writing to the **Sponsor** within seven (7) business days of the effective date of such changes, along with a copy of all documentation and filings.

For schools beginning operation after July 1, 2020, no later than December 31 of the current year, the **School Governing Authority** shall apply to qualify as a federal tax exempt entity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The **School Governing Authority** shall submit a copy of the application as submitted to the IRS to the **Sponsor** within seven (7) business days of submission. Any change in tax status of the **School** must be reported in writing to the **Sponsor** within seven (7) business days after notice to the **School** or the **School Governing Authority**, with a copy of any documentation and official/governmental notices or letters.

1.4 **Sponsor.** The **Sponsor** shall carry out the responsibilities established by law and provide monitoring, oversight and technical assistance to the Schools in accordance with R.C. 3314.03(D) by completing the following:

- (a) Monitor the **School's** compliance with the laws applicable to the **School** and with this Charter;
  - (i) Conduct site visits to the **School** as necessary; and
- (b) Monitor and evaluate the academic performance and the organization of the **School** as delineated in Attachment 6.4, the state report cards issued for the School under R.C. 3302.03 and R.C. 3314.07 and any other analysis conducted by the Ohio Department of Education on at least an annual basis and provide the **School** and **School Governing Authority** with an annual report;
  - (i) Report on an annual basis the results of the evaluation conducted under R.C. 3314.03(D)(2) to the department of education and to the parents of students enrolled in the community school; and
- (c) Provide reasonable technical assistance to the **School Governing Authority** in complying with this Charter and with applicable laws (provided, however, the **Sponsor** shall not be obligated to give legal advice to the **School Governing Authority** (*See 2.7 below*)); and
- (d) If necessary and appropriate, declare the **School Governing Authority** to be on probation pursuant to R.C. 3314.073. The **Sponsor** shall monitor the actions taken by the **School Governing Authority** to remedy the conditions that have warranted probationary status as specified by the **Sponsor**. Provided prior written notice is delivered to all members of the **School Governing Authority**, the **Sponsor** may take over the operation of the **School**, and also replace the entire **School Governing Authority**, or any member of the **School Governing Authority**, should the **School Governing Authority** or any officer of the **School**, if the **School**

**Governing Authority** or its officer(s) (a) fully resigns or a majority of its members abandon(s) its/their duties hereunder or at law, or (b) act(s) or omit(s) to act in a manner that is likely to cause immediate or irreparable harm to the **School** and/or its students. The **Sponsor** may also take steps to terminate the charter with the **School Governing Authority** or to suspend operation of the **School** if the **Sponsor** at any time finds that the **School Governing Authority** is no longer able or willing to remedy those conditions to the satisfaction of the **Sponsor**.

- (e) Monitor and evaluate the **School's** fiscal performance and establish and/or require a plan of action to be undertaken if the **School** experiences financial difficulties or losses before the end of the school year;
  - (i) Upon learning of financial difficulties or losses, the **Sponsor** shall provide the **School Governing Authority** with a reasonable time frame to submit a plan of action; and
  - (ii) The **Sponsor** shall review and approve the plan within ten (10) business days of receipt; and
- (f) Provide in writing the annual assurances for the **School's** first year of operation or, if the school is not an internet- or computer-based school and changes the building from which it operates, the opening of the first year it operates from the new building pursuant to R.C. 3314.19; and
- (g) Abiding by the requirements in its contract with the Ohio Department of Education, even should those requirements affect the **School** and/or the **School Governing Authority**; and
- (h) Other activities designed to specifically benefit the **School**; and
- (i) Oversee the **School's** closure.

## ARTICLE II

### School Governing Authority

- 2.1 **Governing Authority Members.** The **School Governing Authority** (its Board of Directors "Directors" or "Board") must contain at least five (5) Directors, who are not owners, employees, or consultants or immediate relatives of owners, employees or consultants, of the **Sponsor** or any company that operates or manages the **School**. Further, **School Governing Authority** members shall comply with R.C. 102.03, 2921.42 and 2921.43. Current resumes which shall include full name, home and/or work address, a valid telephone number and electronic mail address for each **School Governing Authority** member will be provided to the **Sponsor** prior to the member being appointed to the **School Governing Authority**.

The **School Governing Authority** agrees to comply with the procedures by which the members of the **School Governing Authority** of the **School** will be selected in the future as set forth in the by-laws or code of regulations. The **Sponsor** shall be notified of any changes in members in writing (members, Directors or trustees of the Board) including names, notices of new names, addresses, e-mail, resumes and telephone numbers, within seven (7) business days of such change. **School Governing Authority** members may be compensated per R.C. 3314.02(E)(5) based on the School Governing Authority's approved policy.

Each **School Governing Authority** member agrees to execute a conflict of interest statement on an annual basis and provide a copy to the **Sponsor** prior to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The **School Governing Authority** must meet at least six (6) times per year and must send notice of all regular meetings to the **Sponsor** at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. If the **School Governing Authority** calls a special meeting, notice must be sent twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. If the **School Governing Authority** calls an emergency meeting, notice must be sent immediately. The **School Governing Authority** must maintain a policy regarding how it will notify the public of all meetings. The **School Governing Authority** shall submit a meeting schedule to the **Sponsor** no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year. Any changes to the meeting schedule must be communicated within ten (10) business days of the change being approved.

All names of **School Governing Authority** members shall be posted on the **School's** website and updated timely as necessary.

2.2 **Training of Governing Authority Members.** All new **School Governing Authority** members are required to attend Board training. If the member chooses to complete the training offered by the **Sponsor**, which training shall be free of charge and offered in such a manner that the member may participate remotely, the member shall begin the training within thirty (30) days of appointment and complete the training within six (6) months. If the member chooses to complete training not offered by the **Sponsor**, this training must be at least four (4) hours in length and be completed within ninety (90) days of appointment to the Board. Additionally, the training must be approved by the **Sponsor** prior to completion. Existing Board members are encouraged to participate in Board training on an annual basis to remain current regarding their responsibilities as a member of the **School Governing Authority**. The **Sponsor** reserves the right to require additional training of any **School Governing Authority** member(s) at the **Sponsor's** discretion (provided training is offered by the Sponsor free of charge). If additional training is required, the training will be presented at the board meetings or by web-ex with advance notice provided to all **School Governing Authority** members. If the training is provided by web-ex, the **School Governing Authority** members will have thirty (30) days to view the training.

2.3 **Criminal Background Checks of Governing Authority Members.** Under R.C. 3314.19(I), all **School Governing Authority** members are required to obtain a criminal background check free of disqualifying offenses, including both a BCI and a FBI. The BCI and FBI background checks must have been completed within one (1) year prior to the **School Governing Authority** member being appointed to the **School Governing Authority**. A potential **School Governing Authority** member shall not serve on the **School Governing Authority** unless and until that person has submitted to a criminal records check in the manner prescribed by R.C. 3319.39 and a copy of the BCI and FBI

check has been submitted to the **Sponsor**. The **Sponsor** shall approve the potential **School Governing Authority** member pursuant to R.C. 3314.02(E)(2)(a) and communicate the approval to the **School Governing Authority**. Each Board Member shall sign consent to release their background check to the **Sponsor**. Background checks will not be accepted if submitted by the **School Governing Authority** member or sent to the **School Governing Authority** member's address. Sponsor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of background checks of current or prospective Governing Authority members that are provided to the Sponsor.

2.4 **Material Adverse Effect.** The **School Governing Authority** shall deliver written notice to the **Sponsor** promptly upon obtaining knowledge of any event or circumstance that could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the operation, properties, assets, condition (financial or otherwise), prospects or reputation of the **School** including, but not limited to:

- (a) Any material breach of any covenant or agreement contained in this Charter, or
- (b) Any notice given to the **School Governing Authority** or any other action taken with respect to a claimed default under any financing obtained by the **School Governing Authority**, or
- (c) The failure of the **School Governing Authority** to comply with the terms and conditions of any certificates, permits, licenses, governmental regulations, a report in reasonable detail of the nature and date, if applicable of such event or circumstance and the **School Governing Authorities'** intended actions with respect thereto; or
- (d) The institution of or threat of any action, suit, proceeding, governmental investigation or arbitration against or directly affecting the **School Governing Authority** or any property thereof (collectively "Proceedings") not previously disclosed in writing by the **School Governing Authority**; or
- (e) Any material development in any Proceedings to which the **School Governing Authority** is a party or the **School Governing Authority's** property is subject.

Written notice of any of the above must be submitted to the **Sponsor** no later than seven (7) business days after receipt of notice provided to the **School Governing Authority**, a schedule of all Proceedings involving an alleged liability of, or claims against or affecting the **School Governing Authority** or, if there has been no change since the last such report, a statement to that effect, shall promptly be sent to the **Sponsor**. Other such information as may be reasonably requested by the **Sponsor** to enable the **Sponsor** and its counsel to evaluate any of such Proceedings shall be sent promptly upon request by the **Sponsor**.

2.5 **Sponsor Oversight.** The **School Governing Authority** and the **School's** administration covenant and agree to cooperate fully with the **Sponsor** in all activities as required by regulations of the Ohio Department of Education for oversight of the **School**. This includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Compliance site visits as determined necessary by the **Sponsor**. The **School Governing Authority** or designee must maintain documentation of all verification of compliance which shall be readily accessible at all times.
- (b) Monthly reviews of financials. All financials, operating budgets, assets, liabilities, enrollment records or similar information must be submitted by the Fiscal Officer of the **School** to the **Sponsor** by email to [financials@charterschoolspec.com](mailto:financials@charterschoolspec.com) no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month for the previous month's financial activity. The **Sponsor** shall provide a written report concerning the review of the financials to the **Governing Authority** and the fiscal officer within ten (10) days after receipt of the documents. The reports submitted may be in a format determined by the **School Governing Authority**, but must include:
  - (i) Cash Fund Report – a listing of all funds used showing the month's and year's activity and balances; and
  - (ii) Revenue Summary – a listing of all revenue received for the month and for the year; and
  - (iii) Statement of Net Position or Balance Sheet – statement showing assets, liabilities and net assets, in balance sheet form; and
  - (iv) Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position or Income Statement – Statement showing monthly and year-to-date Revenue and Expenses comparative to corresponding budgeted amounts; and
  - (v) Check Register – a listing of all checks for the month; and
  - (vi) Cash Reconciliation – a book to bank reconciliation of all cash accounts with copies of bank statements; and
  - (vii) Aged Accounts Payable Detail – a listing of all outstanding accounts payable aged in 30 day increments; and
  - (viii) Enrollment Records – in the form of monthly FTEs; and
  - (viii) Copy of the monthly State Community School Statement of Settlement Report, and Detail Funding Report.

Fiscal Officers and the **School Governing Authority** will be notified if a deadline is not met and/or if reports submitted do not contain all of the data required. Both the Fiscal Officer and School Governing Authority will be notified if the Sponsor does not receive the required data within seven (7)

calendar days of the deadline. Additionally, failure to provide the Sponsor with required data within fifteen (15) days of the deadline may result in a Corrective Action Plan; and

- (c) Signature on this document shall be evidence of granting “read only” access to the **Sponsor** to all data and data systems related to the academic, fiscal, and compliance performance of the **School**.
- (d) Other appropriate and reasonable requests for information from the **Sponsor**, the Ohio Department of Education, or other required governmental agencies.
- (e) **Sponsor** representatives can act as non-voting ex-officio Board Members and shall be included in executive sessions unless explicitly excused by the **School Governing Authority** so that the **Sponsor** may be discussed or to avoid inadvertent waiver of attorney client privilege. When any **Sponsor** representative is included in an executive session, he/she will abide by all applicable confidentiality rules.
- (f) If the **School** receives comments or findings in its annual audit, **the School Governing Authority** shall have a post-audit conference. The **School Governing Authority** shall consult with the **Sponsor** prior to waiving the post-audit conference. The **Sponsor** shall participate in the post-audit conference even if the **School Governing Authority** chooses to waive the conference.

2.6 **Technical Assistance and Training by Sponsor.** The **Sponsor** may provide technical assistance and training to the **School** and its staff at such times and to the extent that the **Sponsor** deems appropriate or as the then current law requires. As required by law, the **School**, **School Employees** and **School Governing Authority** shall attend training and receive technical assistance at the direction of the **Sponsor**. The **School Governing Authority** has the right to request and the **Sponsor** shall provide reasonable technical assistance or additional training in areas in which the **Sponsor** has knowledge provided the technical assistance is not the responsibility of the **School Governing Authority’s** third party vendors.

2.7 **Governing Authority Contracts.** If the **School Governing Authority** contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity shall be independent from the operator with which the school has contracted.

2.8 **Internal Financial Controls.** The **School Governing Authority** shall submit copies of all policies and procedures regarding internal financial controls, including the **School’s** credit card policy, adopted and include them as [Attachment 2.8](#) in this charter agreement.

2.9 **Public Records and Open Meetings Training.** The **School Governing Authority** members, the designated fiscal officer of the **School**, the chief administrative officer and

other administrative employees of the **School**, and all persons contracted by the **School's** operator for supervisory or administrative services shall complete training on an annual basis on the public records and open meetings laws.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Operations**

- 3.1 **Student Transportation.** The **School Governing Authority** will work to assure that transportation of students is provided to the extent that such transportation is required by law and shall maintain a transportation plan at all times in accordance with R.C. 3327.016. Under R.C. 3314.091 and 3327.02, the **School Governing Authority** must notify the local traditional public school district if the **School Governing Authority** will be accepting responsibility for student transportation. If the **School Governing Authority** has entered into an agreement with the local school district that designates the **School Governing Authority** as responsible for providing or arranging for the transportation of the district's native students to and from the community school pursuant to R.C. 3314.091(A), the agreement shall be submitted to the **Sponsor** for approval. If the **School Governing Authority** assumes the responsibility for the transportation of the local district's native students by notifying the local district pursuant to R.C. 3314.091(B)(2), then it shall notify the **Sponsor** of that decision and provide a transportation plan.
- 3.2 **Management by Third Parties.** Should the **School Governing Authority** enter into any contract for management or operation of the **School** or its curriculum or operations, or any portion thereof, such fully executed contract must be reviewed and negotiated by an attorney, independent of the **Sponsor** or the operator with which the **School** has contracted. The final contract shall be attached as **Attachment 3.2.**

If the **School Governing Authority** desires to enter into a contract with an operator after execution of this Charter, change operators during the term of this Charter, or remove an operator and operate the **School** independently, the **School Governing Authority** shall submit information using the application provided by the **Sponsor**.

The **Sponsor** shall evaluate the proposed operator or independent operation and shall provide the **School Governing Authority** with a written response within a reasonable amount of time. The **Sponsor** shall approve the proposed operator or the **School's** independent operation prior to execution of a contract with the proposed operator or termination of the contract with the current operator. If the proposed operator is approved, the **School Governing Authority** shall provide the **Sponsor** with the fully executed contract within three (3) business days of execution. This contract shall be incorporated as **Attachment 3.2.**

If the management company provides services to the **School** in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the **School's** gross annual revenues, then the management company must provide a detailed accounting of the nature and costs of the services it provides to the **School**, acceptable to the Auditor of the State of Ohio. This information shall be included in the



footnotes of the financial statements of the **School** and be subject to audit during the course of the regular financial audit of the community school.

If the management company or operator loans money to the **School** or **School Governing Authority**, all moneys loaned, including facilities loans or cash flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear interest at a fair market rate.

If the **School** permanently closes and ceases its operation as a community school, any property that was acquired by the operator or management company of the **School** in the manner prescribed in R.C. 3314.0210 shall be distributed in accordance with R.C. 3314.015(E) and R.C. 3314.074.

The **School Governing Authority** shall evaluate the performance of its management company. This evaluation shall occur annually and a report of the evaluation shall be submitted to the **Sponsor** by October 30<sup>th</sup> of each year excluding the first year of operation or within forty-five days after the release of the local report card by the Ohio Department of Education, whichever is later.

- 3.3 **Non-Sectarian.** The **School** shall be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or religious institution.
- 3.4 **Disposition of Assets.** To the extent permitted under Chapter 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Internal Revenue Code with respect to a **School** which is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, if the **School** permanently closes, the **School** and **School Governing Authority** agree to distribute all assets in accordance with Section 3314.074 of the Ohio Revised Code. The **School** shall comply with the closing procedures as agreed to in [Attachment 3.4](#).
- 3.5 **Commencement of School Operations.** The **School** shall open for operation not later than September 30<sup>th</sup> of each school year, unless the mission of the **School** is solely to serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the **School** fails to open by the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of September, or within one (1) year after the adoption of the charter if the mission of the **School** is solely to serve dropouts pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, the charter shall be void.
- 3.6 **Safety Plan.** Under R.C. 3313.669, 3313.6610 and 5502.263, the **School Governing Authority or designee** shall submit to the director of public safety an electronic copy of its emergency management plan not less than once every three years, whenever a major modification to the building requires changes in the procedures outlined in the plan, and whenever information on the emergency contact information sheet changes. The **School Governing Authority or designee** shall also file a copy of the plan with each law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school building.
- 3.7 **Racial and Ethnic Balance.** The **School** will attempt to achieve or continue, as the case may be, racial and ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves by doing each of

the items recited in [Attachment 3.7](#). Notwithstanding the admissions procedures of the **School**, in the event that the racial composition of the enrollment of the **School** is in violation of a federal desegregation order, the **School** shall take any and all corrective measures to comply with desegregation order. The **School Governing Authority** must assess the Racial and Ethnic Balance of the **School** each year in order to make necessary adjustments to any marketing plans currently used by the **School** in order to attempt to be reflective of either the community it serves or the local traditional public school district in which the **School** resides.

3.8 **Tuition.** Subject only to any applicable exception pursuant to R.C. 3314.26, tuition in any form shall not be charged for the enrollment of any student. Additionally, the **School Governing Authority** shall not require parents to volunteer in lieu of a tuition charge. Nothing in this section prevents reasonable activity or class fees as allowed by law, or the **School Governing Authority** engaging in voluntary fund-raising activities.

3.9 **Admissions Policy.** The admissions and enrollment procedures of the **School** are attached hereto as [Attachment 3.9](#) and shall be followed and may not be changed without the prior written notice to the **Sponsor**. At a minimum, the admission procedures at all times must comply with R.C. 3314.06 and R.C. 3314.061 if applicable and must:

- (a) specify that the **School** will not discriminate in its admission of students to the **School** on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, handicap, intellectual ability, athletic ability or measurement of achievement or aptitude;
- (b) be open to any individual entitled to attend school in the State of Ohio pursuant to section 3313.64 or section 3313.65 of the Ohio Revised Code, except that admission to the **School** may be limited to (i) students who have obtained a specific grade level or are within a specific age group, (ii) students that meet a definition of “at-risk,” as defined within this Charter, (iii) residents of a specific geographic area within the district, as defined in this Charter, (iv) separate groups of autistic students and nondisabled students under R.C. 3314.061 and as defined in this Charter, and/or (v) single-gender students of either sex.

If the number of applicants meeting admission criteria exceeds the capacity of the **School’s** programs, classes, grade levels or facilities, students shall be admitted by lot from all eligible applicants, except preference shall be given to students attending the **School** the previous year and to students who reside in the district in which the **School** is located. Preference may also be given to eligible siblings of students attending the **School** the previous year and children of full-time staff members employed by the **School**, provided the total number of children of staff members receiving this preference is less than five percent of the **School’s** total enrollment. The lottery may be conducted by the **Sponsor**.

- (c) The **School Governing Authority** shall adopt a policy regarding the admission of students residing outside the district in which the **School** is located. That policy shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in sections 3314.06 and

3314.061 of the Revised Code and at the sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:

- (i) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside the district in which the **School** is located; or
  - (ii) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in districts adjacent to the district in which the **School** is located; or
  - (iii) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any other district in the state.
- (d) If the **School** serves kindergarten and first grade students, it may admit students early into kindergarten and first grade based on the **School's** local policy for early entrance. If it is the intent of the **School** to admit students who do not meet the statutory deadline for regular admission, the **School Governing Authority** must adopt its own local policy for early entrance and/or the Early Entrance Student Acceleration Policy for Advanced Learners as applicable.

3.9.1 The **School Governing Authority** agrees to provide notices to students, parents, employees and the general public indicating that all of the **School's** educational programs are available to its students without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex and disability. Further, the **School** shall provide a non-discrimination notice in all newsletters, annual reports, admissions materials, handbooks, application forms and promotional materials other than radio advertisements.

3.9.2 The **School Governing Authority** agrees to provide a copy of the most recent Local Report Card to parents during the admissions process under R.C. 3313.6411(B).

3.10 **Attendance Policy.** The **School Governing Authority** must adopt an attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically withdrawing a student from the **School** if the student, without a legitimate excuse, fails to participate in seventy-two (72) consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the student. The **School** and **School Governing Authority** shall ensure all attendance and participation policies will be available for public inspection and that all policies comply with rule and law applicable to truancy and excessive absences. The **School's** attendance and participation records shall be made available to the Ohio Department of Education, auditor of state and the **Sponsor** to the extent permitted under and in accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, and any regulations promulgated under that act, and R.C. 3319.321.

3.11 **Suspension and Expulsion Policies.** The **School Governing Authority** shall maintain a policy regarding suspension, expulsion, removal and permanent exclusion of a student that specifies among other things the types of misconduct for which a student may be suspended, expelled or removed and the due process related thereto. The **School's** practices pursuant to the policy shall comply with the requirements of sections 3313.66, 3313.661 and 3313.662 of the Ohio Revised Code. Those policies and practices shall not infringe

upon the rights of handicapped students as provided by state and federal law and the **School** must also maintain a policy for the discipline of students receiving special education services. Additionally, the **School** shall not suspend, expel or remove a student from the **School** under section 3313.66 of the Revised Code solely on the basis of the student's absences from school without legitimate excuse.

- 3.12 **Students with Disabilities.** Upon admission or identification of any disabled student, the **School** will comply with all federal and state laws regarding the education of students with disabilities. The **School** shall provide all necessary related services or the **School Governing Authority** may contract for related services. The **School Governing Authority's** plan to provide these services is included in [Attachment 3.12](#).
- 3.13 **School Closure or Reconstruction.** The **School** agrees to remain open for students to attend until the end of the school year in which it is determined that the **School** must close. The programs provided to students in the final year of the **School** must continue without interruption or reduction unless program changes are approved in writing by the **Sponsor**. The **Sponsor** may, at its sole discretion, operate the **School** in the event the **School Governing Authority** fails to continue until the end of the approved school year or is otherwise suspended or terminated. Provided prior written notice is delivered to all members of the **School Governing Authority**, the **Sponsor** may also replace the **School Governing Authority** or any officer of the **School**, if the **School Governing Authority** or its officer(s) (a) fully resigns or a majority of its members abandon(s) its/their duties hereunder or at law, or (b) act(s) or omit(s) to act in a manner that is likely to cause immediate or irreparable harm to the **School** and/or its students. Provided however, the **Sponsor** may suspend the operations or terminate the charter as otherwise indicated by law.
- 3.14 **Internet or Computer-Based Community Schools.** The **School Governing Authority** and **School**, if an internet or computer-based community school, shall comply with the requirements in R.C. 3314.013 (Limits on start-up schools) and R.C. 3314.033 (Standards governing operation of internet – or computer – based community schools).
- 3.15 **Community School Bond.** No **School** shall initiate operation after February 1, 2016, unless the **School Governing Authority** has posted a bond in the amount of fifty thousand dollars with the auditor of state. In lieu of the bond, the **School Governing Authority**, the **Sponsor** or the operator may deposit, with the auditor of state, cash in the amount of fifty thousand dollars as guarantee of payment under R.C. 3314.50. In lieu of a bond or a cash deposit, the **Sponsor** or the operator may provide a written guarantee of payment, which shall obligate the **Sponsor** or operator to pay the cost of audits of the **School** up to the amount of fifty thousand dollars. Any such written guarantee shall be binding upon any successor entity that enters into a contract to **Sponsor** or to operate the **School**, and any such entity, as a condition of its undertaking shall acknowledge and accept such obligation.
- 3.16 **Enrollment and Residency Policy.** The **School Governing Authority** must adopt an Enrollment and Residency Policy in accordance with sections 3313.672, 3313.64, 3313.65, 3314.03 and 3314.11 of the Ohio Revised Code. The **School** shall annually submit to the

Ohio Department of Education and auditor of state a report of each instance under which a student who is enrolled in the **School** resides in a children's residential center as defined under R.C. [5103.05](#).

## ARTICLE IV

### Compliance With Laws

- 4.1 **Compliance with State Laws.** The **School** shall comply with the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code as applicable to the **School's** operations: 9.90 (Purchase or procurement of insurance), 9.91 (Placement or purchase of tax-sheltered annuity for educational employees), 109.65 (Missing children clearinghouse – missing children fund), 121.22 (Public Meetings), 149.43 (Availability of public records for inspection and copying), 311.29 (Authority for the county sheriff to contract with a community school for police services), 2151.357, (Institution receiving children required to make report), 2151.421 (Reporting child abuse or neglect), 2313.19 (Employer may not penalize employee for being called to jury duty), 3301.07 (Requirement to report financial information to the State Board in the same manner as school districts), 3301.0710 (Ohio Graduation Tests), 3301.0711 (Administration and grading of tests), 3301.0712 (College and work ready assessments), 3301.0714 (Guidelines for statewide education management information system) (as stated in 3314.17), 3301.0715 (District board to administer diagnostic assessments – intervention services), 3301.0723(C) (Data verification code for younger children receiving state services), 3301.0729 (Time spent on assessments), 3301.52 to 3301.059 (Preschool program standards and licensing), 3301.60 (Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children), 3301.947 (Privacy of data during testing), 3301.948 (Provision of data to multi-state consortium prohibited), 3302.037 (Notification of report card results to parents, board), 3302.13 (Reading achievement improvement plan requirements), 3302.16 to 3302.18 (Authority for establishment of community learning centers at schools), 3302.20 (Financial reporting requirements), 3309.013 (Exclusions from definition of employee under ORC section 3309.01), 3311.742 (Municipal school district student advisory committees), 3313.131 (Member of governing authority of community school prohibited from membership on board of education), 3313.375 (Lease-purchase agreement for building or improvements to building), 3313.411 (Lease or sale of unused school facilities), 3313.472 (Policy on parental and foster caregiver involvement in schools), 3313.50 (Record of tests – statistical data – individual records), 3313.5310 (Information and training regarding sudden cardiac arrest), 3313.539 (Concussions and school athletics), 3313.602 (Veteran's Day Observance), 3313.608 (Third Grade Reading Guarantee), 3313.609 (Grade Promotion and Retention Policy) 3313.6012 (Policy governing conduct of academic prevention/intervention services), 3313.6013 (Dual enrollment program for college credit), 3313.6014 (Parental notification of core curriculum requirements), 3313.6015 (Resolution describing how district will address college and career readiness and financial literacy), 3313.6020 (Policy on Career Advising), 3313.6025 (Instruction on proper interactions with peace officers), 3313.6026 (FAFSA data sharing agreement), 3313.611 (State seal of biliteracy), 3313.6411 (Providing report card to parent), 3313.643 (Eye protective devices), 3313.648 (Prohibiting incentives to enroll in district), 3313.66 (Suspension, expulsion or

permanent exclusion- removal from curricular or extracurricular activities), 3313.661 (Policy regarding suspension, removal, expulsion and permanent exclusion), 3313.662 (Adjudication order permanently excluding pupil from public schools), 3313.666 (District policy prohibiting harassment required), 3313.667 (District bullying prevention initiatives), 3313.668 (Removal from school based on absences), 3313.669 and 3313.6610 (SAVE Students Act), 3313.67 (Immunization of pupils – immunization records – annual summary), 3313.671 (Proof of required immunizations – exceptions), 3313.672 (Presenting school records, custody order if applicable and certification of birth by new pupil), 3313.673 (Screening of beginning pupils for special learning needs), 3313.69 (Hearing and visual tests of school children – exemptions), 3313.71 (Examinations and diagnoses by school physician), 3313.7110 (Procurement of epinephrine autoinjectors for public schools), 3313.7112 (Requirements related to care of students with diabetes), 3313.7113 (Procurement of inhalers for board), 3313.716 (Possession and use metered dose inhaler or dry powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms), 3313.718 (Possession and use of epinephrine auto-injector to treat anaphylaxis), 3313.719 (Food allergy protection policy), 3313.721 (Health care for students), 3313.80 (Display of national flag), 3313.814 (Standards governing types of food sold on school premises), 3313.816 (Sale of a la carte beverage items), 3313.817 (A la carte foods; determination of nutritional value; software), 3313.86 (Health and safety review), 3313.89 (Publication of information regarding online education and career planning tool), 3313.96 (Informational programs relative to missing children – fingerprinting program), 3314.0210 (Property purchased by operator or management company), 3314.032 (Contents of contract between governing authority and operator), 3314.035 (Publication of names of members of governing authority), 3314.036 (Employment of attorney), 3314.037 (Training on public records and open meetings laws), 3314.038 (Children residing in residential center; reporting), 3314.08 (Annual enrollment reports), 3314.101 (Suspension of employee pending criminal action), 3314.103 (Termination of contract prior to termination of annual session), 3314.18 (Breakfast and lunch programs – summer extension), 3314.40 (Report of employee conviction or alternative disposition), 3314.401 (Employee investigation report kept in personnel file), 3314.402 (Application of collective bargaining agreement), 3314.403 (False report of employee misconduct prohibited), 3314.44 (Collection and transmittal of school records after closing), 3317.161 (Approval of career-technical education programs), 3319.073 (In-service training in child abuse prevention programs), 3319.077 (Teacher professional development in dyslexia), 3319.078 (Multi-sensory structured literacy certification), 3319.22 through 3319.31 (Licensure/certification of employees), 3319.318 (Illegally assisting a sex offender in attaining school employment), 3319.321 (Confidentiality), 3319.39 (Criminal records check), 3319.391 (Applicants and new hires subject to criminal records check provisions), 3319.393 (Educator profile database consultation), 3319.41 (Corporal punishment policy), 3319.46 (Policy and rules regarding positive behavior intervention supports and the use of physical restraint or seclusion), 3319.47 (Sexual harassment counseling), 3320.01, 3320.02 and 3320.03 (Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2019), 3321.041 (Excused absences for certain extracurricular activities), 3321.01 (Compulsory school age – requirements for admission to kindergarten or first grade – pupil personnel services committee), 3321.13 (Duties of teacher or superintendent upon withdrawal or habitual absence of child from school – forms), 3321.14 (Attendance officer – pupil-personnel workers), 3321.17 (Attendance officer and assistants

– powers), 3321.18 (Enforcement proceedings), 3321.19 (Examination into cases of truancy – failure of parent, guardian or responsible person to cause child’s attendance at school), 3323.19 (Comprehensive eye examination), 3323.251 (Dyslexia screening), 3327.01, 3327.02 and 3327.09 (Student transportation), 3327.10 (Qualifications of drivers), 3327.16 (Volunteer bus rider assistance program), 3333.31 (Rules for determining student residency), 3333.81 to 3333.88 (Requirements related to student participation in distance learning courses), 3365.032 (Notice of expulsion of student), 3737.73 (Fire, Tornado and Lockdown Drills), 4111.17 (Prohibiting discrimination in payment of wages), 4113.52 (Reporting violation of law by employer or fellow employee), 5502.262 (Safety Plans), and 5705.391 (Board of education spending plan), Chapters 117 (Auditor of State), 1347 (Personal Information Systems), 1702 (Non-Profit Corporation Law), 2744 (Political Subdivision Tort Liability), 3307 (State Teachers Retirement System), 3309 (Public School Employees Retirement System), 3314 (Community Schools), 3323 (Special Education), 3365 (Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program), 3742 (Lead Abatement), 4112 (Civil Rights Commission), 4117 (Collective Bargaining Law), 4123 (Workers’ Compensation), 4141 (Unemployment Compensation), and 4167 (Public Employment Risk Reduction Program) of the Ohio Revised Code as if it were a school district. The **School** will comply with these sections and chapters of the Ohio Revised Code now in effect and as hereafter amended. Certain laws listed above which are not specified therein as mandatory, are permissive, unless otherwise specifically required under this Charter. Laws listed above which are mandatory, are also mandatory under this Charter.

The **School** shall comply with Chapter 102 (Public Officers – Ethics), section 2921.42 (Having an unlawful interest in a public contract) and section 2921.43 (Soliciting or accepting improper compensation) of the Ohio Revised Code. The **School Governing Authority** must maintain a general conflict of interest policy.

The **School** shall also comply with R.C. 3302.04 (Three year continuous improvement plan – intervention by department – site evaluations) and R.C. 3302.041 (Failure to make adequate progress – corrective actions), including division (E) of R.C. 3302.04 to the extent possible, except that any action required by a school district under R.C. 3302.04 shall be taken by the **Sponsor**. The **Sponsor**, however, shall not be required to take any action under R.C. 3302.04(F).

The **School** will comply with sections 3313.6021 and 3313.6023 of the Revised Code (Requirements to provide instruction in CPR and use of AED) as if it were a school district unless it is either of the following: (i) An internet- or computer-based community school; (ii) A community school in which a majority of the enrolled students are children with disabilities as described in division (A)(4)(b) of section 3314.35 of the Revised Code.

The **School** will comply with section 3321.191 of the Revised Code (Adoption of policy regarding student absences; intervention strategies), unless it is an internet- or computer-based community school that is subject to section 3314.261 of the Revised Code.

The **School**, unless it is an internet- or computer-based community school, shall comply with 3313.801 (Display of national and Ohio Mottos) as if it were a school district.

The **School** shall comply with Ohio Administrative Code Section 901:5-11-15 governing pesticide policies.

The **School** shall comply with all provisions of Title IX that apply to K-12 community schools.

- 4.2 **Compliance with Other Laws.** The **School** and the **School Governing Authority** may not carry out any act or insure the performance of any function that is not in compliance with the United States Constitution, the Ohio Constitution, federal law, Ohio law and this Charter. The **School** and the **School Governing Authority** are not exempt from federal laws, rules and regulations, or other Ohio laws granting rights to parents as provided under R.C. 3314.04.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Facilities**

- 5.1 **Location of Facility.** The facility to be used for the **School** will be maintained at **5025 Glendale Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614**. If multiple facilities are used, the **School Governing Authority** shall comply with R.C. 3314.05. If the facility has been or will be leased, a copy of the fully executed lease and any lease renewals or amendments must be provided to the **Sponsor** within seven (7) business days of its execution and shall be incorporated into this charter as **Attachment 5.1(a)**. If the facility has been or will be purchased by the **School Governing Authority**, a copy of the contract of sale and related documents must be provided to the **Sponsor** within seven (7) business days of execution, and after purchase, a copy of the recorded conveyance documents shall immediately be provided to the **Sponsor**. Any lease or sub-lease of the facility by any party, including the management company, must be documented in writing.

The **School Governing Authority** shall provide the following information in **Attachment 5.1(b)**:

- (a) a detailed description of each facility used for instructional purposes; and
- (b) the annual costs associated with leasing each facility that are paid by or on behalf of the school; and
- (c) the annual mortgage principal and interest payments that are paid by the school; and
- (d) the name of the lender or landlord, identified as such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the operator, if any.

The facility will not be changed and the number of square feet used will not be reduced without prior notification to the **Sponsor**. Any lease, mortgage payments, or capital improvement costs must be consistent with the yearly budgets given to and assessed by the **Sponsor**. In any material change of facility, the **Sponsor**, at its sole discretion, but without obligation to do so, may request maps, plans and/or revised budgets showing adequate service of the debt and reserves for maintenance or repairs. The **Sponsor** shall not be liable



for the debts, obligations or business of the **School** or the **School Governing Authority**, but may request any information the **Sponsor** deems necessary to assess adequate planning for facilities.

- 5.2 **Tax Exempt Status.** Under R.C. 5709.07, real property used by a **School** for primary or secondary educational purposes, including only so much of the land as is necessary for the proper occupancy, use and enjoyment of such real property by the **School** for primary or secondary educational purposes shall be exempt from taxation. This exemption does not apply to any portion of the real property not used for primary or secondary educational purposes.
- 5.3 **Compliance with Health and Safety Standards.** Any facility used by the **School Governing Authority** for or by the **School** shall meet all health and safety standards established by law for community school buildings. The **School** shall not begin operations either at start up or after any structural change requiring permits until such time as the **Sponsor** has viewed all health and safety permits and permission to open has been granted as required by law. **Sponsor** shall have seven (7) business days to review the health and safety permits from the date the **School Governing Authority** notifies the **Sponsor** that such permits are available for review. Facilities will be maintained in a clean, healthy manner to the satisfaction of the proper authorities. Copies of all current permits, inspections and/or certificates must be filed with the **Sponsor**. The **School** must keep all permits, inspections and/or certifications current and compliant.
- 5.4 **Closure of School.** If the **School** should close for any reason, the **School Governing Authority**, to the extent that the **School Governing Authority** owns the facility, is solely responsible for the sale, lease or other distribution of the facility.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Educational Program**

- 6.1 **Number of Students.** The **School** will provide learning opportunities to the minimum number of students as required by R.C. 3314.03(A)(11)(a) and as applicable, for a minimum of nine hundred twenty (920) hours per school year or in accordance with any applicable changes of law. **The School shall serve grades K-12 and ages 5-21.** The **School** shall provide the education plan template as provided by the **Sponsor** as [Attachment 6.3](#) for all grades listed in this charter. The education plan shall include the characteristics and ages of the students to be served, including grade configuration and enrollment projections for the next five (5) years. If the **School Governing Authority** desires to add additional grades to the **School**, it shall submit a resolution requesting a charter modification to add grades. The **Sponsor** shall evaluate the request for a modification and respond accordingly. The number of students attending the **School** at any one time shall not exceed the number allowed by the occupancy permit (including staff).
- 6.1.1 If the **School** does not have at least one-hundred (100) students enrolled thirty (30) days prior to the first day of school, the **Sponsor** shall review the

number of students enrolled, the financial and organizational position of the **School** and all other opening assurances requirements as prescribed by the Ohio Department of Education. If the **Sponsor** determines that the number of students enrolled and the financial position of the **School** are not sufficient for the **School** to remain open for the entire school year, the **Sponsor** will require a guarantee of funding from the management company or other sources to keep the **School** in operation for the entire school year. The **School** will provide the guarantee and all necessary financial data relative to the funding sources for approval prior to the due date for opening assurances documents to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education.

6.1.2 If the **School** does not maintain one-hundred (100) students during the school year, the **Sponsor** may place the **School Governing Authority** on a corrective action plan, probation or suspend the **School's** operations.

6.2 **Continuing Operation.** The **School** agrees to continue operation by teaching the minimum number of students permitted by law. Time is of the essence in continuing operation. Failure to continue operation without interruption is grounds for termination of this Charter.

6.3 **Curriculum.** For purposes of this Charter, in [Attachment 6.3](#), the vision, mission, philosophy, goals, focus of the curriculum and objectives shall be separated from the methods used to achieve those goals. The **School Governing Authority** shall provide a clear mission statement which shall be incorporated into [Attachment 6.3](#). Any change in vision, mission, philosophy, goals, focus of the curriculum and objectives methods would constitute a material change in the Charter and must be requested through a charter modification process. Any Charter modification must be submitted to the **Sponsor** in writing for approval. Upon approval by the **Sponsor**, if necessary, the **School Governing Authority** shall pass a resolution outlining in detail the changes made. The **School's** curriculum must be aligned to Ohio's Learning Standards including English, Language Arts and Mathematics, Science and Social Studies content standards and any additional content areas for which standards have been established and/or revised per R.C. 3301.079. The **School** must demonstrate at any given time, and to the **Sponsor's** satisfaction, the implementation of the aligned curriculum as stated in this section. [Attachment 6.3](#) encompasses a description of the learning opportunities that will be offered to students including both class-room based and non-classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance with criteria for student participation established by the department under R.C. 3314.08(H)(2). [Attachment 6.3](#) shall also include an explanation of how the educational program will be implemented within the **School's** facility.

6.3.1 The **School Governing Authority** shall provide the **Sponsor** with a school calendar that includes testing/assessment dates [state, diagnostics, nationally normed and local] and professional development days and bell schedule that includes collaborative teacher planning time each year for approval by a date prescribed by the Ohio Department of Education. The **School Governing**

**Authority** may not change the school calendar or bell schedule without prior approval from the **Sponsor** and the Ohio Department of Education and if applicable, after consulting with each local traditional school district that transports students to the **School**, provided the same is required by law or the Ohio Department of Education. Any changes made without this approval may result in a corrective action plan.

6.3.2 The **School** shall develop a prevention/intervention plan not related to the special education non-discriminatory evaluation process for all students not found proficient on the Ohio system of assessments and/or the current tests being required by the Ohio Department of Education. Each year, the **School** shall update the plan and develop additional plans relative to individual student performance.

6.4 **Accountability Standards.** The **School's** academic(s) and non-academic goals shall be reflected in the **School's** School Improvement Plan approved by the **School Governing Authority**. During the first year a **School** enters into sponsorship with St. Aloysius, the **School** shall establish two academic and one non-academic goal that are intended to impact grade card performance and align to grade card components by October 15<sup>th</sup>. The **School** and **School Governing Authority** are subject to interventions as detailed in the accountability **Attachment 6.4.** The **School Governing Authority** and **Sponsor** acknowledge that some performance measures may not be available for a given school, a particular contract year, or instances when state testing or report cards are not available. In the absence of data from state testing or report cards, the School will be evaluated, to the extent possible, on available indicators from the performance framework, and the **Sponsor** may consider qualitative data from other methods of data collection.

6.5 **Assessments and Performance Standards.** The performance standards (requirements) and assessments shall include the Ohio system of assessments according to R.C. 3301.0710 and R.C. 3301.0712, college and work ready assessments, ACT/SAT WorkKeys, industry credentialing examinations, OELPA, Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA), nationally normed standardized assessments recognized by the Ohio Department of Education as a student growth measure and any other standards and/or assessments required by law or recommended by the **Sponsor**. All assessments must be timely and properly administered. The nationally normed standardized assessment approved by the Ohio Department of Education as a student growth measure chosen by the **School** must be administered at a minimum of twice annually to all grade levels, excluding Kindergarten, with the vendor generated reports for measures of academic progress and analysis in reading and math being provided to the **Sponsor** upon request and no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of each school year. In addition to the required testing, the **School** must assess and keep benchmarks related to interim progress if required by the Ohio Department of Education. The **School** must report the benchmarks required by ODE to the **Sponsor**. All assessments required by the **Sponsor** are identified in **Attachment 6.5.** The **School** and **School Governing Authority** shall also comply with all applicable provisions of ESSA.

- 6.6 **High School Diplomas.** If the **School** is a high school awarding a diploma, the **School** shall comply with sections 3313.603, 3313.6013, 3313.61,3313.611, 3313.6113, 3313.6114, 3313.614, 3313.615, 3313.617, 3313.618, 3313.619, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0714, 3314.003, 3326.11 and 3328.34 of the Ohio Revised Code as applicable. At least thirty (30) days before any graduation, the **School** shall make available to the **Sponsor** upon request a list of graduates and proof of meeting all Ohio Department of Education graduation requirements and any other **School Governing Authority** requirements. Within ten (10) days of any graduation, the **School** shall provide electronically to the **Sponsor** a list of all graduates and copies of each graduate’s diploma and transcripts

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Reporting**

- 7.1 **Annual Report.** The **School Governing Authority** shall submit not later than October 31st (or any subsequent statutorily prescribed date) of each year to the **Sponsor** and to the parents of all students enrolled in the **School**, or any other statutorily required parties, its financial status, and the annual report of its activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of this Charter, local report card rating and value added rating. The Annual Report shall include a statement from the **Sponsor**, its activities and standards.
- 7.2 **Reports to Sponsor.** The **School Governing Authority** shall timely comply with all reasonable requests for information from the **Sponsor**, including the **School** financial reports required in Section 2.5 of this Charter.
- 7.3 **Site Visits.** The **Sponsor** shall be allowed to observe the **School** in operation at site visits at the **Sponsor’s** request and shall be allowed access for such other site visits or other impromptu visits as the **Sponsor** reasonably deems advisable or necessary.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Employees**

- 8.1 **Employment of Teachers.** At least one (1) full-time classroom teacher or two (2) part-time classroom teachers each working more than twelve (12) hours per week must be employed by the **School**. The full-time classroom teachers and part-time classroom teachers teaching more than twelve (12) hours per week shall be certified or licensed in accordance with R.C. 3319.22 to 3319.31, or other applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code. Upon request, the **School** shall forward teacher qualifications, including but not limited to, the grade level and content area being taught and the teacher’s licensure or certification granted by the Ohio Department of Education, to the **Sponsor**. The **School** may employ non-licensed persons to teach up to twelve (12) or forty (40) hours per week pursuant to R.C. 3319.301, to the extent permitted by ESSA or any subsequent legislation. There shall be no more than twenty-nine (29) students per classroom. If the **School** uses

federal funds for the purpose of class size reduction by using Title I or Title II-A funds, the school wide students to full-time equivalent classroom teacher ratio shall be no more than 25 to 1. The **School** may also employ non-teaching employees. Prior to opening day, the **School** will provide the **Sponsor** with proof of Ohio licensure/certification for a sufficient number of teachers to support the stated teacher/student ratio, as well as the credentials and background checks for all staff of the **School**. In addition, persons with only long-term substitute licenses may be employed only if their license is in the grade level and content area they are teaching. The **School Governing Authority** shall provide an organizational chart and a list of roles and responsibilities of all **School** staff as [Attachment 8.1](#).

- 8.1.1 Each person employed by the **School** as a nurse, teacher, counselor, school psychologist or administrator shall complete at least four (4) hours of in-service training in the prevention of child abuse, violence and substance abuse and the promotion of positive youth development within two (2) years of commencing employment with the **School**, and every five (5) years thereafter. Prior to opening day, the **School** will provide the **Sponsor** with: 1) proof of Ohio licensure/certification in represented field, 2) reasonable number of personnel to support the anticipated enrollment on the first day of school, and 3) credentials and proof of background checks completed for all certified staff including nurse, counselor, school psychologist or administrator.
- 8.1.2 Each classroom teacher initially hired by the **School** on or after July 1, 2013 and employed to provide instruction in physical education will hold a valid license issued pursuant to R.C. 3319.22 for teaching physical education.
- 8.1.3 Per R.C. 3319.58(C), beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, if the **School** is ranked in the lowest ten percent of all public school buildings according to performance index score, the **School Governing Authority** shall require each classroom teacher currently teaching in a core subject area in the building to demonstrate expertise by examination.
- 8.2 **Staff Evaluation.** Each **School** must use the OTES or OPES process, or similar valid model, for evaluating teachers and principals/superintendents that includes goal setting based on the Ohio Standards for the Teacher Profession or the Ohio Principal Standards or the Ohio Superintendent Standards, student performance measures (as defined by Ohio Department of Education), and an annual review that includes not less than two (2) formal observations and written evaluation reports. Any person conducting reviews must be credentialed by the Ohio Department of Education, hold a current credential at the time of the evaluations, and follow rubrics aligned to the OTES and OPES models. A **School Governing Authority** member or designee and/or regional manager of the management company shall undergo appropriate training/credentialing by the Ohio Department of Education and be responsible for evaluating the principal/superintendent.
- 8.3 **Dismissal of Employees.** Subject to 11.2 below, the **School Governing Authority** may employ administrators, teachers and non-teaching employees necessary to carry out its mission and fulfill this Charter, so long as no contract of employment extends beyond the

term of this Charter. The dismissal procedures for staff and the plan for disposition of employees of the **School** in the event this Charter is terminated or not renewed under R.C. 3314.07 are set out in [Attachment 8.3](#).

8.4 **Employee Benefits**. The **School** will provide to all full-time employees health and other benefits as set out in [Attachment 8.4](#). In the event certain employees have bargained collectively pursuant to Chapter 4117 of the Ohio Revised Code, the collective bargaining agreement supersedes [Attachment 8.4](#) to the extent that the collective bargaining agreement provides for health and other benefits. The collective bargaining agreement shall not, under any circumstances, be a part of this Charter. The **School** or its designee shall establish and/or update an employee handbook prior to the first day of school each year.

8.5 **Criminal Background Check**. The **School Governing Authority** must request that the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation conduct a criminal background records check for any applicant who has applied to the **School** for employment, in any position as may be required by R.C. 3319.39. The **School Governing Authority** hereby appoints the **Sponsor** as a representative pursuant to R.C. 3319.39(D) for purposes of receiving and reviewing the results of the criminal records checks performed under R.C. 3319.39(A)(1) for employees working at the **School** and authorizes its agent(s) (including educational management organizations) to communicate this information directly to the **Sponsor**. The **Sponsor** agrees that it is responsible for any and all reasonable costs or damages that result from the **Sponsor's** failure to comply with other state and federal laws regarding the privacy of the results of criminal records checks. An applicant may be employed conditionally for up to sixty (60) days until the criminal records check is completed and the results of the criminal records check are received. If the results of the criminal records check indicate that the applicant does not qualify for employment the applicant shall be released from employment.

All vendors and contractors of any kind shall show proof, which may be provided through their employer, that they have been the subject of a criminal records check in accordance with R.C. 3319.392(D) and 3314.41.

All employees, staff, volunteers, vendors or contractors undergoing a criminal background check must sign consent to release the results to the **Sponsor**.

The **School** must comply with the teacher misconduct reporting laws and updated background check requirements found in R.C. 3319.31, 3319.313, 3319.314, and OAC 3301-20.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Finance**

9.1 **Financial Records**. The **School's** financial records will be maintained in the same manner as are financial records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the Auditor of the State, R.C. 3314.042 and R.C. 3301.07, and audits shall be conducted in accordance with section

117.10 of the Ohio Revised Code. The **Sponsor** shall receive a copy of the draft audit and shall be notified, by the Auditor of State, any independent contracted auditor or the **School Governing Authority**, of all post audit conferences in order to review the school's annual audit prior to the document being finalized and released.

- 9.2 **Fiscal Officer.** The **School Governing Authority** shall maintain a designated fiscal officer. Unless an appropriate and timely resolution has been passed by the **School Governing Authority** under R.C. 3314.011(D)(1), the fiscal officer shall be employed or engaged under a contract directly with the **School Governing Authority**. This resolution must be passed by the **School Governing Authority** each and every year. The **School Governing Authority** must submit the resolution to the **Sponsor** for approval within seven (7) business days after approval. Under 3314.011, prior to assuming the duties of fiscal officer, agent and/or fiscal servicer of the **School**, the fiscal officer, agent or service provider shall be licensed as provided for in Ohio Revised Code 3301.074.
- 9.2.1 R.C. 9.24 prohibits any state agency or political subdivision from awarding a contract for goods, services, or construction to any person against whom a finding for recovery has been issued by the Auditor of State, if that finding is unresolved. Before entering into a public contract described above, the **School Governing Authority** is required to verify that the person does not appear in this database.
- 9.2.2 By the end of the first year of the Charter, the **School Governing Authority** must maintain funds equal to three (3) months of treasurer fees in the event the **School** closes.
- 9.3 **Fiscal Bond.** Fiscal agent, officer and/or service provider shall execute a bond in an amount and with surety to be approved by the **School Governing Authority**, payable to the State of Ohio, conditioned on the faithful performance of all of the official duties required of the **School** fiscal agent, officer or service provider. The bond shall be in an amount of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The bond shall be deposited with the **School Governing Authority**, and a copy thereof, certified by the **School Governing Authority**, shall be filed with the county auditor and the **Sponsor**.
- 9.4 **Budget.** A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget for the first year of the period of this Charter and specifying the total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year and at least five (5) fiscal years thereafter is attached as [Attachment 9.4](#). Each year, the **School Governing Authority**, with the assistance of the **School's** designated fiscal officer, shall adopt an annual budget by the thirty-first day of October using the format and following the guidelines prescribed by the Ohio Department of Education. The **Sponsor** shall assess the yearly budget to ensure the **School Governing Authority** maintains financial viability. Should the **Sponsor** request further breakdown of revenue or expenses, or line items for expenses or revenue not projected, the **School** agrees to comply with such requests. Should the **School** be managed by a third party operator, the **School Governing Authority** must procure from such operator, sufficient data, at the **Sponsor's** discretion, to allow the **Sponsor** to review revenue and expenses as required and/or permitted by law.

- 9.5 **Borrowing Money.** The **School Governing Authority** may borrow money to pay necessary and actual expenses of the **School** in anticipation of receipt of any portion of the payments to be received by the **School**. The **School Governing Authority** may issue notes to evidence such a borrowing. A copy of all notes must be provided to the **Sponsor** within seven (7) business days of signing. The proceeds from the notes shall be used only for the purpose for which the anticipated receipts may be lawfully expended by the **School**. The **School** may borrow money for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) years for the purpose of acquiring facilities.
- 9.6 **Payment to Sponsor for Oversight.** For and in consideration of Three percent (3%) of all funds received by the **School** from the State of Ohio, the **Sponsor** shall provide the monitoring, oversight and technical assistance as required by law. Payments to the **Sponsor** are to be made monthly by automatic ACH debit from the School's checking account, and the School Governing Authority agrees to sign a Recurring ACH Payment Authorization form. Automatic ACH debits for sponsorship fees will be initiated five (5) business days after the state foundation payments are received by the School, allowing treasurers time to review and/or dispute the amount to be debited. If the **School Governing Authority** is required to repay funds received by the **School** from the State of Ohio due to an FTE adjustment or other obligation, then the **Sponsor** shall repay the **School Governing Authority** the three percent (3%) fee it received with respect to such funds upon mutual agreement of the parties within an agreed upon timeframe or such time as may be required by the Ohio Department of Education or the Auditor of State.
- 9.7 **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year for the **School** shall be July 1 to June 30.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Insurance/Indemnification**

- 10.1 **Liability Insurance.** Commercial general liability insurance at all times will be maintained by the **School Governing Authority** in amounts not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in the aggregate, plus an excess or umbrella policy extending coverage as broad as primary commercial general liability coverage in an amount no less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000). The **School Governing Authority** shall also maintain directors and officers liability (D&O) and errors and omissions insurance (E&O) coverage in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate. The insurance coverage shall be not only for the **School** and the **School Governing Authority**, its Directors, officers and its employees but also provide additional insured status for the **Sponsor, its Board, Executive Director, employees, and Charter School Specialists as additional insureds, not just certificate holders.** The **School Governing Authority** must obtain policies that notify the **Sponsor** in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of any material adverse change to, or cancellation of, such coverage. All insurers shall be licensed by the State of Ohio and have an AM Best rating of A or better.



- 10.2 **Indemnification.** The **School Governing Authority** and **School** shall defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless the **Sponsor** and its Board, Superintendent, officers, employees and agents, including Charter School Specialists from any and all claims, debts, actions, causes of actions, proceedings, judgments, mitigation costs, fees, liabilities, obligations, damages, losses, costs or expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys', expert, accounting, auditors or other professionals' fees and court costs) of whatever kind or nature in law, equity or otherwise (collectively "Liabilities") arising from any of the following:
- (a) A failure of the **School Governing Authority** and/or **School** or any of its officers, directors, employees, agents or contractors to perform any duty, responsibility or obligation imposed by law or this Charter;
  - (b) An action or omission by the **School Governing Authority** and/or **School** or any of its officers, directors, employees or contractors that results in injury, death or loss to person or property, breach of contract or violation of statutory law or common law (state and federal), or Liabilities;
  - (c) Any sum that the **Sponsor** may pay or become obligated to pay on account of: (1) any inaccuracy or breach of any representation under this Charter by the **School Governing Authority**; (2) any breach or any failure of the **School Governing Authority** to duly perform, comply with, or observe any term, provision, covenant, agreement, obligation or condition under this Charter or under the law, and all agreements delivered in any way connected herewith, on the part of the **School Governing Authority**, to be performed, complied with, or observed; or (3) Liabilities to lenders, vendors, the State of Ohio, receivers, parents, students, the **School Governing Authority** or to third parties on account of the **School** and/or **School Governing Authority**; and
  - (d) As to the indemnification and hold harmless, but not the duty to defend, any Liabilities incurred by the **Sponsor** or any of its officers, directors, employees, agents or contractors as a result of an action or legal proceeding at law or equity brought against the **Sponsor** by the **School** or the **School Governing Authority** if the legal proceeding or action is found to be without merit, or is dismissed, and the right to appeal such judgment or order has been exhausted or has expired.
- 10.3 **Indemnification if Employee Leave of Absence.** If the **Sponsor** provides a leave of absence to a person who is thereafter employed by the **School**, the **School Governing Authority** and the **School** shall indemnify and hold harmless the **Sponsor** and its board members, Superintendent, employees and agents from liability arising out of any action or omission of that person while that person is on such leave and employed by the **School Governing Authority**.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **General Provisions**

- 11.1 **Charter Authorization.** Before executing this Charter, the **School Governing Authority** shall employ an attorney, who shall be independent from the **Sponsor** or operator, to review and negotiate the agreement per R.C. 3314.036. The **School Governing Authority** must pass a resolution in a properly noticed and held public meeting, authorizing execution of this Charter and authorizing one or more individuals to execute this Charter for and on behalf of the party, with full authority to bind the party. For all new schools, this resolution must be passed by March 15<sup>th</sup> of the year in which the **School** intends to open. For renewal schools, this resolution must be passed by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the charter ends.
- 11.2 **Termination and Cancellation of Contracts.** Except as otherwise permitted by this Charter, or by the **Sponsor**, contracts entered into by the **School Governing Authority** with third parties shall provide for a right to cancel, terminate or non-renew effective each June 30<sup>th</sup>, or upon termination of this Charter.
- 11.3 **Access to Records.** The **School** and **Sponsor** agree and state that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g, the Family Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”) and 34 *CFR* Part 99 the **Sponsor** is an authorized representative of a state educational authority and that the **School** is permitted to disclose to the **Sponsor** personally identifiable information from an education record of a student without parental consent (or student consent where applicable) and that the **Sponsor** is authorized by Federal, State, and local law to conduct audit, evaluation, compliance, and enforcement activities of Federal and State supported education programs. Accordingly, the **School** agrees to grant to **Sponsor’s** employees Full and Complete Access as defined hereinafter to “education records” as defined by FERPA and all documents, records, reports, databases, and other information made available to or maintained by the **School** or its agent(s) (including educational management companies) that is reportable to the Ohio Department of Education or its agencies, or to the Ohio Auditor of State. Such information shall include, but is not limited to, the School Options Enrollment System, and the Education Management Information System. "Full and Complete Access" shall include the ability to inspect and copy paper and electronic documents at the **School** and the **School** or its agent(s) including (education management companies) shall provide usernames and passwords where applicable to enable the **Sponsor** to have remote self-service access in read-only format.

The **Sponsor** agrees to comply with FERPA and the regulations promulgated thereunder and warrants that it uses reasonable methods to limit Sponsor employee(s) access to only those records in which they have legitimate educational interests and that as required by law the **Sponsor** will destroy the educational records when no longer needed for the purposes outlined in this Contract, or otherwise needed under state or federal law or any applicable Court Order.

The **Sponsor** agrees that it is responsible for any and all reasonable costs or damages that result from the **Sponsor’s** failure to comply with FERPA, or the **Sponsor’s** failure to comply with other state and federal laws regarding the privacy of education records and the results of criminal records checks. **Sponsor** shall also be responsible for any liability or adverse consequence(s) resulting from an accidental or other deletion, release, or

alteration of information or data systems of the **School** or Ohio Department of Education as a result of such access.

11.4 **General Acknowledgements.** The **School Governing Authority** specifically recognizes and acknowledges the following:

- (a) The authority of public health and safety officials to inspect and order **School** facilities closed if not in compliance with health and safety laws and regulations in accordance with R.C. 3314.03(A)(22)(a).
- (b) The authority of the Ohio Department of Education to suspend the operations of the **School** under R.C. 3314.072 due to the circumstances enumerated therein.
- (c) The **Sponsor** is not liable for the acts or omissions, or the debts of the **School** and/or **School Governing Authority** pursuant to R.C. 3314.07(D) and 3314.08(J) (2), and any other applicable law limiting the liability of the **Sponsor**.
- (d) The **Sponsor** may take steps to intervene in, correct, declare probationary status of, suspend, terminate or non-renew the status of the **School** as an Ohio Community School, and correct problems in the **School's** performance.
- (e) The Ohio Department of Education may take over sponsorship of the **School** in accordance with R.C. 3314.015(C).
- (f) The authority of the Auditor of State to cause legal action against or the cessation of payments to the **School** pursuant to Section 269.60.60 of the uncodified law under H.B. 119 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly for the period of that law's duration.
- (g) The mandate of permanent closure under R.C. 3314.35 under the circumstances enumerated therein.
- (h) The **Sponsor** or Sponsor's designee has a legitimate educational interest in the educational records of the **School** and grants to the **Sponsor** and the Sponsor's designee access to educational records under 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, the Family Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA").
- (i) If the **School** closes, the operator or chief administrative officer shall collect and assemble in an orderly manner the educational records of each student who is or has been enrolled in the **School** and transmit these records to each student's district of residence within seven (7) business days of the **School** closing pursuant to R.C. 3314.44 (Collection and transmittal of school records after closing; Compliance; Penalty).

- 11.5 **Dispute Resolution.** The **Sponsor** and **School Governing Authority** agree to informal mediation of any dispute not otherwise governed by mandatory administrative procedures pursuant to this Charter or the law. Such mediation shall be non-binding and the parties, if failing to agree on one mediator, shall obtain a list of three (3) mediators from the Columbus Bar Association and each eliminate one, using the one (1) mediator left after eliminations. All mediation will take place in Franklin County and all costs of the mediator shall be split equally between the parties.
- 11.6 **Term.** This Charter shall be for an initial term of five (5) years commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2024. This contract shall then automatically renew for one-year terms until June 30, 2026. During the **2025-2026** school year, the **School Governing Authority** shall undergo the high stakes review conducted by the **Sponsor**.
- 11.7 **Contract Performance Measures.** Each **School** will be given an initial term of six (6) years to provide the opportunity for review of a full five (5) years of data. If St. Aloysius is not permitted under its agreement with ODE to grant an initial six (6) year term to any new **School**, this school's term shall be automatically renewed to fulfill an initial six (6) year term to provide the opportunity for review of a full five (5) years of data. Even though schools may be granted safe harbor from closure under R.C. 3314.35, this does not preclude the **Sponsor** from evaluating and closing the **School** for non-performance under these measures.

(a) Within the term of this charter, the **School** may be permanently closed if the Ohio Department of Education determine that the condition(s) outlined in ORC 3314.35 have been met;

(b) If, after the initial term of six (6) years, the **School** receives ratings less than 2 Stars in all applicable grade card components for the most recent school year, i.e., the end of year five (5) data, the **School** shall be eligible to be considered for renewal for a maximum term of one (1) year.

(c) If the **School** receives a rating of at least 2 Stars in at least one (1) applicable grade card component for the most recent school year or its overall report card score as calculated on the local report card is greater than three (3) of the five (5) comparison schools listed below, the **School** shall be eligible to be considered for renewal. If an overall report card score is not available, the schools will be compared using the index value as calculated for the progress component on the local report card or equivalent. After consideration of the metrics prescribed in the Performance Framework of Attachment 6.4 and the renewal application, if the **Sponsor** renews the **School**, the term of the new contract shall not exceed three (3) years.

- i) **Reynolds Elementary School**
- ii) **McKinley Elementary School**
- iii) **Horizon Science Academy**
- iv) **Pickett Elementary School**

**v) Academy of Educational Excellence**

(d) If the **School** is renewed and received a rating of 2 Stars in multiple LRC graded components and out performs at least three (3) of its five (5) comparison schools, it is eligible for a contract term between three (3) to five (5) years.

(e) If the **School** received a rating of at least 3 Stars in multiple LRC graded components for the most recent school year, the **Sponsor** may offer a new contract between five (5) to seven (7) years.

(f) If the **School** received at least 4 Stars in multiple LRC graded components for the most recent school year, it is eligible for a contract term between seven (7) to ten (10) years.

**11.8 Non-renewal of this Charter.**

- (a) After the high stakes review, the **Sponsor** may choose not to renew this Charter at its Expiration Date for any of the following reasons:
- (i) Failure to meet student performance requirements stated in this Charter;
  - (ii) Failure to meet generally accepted standards fiscal management;
  - (iii) Violation of any provision of this Charter or applicable state or federal law;
  - (iv) Other good cause.

By January 15<sup>th</sup> of the termination year of this Charter, the **Sponsor** shall notify the **School Governing Authority** of the proposed action in writing. The notice shall include the reasons for the proposed action in detail, the effective date of the non-renewal, and a statement that the **School Governing Authority** may, within fourteen (14) days of receiving the notice, request in writing, an informal hearing before the **Sponsor**. The informal hearing shall be held within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of a request for the hearing. Within fourteen (14) days following the informal hearing, the **Sponsor** shall issue a written decision either affirming or rescinding the decision to not renew this Charter.

- (b) If the **School Governing Authority** does not intend to renew this Charter with the **Sponsor**, the **School Governing Authority** shall notify the **Sponsor** in writing of that fact at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of this Charter. In such a case, the **School Governing Authority** may enter into a Charter with a new **Sponsor** in accordance

with R.C. 3314.03, upon the expiration of this Charter or at the sole discretion of the **Sponsor**, by an assignment of this Charter before its expiration date.

- 11.9 **Probation.** The **Sponsor** may, in lieu of suspension or termination, declare in writing that the **School Governing Authority** is in a probationary status, after consulting with the **School Governing Authority** or authorized parties thereof, and specifying the conditions that warrant probation and after receiving the **School Governing Authority's** written assurances (satisfactory to Sponsor) of the actions and time frames necessary to remedy those conditions. Such probationary status shall not extend beyond the then current school year. The **Sponsor** may proceed to suspension, termination or take-over of operations if the **Sponsor** finds at any time, that the **School Governing Authority** is no longer able or willing to remedy the conditions to the satisfaction of **Sponsor**. For purposes of this Charter, the **Sponsor** agrees to attempt to declare probationary status with the **School Governing Authority**, before proceeding to suspension, except in extraordinary circumstances such as those involving the health and safety of students, or waste or illegal use of state or federal funds.
- 11.10 **Intent to Suspend/Suspension.** The **Sponsor** may suspend operations of the **School** for (1) failure to meet student performance requirements stated in this Charter, or (2) failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management, or (3) violation of any provision of this Charter or applicable state or federal law, or (4) other good cause or if funding to the **School Governing Authority** should cease under R.C. 263.420, if the **Sponsor** sends a written notice of intent to suspend explaining the reasons and provides the **School Governing Authority** with seven (7) business days to submit a remedy, and promptly reviews and disapproves the proposed remedy, or if the **School Governing Authority** fails to submit a remedy or fails to implement the remedy.

Once the **School Governing Authority** is suspended it must cease operations on the next business day, immediately send notice to all **School** employees and parents stating that the **School** is suspended and the reasons therefore, and the **School** again has an opportunity to submit a proposed remedy within seven (7) business days. At all times during suspension, the **School Governing Authority** remains subject to non-renewal or termination proceedings in accordance with the law.

Under R.C. 3314.072(E)(1), if the **School Governing Authority** fails to provide a proposal to remedy the conditions cited by the **Sponsor** as reasons for the suspension by the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of September of the school year immediately following the school year in which the operation of the **School** was suspended, this Charter shall become void.

- 11.11 **Termination of the Charter.** The **Sponsor** may choose to terminate this Charter for any of the following reasons: (1) failure to meet student performance requirements stated in this Charter, (2) failure to meet generally accepted standards fiscal management, (3) violation of any provision of this Charter or applicable state or federal law, or (4) other good cause.

Additionally, if the **Sponsor** has suspended the operation of this Charter under R.C. 3314.072, the **Sponsor** may choose to terminate this Charter prior to its expiration.

By January 15<sup>th</sup> of the termination year of this Charter, the **Sponsor** shall notify the **School Governing Authority** of the proposed action in writing. The notice shall include the reasons for the proposed action in detail, the effective date of the termination, and a statement that the **School Governing Authority** may, within fourteen (14) days of receiving the notice, request, in writing, an informal hearing before the **Sponsor**. The informal hearing shall be held within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of a request for the hearing. Within fourteen (14) days following the informal hearing, the **Sponsor** shall issue a written decision either affirming or rescinding the decision to terminate this Charter.

The termination of this Charter shall be effective upon the occurrence of the later of the following events:

- (a) ninety (90) days following the date the **Sponsor** notifies the **School Governing Authority** of its decision to terminate this Charter as provided for above; or
- (b) if an informal hearing is requested and as a result of that hearing the **Sponsor** affirms its decision to terminate this Charter, the effective date of the termination specified in the notice.

If this Charter is terminated for failure to meet student performance requirements stated in the contract or for failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management, then the **School Governing Authority** shall not enter into a charter with any other **Sponsor**.

- 11.12 **Compliance with Requests of Sponsor.** The **School Governing Authority** and the **School** shall timely comply with all reasonable requests of the **Sponsor**, and allow the **Sponsor** to monitor the **School** operations. Failure to do so is grounds for suspension and termination or non-renewal of this Charter, provided Notice is completed in accordance with Section 11.15. Timeliness is defined as an answer in writing within seven (7) business days (unless another time is otherwise required pursuant to this Charter) and adequate assurances of cure or actual cure within a period of time acceptable to the **Sponsor**.
- 11.13 **Headings.** Headings are for the convenience of the parties only. Headings have no substantive meaning.
- 11.14 **Assignments.** This Charter and its terms shall not be assigned or delegated without the express written approval of the other party.
- 11.15 **Notice.** Any notice to one party by the other shall be in writing and effective upon receipt and may be satisfied by personal delivery or by any other means by which receipt can be documented, to; in the case of the **Sponsor** or **Sponsor's Designee**, the President; or, in the case of the **School Governing Authority**, the President, and to the attorney for the **School Governing Authority**, at the last known business address of the **Sponsor**, and the

last known business or home address of the **School Governing Authority** President and the attorney for the **School Governing Authority**. If such notice is provided by fax or email, and is received after 5 p.m. local time, it shall be considered to have been received the next business day. Notice shall not be provided by any electronic means other than by fax or by email to a recipient's valid business (not personal) email address; written notice shall not be made using other electronic means such as text message or social media.

Should the **School** be abandoned by or not have in place, an administrator or an authorized Director of the Board, the **Sponsor** may give notice to the Ohio Department of Education.

The **Sponsor** agrees that to the extent that the **School** or **School Governing Authority** is required to provide notice regarding or copies of updated policies or attachments not otherwise requiring a charter modification and the same is disseminated and approved at an open meeting of the **School Governing Authority** at which a **Sponsor** representative is present, **Sponsor** will consider any notice required to be provided to it by the **School** or **School Governing Authority** to have been satisfactorily provided by the **School** or **School Governing Authority**.

- 11.16 **Severability**. Should any term, clause or provision of this charter be deemed invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining terms, clauses or provisions shall remain valid and enforceable and in full force and effect, and the invalid or unenforceable provision shall be stricken or replaced with a provision as near as possible to the original intent.
- 11.17 **Changes or Modifications**. This Charter constitutes the entire agreement among the parties and any changes or modifications of this Charter shall be made and agreed to in writing, authorized and executed by both parties. Mutually agreed-to changes that are not mid-contract term changes shall be based on a goal to improve the academic, financial and operational performance of the **School** in a commitment to mutual growth and progress. The **School Governing Authority** acknowledges that the **Sponsor** is expected to update this Contract mid-term annually to account for changes in law or duly adopted rule, or changes in the Ohio Accountability System. Therefore, the **School** agrees that a mid-contract term modification may be necessary annually. Notifications required by this Charter shall not be considered changes or modifications of this Charter.
- 11.18 **Changes in Rule or Law**. The **School**, **Sponsor** and **School Governing Authority** shall not carry out any act or perform any function that is not in compliance with current Ohio Community School Law located in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3314 or other applicable laws in the Ohio Revised Code, the United States Constitution, the Ohio Constitution, or Federal law (including but not limited to ESSA or successor legislation and IDEA), and that they are each individually subject to all applicable changes in rule and/or law regardless of whether or not this Charter is modified to specifically reflect those changes



- 11.19 **Attachments.** All **Attachments (1.3-9.4)** to this Charter are attached hereto and incorporated by reference into the Charter.
- 11.20 **Sponsor Authority.** **Sponsor** warrants and represents that it is an authorized **Sponsor** as defined in Chapter 3314 of the R.C. and that it is in good standing with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). **Sponsor** agrees to provide the **School** with a copy of any formal actions issued by the State Board of Education that adversely affect the ability of the **Sponsor** to sponsor community schools.

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