

# CONTRACT TO CHARTER A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

**ISSUED TO** 

FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL (A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY)

By The

### CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(AUTHORIZING BODY)

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### REAUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

#### FlexTech High School

#### Recitals:

- 1. At its December 6, 2018, meeting this board authorized the issuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to FlexTech High School. On July 1, 2019, the contract was effective.
- 2. The contract of this academy expires June 30, 2024.
- 3. The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of FlexTech High School.
- 4. The university president or designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to FlexTech High School. The term of the contract is recommended for a term not to exceed three (3) years.

BE IT RESOLVED, That this board approves and authorizes the execution of a contract to charter as a public school academy to FlexTech High School for a term not to exceed three (3) years and authorizes the chair of the board to execute a contract to charter as a public school academy and related documents between FlexTech High School and the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees, provided that, before execution of the contract, the university president or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and FlexTech High School is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract.

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Date: 4/18/24

Signature: May Jane Hanagan



#### PROPOSAL FOR BOARD ACTION: CONSENT AGENDA

Public School Academy Board of Directors: Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal

#### **Project Description:**

After reviewing the exigent appointment process, the Center for Charter Schools believes that this process cannot adequately protect the University Board from a situation where an academy governing board and the educational service provider simultaneously resign. The challenges in recruiting, interviewing and appointing a new board (or at least three members who could meet as a quorum), and have the new board contract with a new educational service provider, is time consuming and cannot be accomplished quickly. Accordingly, the Center recommends that the University Board charter contracts include a revision to a provision regarding the appointment of a conservator/manager on a temporary basis to address situations such as the en masse resignation of an academy governing board.

The conservator/manager would have all the powers and duties of the academy's governing board and would function in the board's place upon appointment. The conservator/manager would be designated by the University President or his or her designee upon consultation with the University Board Chair. The current conservator/manager provision required the action of the full University Board to appoint a conservator/manager. In order for this change to occur, the University Board's Method of Selection, Appointment and Removal Policy must be amended.

**Proposed by:** Provost Gealt

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: CONSENT AGENDA

Public School Academy Board of Directors: Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal

BE IT RESOLVED, That the policy titled Public School Academy Board of Directors: Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal as amended and dated February 15, 2018, is adopted and replaces the Public School Academy Board of Directors: Method of Selection, Appointment and Removal approved and dated December 7, 2006, July 12, 2007 and July 14, 2011; and Be it further

RESOLVED, That these provisions shall be implemented with new charter contracts and shall be phased in as existing charter contracts are reissued. This applies to new and existing charter contracts issued under Part 6A, Part 6E or MCL 380.1311b to MCL 380.1311m of the Revised School Code. The charter schools office is authorized to negotiate changes in the terms and conditions of charter contracts to fully implement these provisions.

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#### Public School Academy Board of Directors: Method of Selection, Appointment and Removal

The Central Michigan University Board of Trustees declares that the method of selection, length of term, and number of board members shall be as follows.

#### **Method of Selection and Appointment**

The Central Michigan University Board of Trustees ("University Board") shall prescribe the method of appointment for members of an academy's board of directors. The director of the charter schools office is authorized to develop and administer an academy board selection and appointment process that includes an *Application for Public School Academy Board Appointment* and is in accord with these policies:

- a. The University Board shall appoint the initial and subsequent academy board of directors by resolution, except as prescribed by subparagraphs d and e. The director of the charter schools office shall recommend qualified individuals to the University Board, and ensure that the board of directors includes representation from the local community where the academy is located.
- b. The academy board of directors, by resolution and majority vote, shall nominate its subsequent members, except as provided otherwise. The academy board of directors shall recommend to the director of the charter schools office at least one nominee for each vacancy. Nominees shall submit the *Application for Public School Academy Board Appointment* for review by the charter schools office. The director of the charter schools office may or may not recommend the appointment of a nominee submitted by the academy board. If the director of the charter schools office does not recommend the appointment of a nominee submitted by the academy board, he/she may select and recommend another nominee or may request the academy board submit a new nominee for consideration.
- c. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by the expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of that vacant position.
- d. Under exigent conditions, and with the approval of the University Board's chair and the president, the director of the charter schools office may appoint a qualified individual to an academy's board of directors. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any appointments made under this provision.
- In the event that the health, safety and welfare of an academy's students, property or funds are at risk, the president, after consulting with the University Board's chair, may appoint a person to serve as a conservator for the academy. Upon appointment, the conservator shall have all the powers of the academy's board of directors and shall act in the place and stead of the academy's board of directors. After the President appoints a conservator, the full Board of Trustees shall receive notice of the appointment as soon as possible. The president shall appoint the conservator for a definite term which may be extended in writing. During the conservator's appointment, the academy's board of directors, and all powers of the academy's board of directors, are suspended. The charter contract shall set forth any additional powers granted to the conservator during their appointment. All appointments made with the conservator during their appointment. All appointments made with the conservator during their appointment.

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#### **Length of Term**

The director of an academy board shall serve at the pleasure of the University Board. Terms of the initial positions of the academy board of directors shall be staggered in accordance with The Academy Board of Directors Table of Staggered Terms and Appointments established and administered by the director of the charter schools office. Subsequent appointments shall be for a term of office not to exceed four (4) years, except as prescribed by The Academy Board of Directors Table of Staggered Terms and Appointments.

#### Removal and Suspension

If the University Board determines that an academy board member's service in office is no longer necessary, then the University Board may remove an academy board member with or without cause and shall specify the date when the academy board member's service ends. An academy board member may also be removed as part of a reconstitution under the charter contract or from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the academy's board of directors for cause.

With the approval of the University Board's chair and the president, the director of the charter schools office may suspend an academy board member's service, if in his/her judgment the person's continued presence would constitute a risk to persons or property, or would seriously impair the operation of the academy. Any suspension made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any suspensions made under this provision.

#### **Number of Directors**

The number of members of the academy board of directors shall not be less than five (5) nor more than nine (9). If the academy board of directors fails to maintain its full membership by making appropriate and timely nominations, the University Board or its designee may deem that failure an exigent condition.

#### **Qualifications of Academy Board Members**

To be qualified to serve on an academy's board of directors, a person shall, among other things: (a) be a citizen of the United States; (b) be a resident of the State of Michigan; (c) submit all materials requested by the charter schools office including, but not limited to, the Application for Public School Academy Board Appointment which must include authorization to process a criminal background check; and (d) annually submit a conflict of interest disclosure as prescribed by the charter schools office.

The members of an academy board of directors shall not include: (a) employees of the academy; (b) any director, officer, or employee of an educational management organization or educational management corporation that contracts with the academy; (c) a Central Michigan University official or employee, as a representative of Central Michigan University.

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#### **Oath of Public Office**

All members of the academy board of directors must take the constitutional oath of office and sign the *Oath of Public Office* before beginning their service. No appointment shall be effective prior to the filing of the *Oath of Public Office* with the charter schools office.

Note: These provisions shall be implemented with new charter contracts and shall be phased in as existing charter contracts are reissued or amended. The charter schools office is authorized to negotiate changes in the terms and conditions of charter contracts to fully implement these provisions.

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

**DATED: JULY 1, 2024** 

**ISSUED BY** 

#### CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**CONFIRMING THE STATUS OF** 

FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL

AS A

PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

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WHEREAS, the People of Michigan through their Constitution have provided that schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged and have authorized the Legislature to maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, all public schools are subject to the leadership and general supervision of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has authorized an alternative form of public school designated a "public school academy" to be created to serve the educational needs of pupils and has provided that pupils attending these schools shall be eligible for support from the State School Aid Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has delegated to the governing boards of state public universities, community college boards, intermediate school district boards and local school district boards, the responsibility for authorizing the establishment of public school academies; and

WHEREAS, the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees has considered and has approved the issuance of a contract to FlexTech High School;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Revised School Code, the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees issues a Charter Contract conferring certain rights, franchises, privileges, and obligations and confirms the FlexTech High School's status as a public school academy. In addition, the parties agree that the issuance of this Charter Contract is subject to the following terms and conditions:

#### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

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

- (a) "Academy" means the Michigan nonprofit corporation named FlexTech High School which is established as a public school academy pursuant to this Charter Contract.
- (b) "Academy Board" means the Board of Directors of the Academy.
- (c) "Applicable Law" means all state and federal law applicable to public school academies, including all rules, regulations, and orders promulgated thereunder.
- (d) "Application" means the public school academy application and supporting documentation submitted to the University for the establishment of the Academy.
- (e) "Code" means the Revised School Code, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being Sections 380.1 to 380.1852 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (f) "Community District" means a community school district created under part 5B of the Code, MCL 380.381 et seq.
- (g) "Conservator" means an individual appointed by the President of Central Michigan University in accordance with Section 10.8 of these Terms and Conditions of Contract.

- (h) "Contract" means, in addition to the definition set forth in the Code, these Terms and Conditions of Contract, the Reauthorizing Resolution, the Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal Resolution, the Charter Contract Schedules 1-8, as defined below, the Educational Service Provider Policies, the Master Calendar of Reporting Requirements and the Application.
- (i) "Department" means the Michigan Department of Education.
- (j) "Director" means a person who is a member of the Academy Board.
- (k) "Educational Service Provider" or "ESP" means an educational management organization, or employee leasing company, as defined under section 503c of the Code, MCL 380.503c, that has entered into a contract or agreement with the Academy Board for operation or management of the Academy, and which agreement has been submitted to the Center for review, has not been disapproved by the director of The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools, is consistent with the Educational Service Provider Policies, as they may be amended from time to time, and with Applicable Law.
- (l) "Educational Service Provider Policies" or "ESP Policies" means the Educational Service Provider Policies, adopted by The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools at Central Michigan University that apply to an agreement that has been entered into between an ESP and the Academy Board. The Educational Service Provider Policies may be amended from time to time. Upon amendment, changes to the ESP Policies shall automatically be incorporated into this Contract and shall be exempt from the amendment procedures under Article IX of these Terms and Conditions of Contract.
- (m) "Fund Balance Deficit" means the Academy has more liabilities than assets at the end of any given school fiscal year, and includes any fiscal year where the Academy would have had a budget deficit but for a financial borrowing by the Academy or a monetary contribution by an Educational Service Provider or other person or entity to the Academy. If the Academy receives a gift or grant of money or financial support from an Educational Service Provider or other person or entity that does not require repayment by the Academy, and is not conditioned upon the action or inactions of the Academy or the Academy Board, then such gift or grant shall not constitute a borrowing or contribution for purposes of determining a Fund Balance Deficit.
- (n) "Management Agreement" or "ESP Agreement" means an agreement as defined under section 503c of the Code, MCL 380.503c, that has been entered into between an ESP and the Academy Board for the operation and/or management of the Academy and that has been submitted to The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools for review and has not been disapproved by the director of The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools.
- (o) "Master Calendar" means the Master Calendar of Reporting Requirements as annually issued by The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools setting forth reporting and document submission requirements for the Academy.
- (p) "Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal Resolution" means the policy adopted by resolution of the University Board on September 18, 1998, and amended on February 15, 2018, establishing the standard method of selection and appointment, length of term, removal and suspension, number of directors and qualifications of Academy Board members for public school academies issued a Contract by the University Board.

- (q) "Reauthorizing Resolution" means the resolution adopted by the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees on April 18, 2024, approving the issuance of a Contract to the Academy.
- (r) "Schedules" means the following Contract documents: Schedule 1: Restated Articles of Incorporation, Schedule 2: Amended Bylaws, Schedule 3: Fiscal Agent Agreement, Schedule 4: Oversight, Compliance and Reporting Agreement, Schedule 5: Description of Staff Responsibilities, Schedule 6: Physical Plant Description, Schedule 7: Required Information for a Public School Academy, and Schedule 8: Information Available to the Public and the Center.
- (s) "State Board" means the State Board of Education, established pursuant to Article 8, Section 3 of the 1963 Michigan Constitution and MCL 388.1001 et seq.
- (t) "State School Aid Fund" means the State School Aid Fund established pursuant to Article IX, Section 11 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended.
- (u) "State School Reform/Redesign Office" means the office created within the Michigan Department of Technology Management and Budget by Executive Reorganization Order 2015-02 codified at MCL 18.445, and transferred from the Michigan Department of Technology Management and Budget to the Michigan Department of Education by Executive Reorganization Order 2017-02, codified at MCL 388.1282.
- (v) "Superintendent" means the Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- (w) "Terms and Conditions" means this document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Contract, Dated July 1, 2024, Issued by the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Confirming the Status of FlexTech High School as a Public School Academy."
- (x) "The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools" or "the Center" means the office designated by the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees as the initial point of contact for public school academy applicants and public school academies authorized by the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees. The Center is also responsible for administering the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees' responsibilities with respect to the Contract.
- (y) "The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools Director" or "the Center Director" means the person designated at Central Michigan University to administer the operations of the Center.
- (z) "University" means Central Michigan University, established pursuant to Article 8, sections 4 and 6 of the 1963 Michigan Constitution and MCL 390.551 et seq.
- (aa) "University Board" means the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees.
- (bb)"University Charter Schools Hearing Panel" or "Hearing Panel" means such persons as designated by the University President.
- (cc) "University President" means the President of Central Michigan University or his or her designee. In section 1.1(bb) above, "University President" means the President of Central Michigan University.

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

- Section 1.3. <u>Gender and Number</u>. The masculine, feminine, or neuter pronouns in this Contract shall be interpreted without regard to gender, and the use of the singular shall be deemed to include the plural (and vice versa) wherever applicable.
- Section 1.4. <u>Statutory Definitions</u>. Statutory terms defined in the Code shall have the same meaning in this Contract.
- Section 1.5. <u>Schedules</u>. All Schedules to this Contract are incorporated into, and made part of, this Contract.
- Section 1.6. <u>Application</u>. The Application submitted to the University Board for the establishment of the Academy is incorporated into, and made part of, this Contract. To the extent there is a difference between the Contract and the Application, the Contract shall control.
- Section 1.7. <u>Conflicting Contract Provisions</u>. In the event that there is a conflict between language contained in the provisions of this Contract, the Contract shall be interpreted as follows: (i) the Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal Resolution shall control over any other conflicting language in the Contract with the exception of language in the Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal Resolution; (iii) the Terms and Conditions shall control over any other conflicting language in the Contract with the exception of language in the Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal Resolution and the Reauthorizing Resolution; and (iv) the Restated Articles of Incorporation shall control over any other conflicting language in the Contract with the exception of language in the Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal Resolution, Reauthorizing Resolution and these Terms and Conditions.

### ARTICLE II RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ACADEMY AND THE UNIVERSITY BOARD

- Section 2.1. <u>Constitutional Status of Central Michigan University</u>. Central Michigan University is a constitutionally established body corporate operating as a state public university. The University Board is an authorizing body as defined by the Code. In approving this Contract, the University Board voluntarily exercises additional powers given to the University under the Code. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to be any waiver of Central Michigan University's powers or independent status and the Academy shall not be deemed to be a part of Central Michigan University. If applicable, the University Board has provided to the Department the accreditation notice required under the Code.
- Section 2.2. <u>Independent Status of the Academy</u>. The Academy is a body corporate and governmental entity authorized by the Code. It is organized and shall operate as a public school academy and a nonprofit corporation. It is not a division or part of Central Michigan University. The relationship between the Academy and the University Board is based solely on the applicable provisions of the Code and the terms of this Contract or other agreements between the University Board and the Academy.
- Section 2.3. <u>Financial Obligations of the Academy Are Separate From the State of Michigan, University Board and the University</u>. Any contract, mortgage, loan or other instrument of indebtedness entered into by the Academy and a third party shall not in any way constitute an obligation, either general, special, or moral, of the State of Michigan, the University Board, or the University. Neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State of Michigan or any agency of the State, nor the full faith and credit of the University Board or the University shall ever be pledged for the payment of any Academy contract, mortgage, loan or other instrument of indebtedness.

Section 2.4. Academy Has No Power To Obligate or Bind the State of Michigan, the University Board or the University. The Academy has no authority whatsoever to enter into any contract or other agreement that would financially obligate the State of Michigan, the University Board or the University, nor does the Academy have any authority whatsoever to make any representations to lenders or third parties, that the State of Michigan, the University Board or the University in any way guarantee, are financially obligated, or are in any way responsible for any contract, mortgage, loan or other instrument of indebtedness entered into by the Academy.

Section 2.5. New Public School Academies Located Within the Boundaries of a Community District. If the circumstances listed below in (a) or (b) apply to the Academy's site, the Academy represents to the University Board, intending that the University Board rely on such representation as a precondition to issuing a contract for a new public school academy, that the Academy will have substantially different governance, leadership and curriculum than the public school previously operating at the site:

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

## ARTICLE III ROLE OF THE UNIVERSITY BOARD AS AUTHORIZING BODY

Section 3.1. <u>University Board Resolutions</u>. The University Board has adopted a resolution, hereinafter the Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal Resolution, providing for the method of selection and appointment, length of term, removal and suspension, number of Directors and the qualifications of Directors. The University Board has adopted a Reauthorization Resolution which approves the issuance of this Contract. The Reauthorization Resolution and the Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal Resolution are hereby incorporated into this Contract. The University Board may, from time to time, amend the Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal Resolution changing the method of selection, length of term, number of Directors and the qualifications of Directors. Any subsequent resolution of the University Board changing the Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal Resolution shall automatically be incorporated into this Contract without the need for an amendment under Article IX of the Terms and Conditions.

Section 3.2. <u>University Board as Fiscal Agent for the Academy</u>. The University Board is the fiscal agent for the Academy. As fiscal agent, the University Board assumes no responsibility for the financial condition of the Academy. The University Board is not liable for any debt or liability incurred by or on behalf of the Academy Board, or for any expenditure approved by or on behalf of the Academy Board. Except as provided in the Oversight, Compliance and Reporting Agreement and Article X of these Terms and Conditions, the University Board shall promptly, within ten (10) business days of receipt, forward to the Academy all state school aid funds or other public or private funds received by the University Board for the benefit of the Academy. The responsibilities of the University Board, the State of Michigan, and the Academy are set forth in the Fiscal Agent Agreement incorporated herein as Schedule 3.

Section 3.3. Oversight Responsibilities of the University Board. The University Board has the responsibility to oversee the Academy's compliance with the Contract and all Applicable Law. The

responsibilities of the Academy and the University Board are set forth in the Oversight, Compliance and Reporting Agreement and incorporated herein as Schedule 4.

Section 3.4. <u>University Board Administrative Fee</u>. The Academy shall pay the University Board an administrative fee to compensate the University Board for overseeing the Academy's compliance with the Contract and all Applicable Law.

Section 3.5. <u>University Board Approval of Condemnation</u>. In the event that the Academy desires to acquire property pursuant to the Uniform Condemnation Procedures Act or other applicable statutes, it shall obtain express written permission for such acquisition from the University Board. The Academy shall submit a written request to the Center describing the proposed acquisition and the purpose for which the Academy desires to acquire the property. Provided the Academy Board submits the written request to the Center at least sixty (60) days before the University Board's next regular meeting, the University Board may vote on whether to give express written permission for the acquisition at its next regular meeting.

Section 3.6. <u>Authorization to Employ or Contract</u>. The University Board authorizes the Academy Board to employ or contract for personnel according to the position information outlined in Schedule 5. The Academy Board shall prohibit any individual from being employed by the Academy or an Educational Service Provider in more than one (1) full-time position and simultaneously being compensated at a full-time rate for each of these positions. An employee hired by the Academy shall be an employee of the Academy for all purposes and not an employee of the University for any purpose. With respect to Academy employees, the Academy shall have the power and responsibility to (i) recruit, select and engage employees; (ii) pay their wages, benefits, and applicable taxes; (iii) evaluate performance; (iv) discipline and dismiss employees; and control the employees' conduct, including the method by which the employee carries out his or her work. The Academy Board shall be responsible for carrying workers' compensation insurance and unemployment insurance for its employees.

The Academy Board may contract with an Educational Service Provider to provide comprehensive educational, administrative, management, or instructional services or staff to the Academy. Before entering into a Management Agreement with an Educational Service Provider, the Academy Board shall first comply with the Educational Service Provider Policies issued by the Center. Any Management Agreement entered into by the Academy shall also comply with Section 11.2 and 12.10 of these Terms and Conditions. A copy of the Management Agreement between the Academy Board and the Educational Service Provider shall be incorporated into this Contract under Schedule 5. Any changes to the Management Agreement shall be incorporated into this Contract by amendment in accordance with Article IX, as applicable.

- Section 3.7. <u>Teacher Certification</u>. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Academy shall use certificated teachers according to State Board rule.
- Section 3.8. <u>Administrator and Teacher Evaluation Systems</u>. The Academy Board shall adopt, implement and maintain a rigorous, transparent, and fair performance evaluation system for its teachers and school administrators that complies with Applicable Law. If the Academy enters into a Management Agreement with an Educational Service Provider, the Academy Board shall ensure that the Educational Service Provider complies with this section.
- Section 3.9. <u>Reimbursement of University Board Services</u>. The University Board shall be reimbursed for the actual cost of University services associated with responding to third party subpoenas and freedom of information act (FOIA) requests under the following circumstances:

If the University receives a subpoena or FOIA request from a third party (including the Academy, its counsel, the Academy's ESP or its counsel) demanding the production of Academy documents related

to pending litigation or proceedings involving the Academy, the Academy's ESP (or any subcontractor of the ESP or other contractors of the Academy) or a third party, the University may charge the Academy for the actual cost of the services associated with the University's response to the subpoena or FOIA request(s) (including actual attorney's fees in fulfilling the request). The parties agree that the Academy may reduce or avoid the obligation to pay for services by the University Board associated with such responses by directly producing Academy documents to the requesting party.

### ARTICLE IV REQUIREMENT THAT THE ACADEMY ACT SOLELY AS GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

Section 4.1. <u>Limitation on Actions in Performance of Governmental Functions</u>. The Academy shall act exclusively as a governmental entity and shall not undertake any action inconsistent with its status as a governmental entity authorized to receive state school aid funds pursuant to Section 11 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963.

#### Section 4.2. Other Permitted Activities.

- (a) Nothing in this Contract shall prohibit the Academy from engaging in other lawful activities that are not in derogation of the Academy's status as a public school or that would not jeopardize the eligibility of the Academy for state school aid funds. Except as provided for the agreements identified below in Section 4.2(b), the Academy may enter into agreements with other public schools, governmental units, businesses, community and nonprofit organizations where such agreements contribute to the effectiveness of the Academy or advance education in this state.
- (b) The Academy shall submit to the Center for prior review the following agreements:
  - (i) In accordance with the Educational Service Provider Policies, a draft copy of any ESP Agreement and any subsequent amendments;
  - (ii) In accordance with the Master Calendar, a draft copy of any Academy deed or lease, amendments to existing leases or any new leasing agreements for any Academy facility; and
  - (iii) In accordance with the Master Calendar, draft long-term or short-term financing closing documents and intercept requests.

Section 4.3. Academy Board Members Serve In Their Individual Capacity. All Directors of the Academy Board shall serve in their individual capacity, and not as a representative or designee of any other person or entity. A person who does not serve in their individual capacity, or who serves as a representative or designee of another person or entity, shall be deemed ineligible to continue to serve as a Director of the Academy Board. A Director who violates this section shall be removed from office, in accordance with the removal provisions found in the Method of Selection, Appointment and Removal Resolution and Contract Schedule 2: Amended Bylaws. As set forth in the Method of Selection, Appointment and Removal Resolution, a Director serves at the pleasure of the University Board, and may be removed with or without cause at any time.

Section 4.4. <u>Incompatible Public Offices and Conflicts of Interest Statutes</u>. The Academy shall comply with the Incompatible Public Offices statute, being MCL 15.181 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and the Contracts of Public Servants with Public Entities statute, being MCL 15.321 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The Academy Board shall ensure compliance with Applicable Law relating to conflicts of interest. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the following shall be deemed prohibited conflicts of interest for purposes of this Contract:

- (a) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an owner, officer, director, employee or consultant of an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company, or a subcontractor to an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company that has an ESP Agreement with the Academy;
- (b) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an Academy employee;
- (c) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an independent contractor to the Academy;
- (d) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and a member of the governing board of another public school;
- (e) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and a University official, employee, or paid consultant, as a representative of the University; and
- (f) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and having an ownership or financial interest in any real or personal property leased or subleased to the Academy.

Section 4.5. <u>Prohibition of Identified Family Relationships</u>. The Academy Board shall prohibit specifically identified family relationships pursuant to applicable law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract. Language in this Section controls over section 1203 of the Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the following shall be deemed prohibited familial relationships for the purposes of this Contract:

- (a) No person shall be appointed or reappointed to serve as an Academy Board member if the person's mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, spouse or domestic partner:
  - (i) Is employed by the Academy;
  - (ii) Works at or is assigned to work at the Academy;
  - (iii) Has an ownership, officer, policymaking, managerial, administrative non-clerical, or other significant role with the Academy's Educational Service Provider or employee leasing company;
  - (iv) Has an ownership or financial interest in any school building lease or sublease agreement with the Academy; or
  - (v) Is a current Academy Board member.
- (b) The Academy Board shall require each individual who works at the Academy to annually disclose any familial relationship with any other individual who works at, or provides services to, the Academy. For purposes of this subsection, familial relationship means a person's mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, spouse or domestic partner.

Section 4.6. <u>Oath of Public Office</u>. Before entering upon the duties of a public school board member, each Academy Board member shall take the constitutional oath of office as required by the Code and as set forth in the Method of Selection, Appointment and Removal Resolution.

Section 4.7. <u>Academy Counsel</u>. The Academy Board shall select, retain and pay legal counsel to represent the Academy. The Academy shall not retain any attorney to represent the Academy if the attorney

or the attorney's law firm also represents the Academy's Educational Service Provider or any person or entity leasing real property to the Academy, if any.

### ARTICLE V CORPORATE STRUCTURE OF THE ACADEMY

- Section 5.1. <u>Nonprofit Corporation</u>. The Academy shall be organized and operate as a public school academy corporation organized under the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, as amended, Act No. 162 of the Public Acts of 1982, being Sections 450.2101 to 450.3192 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Notwithstanding any provision of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, as amended, the Academy shall not take any action inconsistent with the provisions of Part 6A of the Code or other Applicable Law.
- Section 5.2. <u>Articles of Incorporation</u>. The Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Academy, as set forth in Schedule 1, shall be the Articles of Incorporation of the Academy.
- Section 5.3. <u>Bylaws</u>. The Amended Bylaws of the Academy, as set forth in Schedule 2, shall be the Bylaws of the Academy.

#### ARTICLE VI OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

- Section 6.1. Governance Structure. The Academy shall be organized and administered under the direction of the Academy Board and pursuant to the Governance Structure as set forth in Schedule 7a. The Academy shall have four officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officer positions shall be filled by persons who are members of the Academy Board. A description of their duties is included in Schedule 2.
- Section 6.2. <u>Educational Goal and Related Measures</u>. The Academy shall achieve, or demonstrate measurable progress for all groups of pupils toward the achievement of, the educational goal and related measures identified in Schedule 7b and the results of the academic assessments identified in Schedule 7e. Upon request, the Academy shall provide the Center with a written report, along with supporting data, assessing the Academy's progress toward achieving this goal.
- Section 6.3. <u>Educational Programs</u>. The Academy shall implement, deliver and support the educational programs identified in Schedule 7c.
- Section 6.4. <u>Curriculum</u>. The Academy shall implement, deliver and support the curriculum identified in Schedule 7d.
- Section 6.5. <u>Methods of Pupil Assessment</u>. The Academy shall properly administer the academic assessments identified in Schedule 7e and in accordance with the requirements detailed in the Master Calendar. The Academy also shall assess pupil performance using all applicable testing that the Code or the Contract require. The Academy shall provide the Center direct access to the results of these assessments, along with any other measures of academic achievement reasonably requested by the Center.
- Section 6.6. <u>Application and Enrollment of Students</u>. The Academy shall comply with the application and enrollment requirements identified in Schedule 7f.

- Section 6.7. <u>School Calendar and School Day Schedule</u>. The Academy shall comply with the school calendar and school day schedule requirements as set forth in Schedule 7g.
- Section 6.8. <u>Age or Grade Range of Pupils</u>. The Academy shall comply with the age or grade ranges as stated in Schedule 7h.
- Section 6.9. <u>Collective Bargaining Agreements</u>. Collective bargaining agreements, if any, with employees of the Academy shall be the responsibility of the Academy.
- Section 6.10. <u>Accounting Standards</u>. The Academy shall at all times comply with generally accepted public sector accounting principles and accounting system requirements that comply with the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCL 141.421, et seq., and applicable State Board and Michigan Department of Education rules.
- Section 6.11. <u>Annual Financial Statement Audit</u>. The Academy shall conduct an annual financial statement audit prepared and reviewed by an independent certified public accountant. The Academy Board shall select, retain and pay the Academy's independent auditor. The Academy Board shall not approve the retention of any independent auditor if that independent auditor or auditor's firm is also performing accounting and/or auditing services for the Academy's Educational Service Provider, if applicable. The Academy shall submit the annual financial statement audit and auditor's management letter to the Center in accordance with the Master Calendar. The Academy Board shall provide to the Center a copy of any responses to the auditor's management letter in accordance with the Master Calendar.
- Section 6.12. Address and Description of Physical Plant. The address and description of the physical plant for the Academy is set forth in Schedule 6. With the approval of the University Board, the Academy Board may operate the same configuration of age or grade levels at more than one (1) site if each configuration of age or grade levels and each site identified in Schedule 6 are under the direction and control of the Academy Board. University Board consideration regarding requests to add additional site(s) shall include, but not be limited to, the Academy Board's demonstration that it meets all statutory requirements under the Code.
- Section 6.13. <u>Contributions and Fund Raising</u>. The Academy may solicit and receive contributions and donations as permitted by law. No solicitation shall indicate that a contribution to the Academy is for the benefit of Central Michigan University.
- Section 6.14. <u>Disqualified Organizational or Contractual Affiliations</u>. The Academy shall comply with all state and federal law applicable to public schools concerning church-state issues. To the extent disqualified under the state or federal constitutions, the Academy shall not be organized by a church or other religious organization and shall not have any organizational or contractual affiliation with or constitute a church or other religious organization. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to diminish or enlarge the civil and political rights, privileges and capacities of any person on account of his or her religious belief.
- Section 6.15. Method for Monitoring Academy's Compliance with Applicable Law and its Targeted Educational Outcomes. The Academy shall perform the compliance certification duties required by the University Board as outlined in the Oversight, Compliance and Reporting Agreement set forth as Schedule 4. In addition to the University Board's oversight responsibilities and other Academy compliance and reporting requirements set forth in this Contract, the Academy's compliance with the annual Master Calendar shall serve as one means by which the University will monitor the Academy's compliance with Applicable Law.

Section 6.16. <u>Matriculation Agreements</u>. Before the Academy Board approves a matriculation agreement with another public school, the Academy shall provide a draft copy of the agreement to the Center for review. Any matriculation agreement entered into by the Academy shall be added to Schedule 7f through a contract amendment approved in accordance with the Contract.

Section 6.17. <u>Postings of Accreditation Status</u>. The Academy shall post notices to the Academy's homepage of its website disclosing the accreditation status of each school as required by the Code.

#### ARTICLE VII TUITION PROHIBITED

Section 7.1. <u>Tuition Prohibited</u>; <u>Fees and Expenses</u>. The Academy shall not charge tuition. The Academy may impose fees and require payment of expenses for activities of the Academy where such fees and payments are not prohibited by Applicable Law.

#### ARTICLE VIII COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

Section 8.1. <u>Compliance with Applicable Law</u>. The Academy shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to apply any other state or federal law to the Academy.

#### ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT

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

Section 9.2. <u>Process for Amendment Initiated by the Academy</u>. The Academy, by a majority vote of its Board of Directors, may, at any time, propose specific changes in this Contract or may propose a meeting to discuss potential revision of this Contract. The proposal will be made to the University Board through its designee. The University Board delegates to the Center Director the review and approval of changes or amendments to this Contract. In the event that a proposed change is not accepted by the Center Director, the University Board may consider and vote upon a change proposed by the Academy following an opportunity for a presentation to the University Board by the Academy.

Section 9.3. <u>Process for Amendment Initiated by the University Board</u>. The University Board, or an authorized designee, may, at any time, propose specific changes in this Contract or may propose a meeting to discuss potential revision of this Contract. The University Board delegates to the Center Director the review and approval of changes or amendments to this Contract. The Academy Board may delegate to a Director of the Academy the review and negotiation of changes or amendments to this Contract. The Contract shall be amended as requested by the University Board upon a majority vote of the Academy Board.

Section 9.4. <u>Final Approval of Amendments</u>. Amendments to this Contract take effect only after they have been approved by the Academy Board and by the University Board or the Center Director. If the proposed amendment conflicts with any of the University Board's general policies on public school academies, the proposed amendment shall take effect only after approval by the Academy Board and the University Board.

Section 9.5. <u>Change in Existing Law</u>. If, after the effective date of this Contract, there is a change in Applicable Law which alters or amends the responsibilities and obligations of either the Academy or the University Board, this Contract shall be altered or amended to reflect the change in existing law as of the effective date of such change. To the extent possible, the responsibilities and obligations of the Academy and the University Board shall conform to and be carried out in accordance with the change in Applicable Law.

Section 9.6. Emergency Action on Behalf of University Board. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract to the contrary, the contents of this Section shall govern in the event of an emergency situation that arises between meetings of the University Board. An emergency situation shall be deemed to occur if the University President, in his or her sole discretion, determines that the facts and circumstances warrant that emergency action take place before the next meeting of the University Board. Upon the determination that an emergency situation exists, the University President may temporarily take action on behalf of the University Board with regard to the Academy or the Contract, so long as such action is in the best interest of the University Board and the University President consults with the University Board Chairperson prior to taking the intended actions. When acting during an emergency situation, the University President shall have the authority to act in place of the University Board, and such emergency action shall only be effective in the interim before the earlier of (a) rejection of the emergency action by the Chairperson of the University Board; or (b) the next meeting of the University Board. The University President shall immediately report such action to the University Board for confirmation at the next meeting so that the emergency action continues or, upon confirmation by the University Board, becomes permanent.

## ARTICLE X CONTRACT REVOCATION, TERMINATION, AND SUSPENSION

Section 10.1. <u>Statutory Grounds for Revocation</u>. In addition to the other grounds for revocation in Section 10.2 and the automatic revocation in Section 10.3 of these Terms and Conditions, the University Board may revoke this Contract, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 10.6, upon a determination that one or more of the following has occurred:

- (a) Failure of the Academy to demonstrate improved pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils or abide by and meet the educational goal and related measures set forth in this Contract;
- (b) Failure of the Academy to comply with all Applicable Law;
- (c) Failure of the Academy to meet generally accepted public sector accounting principles and to demonstrate sound fiscal stewardship; or
- (d) The existence of one or more other grounds for revocation as specified in this Contract.

Section 10.2. Other Grounds for Revocation. In addition to the statutory grounds for revocation set forth in Section 10.1 and the grounds for an automatic revocation set forth in Section 10.3, the University Board may revoke this Contract, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 10.6, upon a determination that one or more of the following has occurred:

- (a) The Academy fails to achieve or demonstrate measurable progress toward achieving the educational goal and related measures identified in this Contract;
- (b) The Academy fails to properly implement, consistently deliver, and support the educational programs or curriculum identified in this Contract;
- (c) The Academy is insolvent, has been adjudged bankrupt, or has operated for two or more school fiscal years with a Fund Balance Deficit;
- (d) The Academy has insufficient enrollment to successfully operate a public school academy, or the Academy has lost more than fifty percent (50%) of its student enrollment from the previous school year;
- (e) The Academy fails to fulfill the compliance and reporting requirements or defaults in any of the terms, conditions, promises or representations contained in or incorporated into this Contract or, during the term of this Contract, it is discovered by the Center that the Academy failed to fulfill the compliance and reporting requirements or there was a violation of a prior Contract issued by the University Board;
- (f) The Academy files amendments to its Articles of Incorporation with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, without first obtaining the Center's approval;
- (g) The Center Director discovers grossly negligent, fraudulent or criminal conduct by the Academy's applicant(s), directors, officers, employees or agents in relation to their performance under this Contract; or
- (h) The Academy's applicant(s), directors, officers, employees or agents have provided false or misleading information or documentation to the Center in connection with the University Board's approval of the Application, the issuance of this Contract, or the Academy's reporting requirements under this Contract or Applicable Law.

Section 10.3. <u>Automatic Amendment Of Contract; Automatic Termination of Contract If All Academy Sites Closed; Economic Hardship Termination.</u> Except as otherwise provided in this Section 10.3, if the University Board is notified by the Department that an Academy site is subject to closure under section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507 ("State's Automatic Closure Notice"), then this Contract shall automatically be amended to eliminate the Academy's authority to operate certain age and grade levels at the site or sites identified in the State's Automatic Closure Notice. If the State's Automatic Closure Notice includes all of the Academy's existing sites, then this Contract shall automatically be terminated at the end of the current school year in which either the State's Automatic Closure Notice is received without any further action of the University Board or the Academy.

Following receipt of the State's Automatic Closure Notice, the Center Director shall forward a copy of the notice to the Academy Board and request a meeting with the Academy Board representatives to discuss the Academy's plans and procedures for the elimination of certain age or grade levels at the identified site or sites, or if all of the Academy's existing sites are included in that notice, then wind-up and dissolution of the Academy corporation at the end of the current school year. All Academy inquiries and requests for reconsideration of the State's Automatic Closure Notice, including the granting of any hardship exemption by the Department rescinding the State's Automatic Closure Notice ("Pupil Hardship Exemption"), shall be directed to the Department, in a form and manner determined by the Department. If the Department rescinds the State's Automatic Closure Notice for an Academy site or sites by granting a Pupil Hardship Exemption, the Academy is not required to close the identified site(s), but shall present to

the Center a proposed Contract amendment incorporating the Department's school improvement plan, if applicable, for the identified site(s).

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

The University Board's revocation procedures set forth in Section 10.6 do not apply to an automatic termination initiated by the State's Automatic Closure Notice or an Economic Hardship Termination under this Section 10.3.

Section 10.4. Grounds and Procedures for Academy Termination of Contract. The Academy Board, by majority vote of its Directors, may, at any time and for any reason, request termination of this Contract. The Academy Board's request for termination shall be made to the Center Director not less than six (6) calendar months in advance of the Academy's proposed effective date of termination. Upon receipt of an Academy request for termination, the Center Director shall present the Academy Board's request for termination to the University Board. A copy of the Academy Board's resolution approving of the Contract termination, including a summary of the reasons for terminating the Contract, shall be included with the Academy Board's request for termination. After receipt of the Academy Board's request for termination, the University Board shall consider the Academy's request no later than its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board shall make a final determination and vote on the proposed termination request within 90 days of receipt of the request from the Academy. The University Board may, in its sole discretion, waive the six (6) month advance notice requirement for terminating this Contract.

Section 10.5. Grounds and Procedures for University Termination of Contract. The University Board, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate the Contract (i) for any reason or for no reason provided that such termination shall not take place less than six (6) months from the date of the University Board's action; (ii) if there is a change in Applicable Law that the University Board, in its sole discretion, determines impairs its rights and obligations under the Contract or requires the University Board to make changes in the Contract that are not in the best interest of the University Board or the University; or (iii) if exigent circumstances exist that the University Board determines, in its sole discretion, that termination of this Contract is required to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the Academy students, property, or funds that cannot be cured in a reasonable period as determined solely by the University Board, then such termination shall take effect at the end of the current Academy fiscal year. Following University Board approval, the Center Director shall provide notice of the termination to the Academy. If during the period between the University Board action to terminate and the effective date of termination, the Academy has violated the Contract or Applicable Law, the Contract may be revoked or suspended sooner pursuant to this Article X. If this Contract is terminated pursuant to this Section 10.5, the revocation procedures in Section 10.6 shall not apply.

Section 10.6. <u>University Board Procedures for Revoking Contract</u>. Except for the automatic revocation and procedures initiated by the State of Michigan set forth in Section 10.3, the University Board's process for revoking the Contract is as follows:

(a) Notice of Intent to Revoke. The Center Director, upon reasonable belief that grounds for revocation of the Contract exist, shall notify the Academy Board of such grounds by issuing the Academy Board a Notice of Intent to Revoke for non-compliance with the Contract or

Applicable Law. The Notice of Intent to Revoke shall be in writing and shall set forth in sufficient detail the alleged grounds for revocation.

- (b) Academy Board's Response. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Intent to Revoke, the Academy Board shall respond in writing to the alleged grounds for revocation. The Academy Board's response shall be addressed to the Center Director, and shall either admit or deny the allegations of non-compliance. If the Academy's response includes admissions of non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law, the Academy Board's response must also contain a description of the Academy Board's plan and timeline for correcting the non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law. If the Academy's response includes a denial of non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law, the Academy's response shall include sufficient documentation or other evidence to support a denial of non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law. A response not in compliance with this Section shall be deemed to be non-responsive. As part of its response, the Academy Board may request that a meeting be scheduled with the Center Director prior to a review of the Academy Board's response.
- (c) <u>Plan of Correction</u>. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Academy Board's response or after a meeting with Academy Board representatives, the Center Director shall review the Academy Board's response and determine whether a reasonable plan for correcting the deficiencies can be formulated. If the Center Director determines that a reasonable plan for correcting the deficiencies set forth in the Notice of Intent to Revoke can be formulated, the Center Director shall develop a plan for correcting the non-compliance ("Plan of Correction") which may include Reconstitution pursuant to 10.6(d) of these Terms and Conditions. In developing a Plan of Correction, the Center Director is permitted to adopt, modify or reject some or all of the Academy Board's response for correcting the deficiencies outlined in the Notice of Intent to Revoke. The Notice of Intent to Revoke shall be closed if the Center Director determines any of the following: (i) the Academy Board's denial of non-compliance is persuasive; (ii) the non-compliance set forth in the Notice of Intent to Revoke has been corrected by the Academy Board; or (iii) the Academy Board has successfully completed the Plan of Correction.
- (d) <u>University Board's Contract Reconstitution Provision</u>. The Center Director may reconstitute the Academy in an effort to improve student educational performance or to avoid interruption of the educational process. Reconstitution may include, but is not limited to, one of the following actions: (i) removal of 1 or more members of the Academy Board; (ii) termination of at-will board appointments of 1 or more Academy Board members in accordance with the Method of Selection, Appointment and Removal Resolution; (iii) withdrawing approval of a contract under Section 506 of the Code; or (iv) the appointment of a new Academy Board or a Conservator to take over operations of the Academy.

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, reconstitution of the Academy does not prohibit the Department from issuing an order under section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507, directing the automatic closure of the Academy's site(s).

- (e) <u>Request for Revocation Hearing</u>. The Center Director may initiate a revocation hearing before the University Charter Schools Hearing Panel if the Center Director determines that any of the following has occurred:
  - (i) the Academy Board has failed to respond to the Notice of Intent to Revoke as set forth in Section 10.6(b);
  - (ii) the Academy Board's response to the Notice of Intent to Revoke is non-responsive;

- (iii) the Academy Board's response admits violations of the Contract or Applicable Law which the Center Director deems cannot be remedied or cannot be remedied in an appropriate period of time, or for which the Center Director determines that a Plan of Correction cannot be formulated;
- (iv) the Academy Board's response contains denials that are not supported by sufficient documentation or other evidence showing compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law;
- (v) the Academy Board has not complied with part or all of a Plan of Correction established in Section 10.6(c);
- (vi) the Academy Board has engaged in actions that jeopardize the financial or educational integrity of the Academy; or
- (vii) the Academy Board has been issued multiple or repeated Notices of Intent to Revoke.

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

- (f) Hearing before the University Charter Schools Hearing Panel. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of a request for revocation hearing, the Hearing Panel shall convene a revocation hearing. The Hearing Panel shall provide a copy of the notice of hearing to the Center and the Academy Board at least ten (10) days before the hearing. The purpose of the Hearing Panel is to gather facts surrounding the Center Director's request for Contract revocation, and to make a recommendation to the University Board on whether the Contract should be revoked. The revocation hearing shall be held at a location, date and time as determined by the Center Director and shall not last more than three hours. The hearing shall be transcribed and the cost shall be divided equally between the University and the Academy. The Center Director or his or her designee, and the Academy Board or its designee, shall each have equal time to make their presentation to the Hearing Panel. Although each party is permitted to submit affidavits and exhibits in support of their positions, the Hearing Panel will not hear testimony from any witnesses for either side. The Hearing Panel may, however, question the Center Director and the Academy Board. Within thirty (30) days of the revocation hearing, the Hearing Panel shall make a recommendation to the University Board concerning the revocation of the Contract. For good cause, the Hearing Panel may extend any time deadline set forth in this subsection. A copy of the Hearing Panel's recommendation shall be provided to the Center and the Academy Board at the same time that the recommendation is sent to the University Board.
- (g) <u>University Board Decision</u>. If the Hearing Panel's recommendation is submitted to the University Board at least fourteen (14) days before the University Board's next regular meeting, the University Board shall consider the Hearing Panel's recommendation at its next regular meeting and vote on whether to revoke the Contract. The University Board reserves the right to modify, reject or approve all or any part of the Hearing Panel's recommendation. The University Board shall have available to it copies of the Hearing Panel's recommendation and the transcript from the hearing. The University Board may waive the fourteen (14) day submission requirement or hold a special board meeting to consider the Hearing Panel's recommendation. A copy of the University Board's decision shall be provided to the Center, the Academy Board and the Department.
- (h) <u>Effective Date of Revocation</u>. If the University Board votes to revoke the Contract, the revocation shall be effective on the date of the University Board's act of revocation, or at a later date as determined by the University Board.

(i) <u>Disposition of State School Aid Funds</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, any state school aid funds received by the University Board after a recommendation is made by the Hearing Panel to revoke the Contract, or a decision by the University Board to revoke the Contract, may be withheld by the University Board or returned to the Michigan Department of Treasury upon request. The University Board may also direct that a portion of the Academy's state school aid funds be directed to fund the Academy's Dissolution account established under Section 10.9 of these Terms and Conditions.

Section 10.7. <u>Contract Suspension</u>. The University Board's process for suspending the Contract is as follows:

- (a) <u>The Center Director Action</u>. If the Center Director determines, in his or her sole discretion, that certain conditions or circumstances exist such that the Academy Board:
  - (i) has placed staff or students at risk;
  - (ii) is not properly exercising its fiduciary obligations to protect and preserve the Academy's public funds and property;
  - (iii) has lost its right to occupancy of the physical facilities described in Schedule 6, and cannot find another suitable physical facility for the Academy prior to the expiration or termination of its right to occupy its existing physical facilities;
  - (iv) has failed to secure or has lost the necessary fire, health, and safety approvals as required by Schedule 6;
  - (v) has willfully or intentionally violated this Contract or Applicable Law; or
  - (vi) has violated Section 10.2(g) or (h),

then the Center Director may immediately suspend the Contract, pending completion of the procedures set forth in Section 10.6. A copy of the suspension notice, setting forth the grounds for suspension, shall be sent to the Academy Board and to the Hearing Panel. If this subsection is implemented, the notice and hearing procedures set forth in Section 10.6 shall be expedited as much as possible.

- (b) <u>Disposition of State School Aid Funds</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, any state school aid funds received by the University Board after a decision by the Center Director to suspend the Contract, shall be retained by the University Board for the Academy until the Contract is reinstated, or shall be returned to the Michigan Department of Treasury upon the State's request.
- (c) Immediate Revocation Proceeding. If the Academy Board, after receiving a notice of Contract suspension from the Center Director, continues to engage in conduct or activities that are covered by the suspension notice, the Hearing Panel may immediately convene a revocation hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 10.6(e) of this Contract. The Hearing Panel has the authority to accelerate the timeline for revoking the Contract, provided that notice of the revocation hearing shall be provided to the Center and the Academy Board at least five (5) days before the hearing. If the Hearing Panel determines that the Academy Board has continued to engage in conduct or activities that are covered by the suspension notice, the Hearing Panel may recommend revocation of the Contract. The University Board shall proceed to consider the Hearing Panel's recommendation in accordance with sections 10.6(f) through (h).

Section 10.8. <u>Conservator</u>; <u>Appointment By University President</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, in the event that the University President, in his or her sole discretion, determines

that the health, safety and welfare of Academy students, property or funds are at risk, the University President, after consulting with the University Board Chairperson, may appoint a person to serve as the Conservator of the Academy. Upon appointment, the Conservator shall have all the powers and authority of the Academy Board under this Contract and Applicable Law and shall act in the place and stead of the Academy Board. The University President shall appoint the Conservator for a definite term which may be extended in writing at his or her sole discretion. During the appointment, the Academy Board members and their terms in office are suspended and all powers of the Academy Board are suspended. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. During their appointment, the Conservator shall have the following powers:

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

Section 10.9. Academy Dissolution Account. If the University Board terminates, revokes or fails to issue a new Contract to the Academy, the Center Director shall notify the Academy that, beginning thirty (30) days after notification of the University Board's decision, the University Board may direct up to \$10,000 from each subsequent State School Aid Fund payment, not to exceed a combined total of \$30,000, to a separate Academy account ("Academy Dissolution Account") to be used exclusively to pay the costs associated with the wind-up and dissolution responsibilities of the Academy. Within five (5) business days of the Center Director's notice, the Academy Board Treasurer shall provide the Center Director, in a form and manner determined by the Center, with account detail information and authorization to direct such funds to the Academy Dissolution Account. The Academy Dissolution Account shall be under the sole care, custody and control of the Academy Board, and such funds shall not be used by the Academy to pay any other Academy debt or obligation until such time as all the wind-up and dissolution expenses have been satisfied. An intercept agreement entered into by the Academy and a third-party lender or trustee shall include language that the third party lender or trustee acknowledges and consents to the funding of the Academy's dissolution account in accordance with this Contract. Any unspent funds remaining in the Academy's dissolution account after payment of all wind-up and dissolution expenses shall be returned to the Academy.

### ARTICLE XI PROVISIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES

Section 11.1. <u>The Academy Budget; Transmittal of Budgetary Assumptions; Budget Deficit; Enhanced Deficit Elimination Plan.</u> The Academy agrees to comply with all of the following:

- (a) The Academy Board is responsible for establishing, approving, and amending an annual budget in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCL 141.421, et seq. The Academy Board shall submit to the Center a copy of its annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year in accordance with the Master Calendar. The budget must detail budgeted expenditures at the object level as described in the Department's Michigan School Accounting Manual. In addition, the Academy Board is responsible for approving all revisions and amendments to the annual budget. In accordance with the Master Calendar, revisions or amendments to the Academy's budget shall be submitted to the Center following Academy Board approval.
- (b) Unless exempted from transmitting under section 1219 of the Code, MCL 380.1219, the Academy, on or before July 7th of each school fiscal year, shall transmit to the Center for Educational Performance and Information ("CEPI") the budgetary assumptions used when adopting its annual budget pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCL 141.421 et seq.
- (c) The Academy shall not adopt or operate under a deficit budget, or incur an operating deficit in a fund during any fiscal year. At any time during the term of this Contract, the Academy shall not have an existing deficit fund balance, incur a deficit fund balance, or adopt a current year budget that projects a deficit fund balance. If the Academy has an existing deficit fund balance, incurs a deficit fund balance in the most recently completed school fiscal year, or adopts a current year budget that projects a deficit fund balance, all of the following apply:
  - (i) The Academy shall notify the Superintendent and the State Treasurer immediately upon the occurrence of the circumstance, and provide a copy of the notice to the Center;
  - (ii) Within 30 days after making notification under subdivision (i), the Academy shall submit to the Superintendent in the form and manner prescribed by the Department an amended budget for the current school fiscal year and a deficit elimination plan approved by the Academy Board, with a copy to the State Treasurer. The Academy shall transmit a copy of the amended budget and the deficit elimination plan to the Center; and
  - (iii) After the Superintendent approves Academy's deficit elimination plan, the Academy shall post the deficit elimination plan on the Academy's website.
- (d) If the Academy is required by the State Treasurer to submit an enhanced deficit elimination plan under section 1220 of the Code, MCL 380.1220, the Academy shall do all of the following:
  - (i) The enhanced deficit elimination plan shall be approved by the Academy Board before submission:
  - (ii) After the State Treasurer approves an enhanced deficit elimination plan for the Academy, the Academy shall post the enhanced deficit elimination plan on the Academy's website; and
  - (iii) As required, submit to the Superintendent and State Treasurer an enhanced monthly monitoring reports in a form and manner prescribed by the State Treasurer and post such monthly reports on the Academy's website.

Section 11.2. <u>Insurance</u>. The Academy Board shall secure and maintain in its own name, as the "first named insured," insurance coverage as required by the University's insurance carrier.

The insurance must be obtained from a licensed mutual, stock, or other responsible company licensed to do business in the State of Michigan. The Academy may join with other public school academies to obtain insurance if the Academy Board finds that such an association provides economic advantages to the Academy, provided that each Academy maintains its identity as first named insured. The Academy shall list the University on the insurance policies as an additional insured as required by the University's insurance carrier. The coverage provided to the University as an additional covered person or organization will be primary and non-contributory with the University's insurance carrier. The Academy shall have a provision included in all policies requiring notice to the University, at least thirty (30) days in advance, upon termination or non-renewal of the policy for any reason other than nonpayment which would require a ten (10) day advance notice to the University. In addition, the Academy shall provide the Center copies of all insurance policies required by this Contract.

When changing insurance programs or carriers, the Academy must provide copies of the proposed policies to the Center at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed change. The Academy shall not cancel or change its existing carrier without the prior review of the Center.

The University's insurance carrier periodically reviews the types and amounts of insurance coverage that the Academy must secure in order for the University to maintain insurance coverage for the authorization and oversight of the Academy. In the event that the University's insurance carrier requests additional changes in coverage identified in this Section 11.2, the Academy agrees to comply with any additional changes in the types and amounts of coverage requested by the University's insurance carrier within thirty (30) days after notice of the insurance coverage change.

The Academy may expend funds for payment of the cost of participation in an accident or medical insurance program to insure protection for pupils while attending school or participating in a school program or activity. Other insurance policies and higher minimums may be required depending upon academic offerings and program requirements.

Pursuant to Section 3.6 of these Terms and Conditions, the University requires that any Educational Service Provider or employee leasing company that enters into a contract with the Academy must obtain insurance coverage similar to the insurance coverage that is currently required for the Academy. Accordingly, any agreement between the Academy and an Educational Service Provider or employee leasing company shall contain a provision requiring the Educational Service Provider or employee leasing company to comply with the coverage requirements recommended by the University's insurance carrier. Furthermore, the agreement between the Educational Service Provider or employee leasing company and the Academy shall contain a provision stating that "in the event that the University's insurance carrier recommends any change in coverage by the Educational Service Provider or employee leasing company, the Educational Service Provider or employee leasing company agrees to comply with any changes in the type and amount of coverage as requested by the University or the University's insurance carrier within thirty (30) days after notice of the insurance coverage change."

Section 11.3. <u>Legal Liabilities and Covenant Against Suit</u>. The Academy acknowledges and agrees that it has no authority to extend the faith and credit of the University or to enter into a contract that would bind the University. The Academy also is limited in its authority to contract by the amount of funds obtained from the state school aid fund, as provided hereunder, or from other independent sources. The Academy hereby covenants not to sue the University Board, the University or any of its Trustees, officers, employees, agents or representatives for any matters that arise under this Contract. The University does not assume any obligation with respect to any director, employee, agent, parent, guardian, student, or independent

contractor of the Academy, and no such person shall have the right or standing to bring suit against the University Board, the University or any of its Trustees, employees, agents, or independent contractors as a result of the issuance, non-issuance, oversight, revocation, termination or suspension of this Contract.

Section 11.4. <u>Lease or Deed for Proposed Site</u>. The Academy shall provide to the Center copies of its proposed lease or deed for the premises in which the Academy shall operate. Following the Center's review, a copy of the Academy's lease or deed shall be incorporated into this Contract under Schedule 6 and in accordance with Article IX, as applicable.

Section 11.5. <u>Certificate(s) of Use and Occupancy</u>. The Academy Board shall: (i) ensure that the Academy's physical facilities comply with all fire, health and safety standards applicable to schools; and (ii) possess the necessary occupancy certificates for the Academy's physical facilities. The Academy Board shall not occupy or use any facility until approved for occupancy by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Construction Codes. Copies of these Certificate(s) of Use and Occupancy shall be incorporated into this Contract under Schedule 6 and in accordance with Article IX, as applicable.

Section 11.6. New Building Construction or Renovations. The Academy shall not commence construction on a new school building or the major renovation of an existing school building unless the Academy consults on the plans of the construction or major renovation regarding school safety issues with the law enforcement agency that is or will be the first responder for that school building. School building includes either a building intended to be used to provide pupil instruction or a recreational or athletic structure or field used by pupils.

Section 11.7. Criminal Background and History Checks; Disclosure of Unprofessional Conduct. The Academy shall comply with section 1230 and 1230a of the Code concerning criminal background and criminal history checks for its teachers, school administrator(s), and for any other position requiring State Board approval. In addition, the Academy shall comply with section 1230b of the Code concerning the disclosure of unprofessional conduct by persons applying for Academy employment. This Section 11.7 shall apply to such persons irrespective of whether they are employed by the Academy or employed by another entity contracting with the Academy.

Section 11.8. Special Education. Pursuant to Section 1701a of the Code, the Academy shall comply with Article III, Part 29 of the Code, MCL 380.1701 et seq., concerning the provision of special education programs and services at the Academy as referenced in Contract Schedule 7c. Upon receipt, the Academy shall notify the Center of any due process or state complaint filed against the Academy or notice of state audit.

#### Section 11.9. <u>Information Available to the Public and the Center.</u>

- (a) Information to be provided by the Academy. In accordance with Applicable Law, the Academy shall make information concerning its operation and management, including, without limitation, information in Schedule 8 available to the public and the Center.
- (b) Information to be provided by Educational Service Provider. The agreement between the Academy and the Educational Service Provider shall contain a provision requiring the Educational Service Provider to make information concerning the operation and management of the Academy, including the information in Schedule 8, available to the Academy as deemed necessary by the Academy Board in order to enable the Academy to fully satisfy its obligations under paragraph 11.9 (a) above.

Section 11.10. <u>Deposit of Public Funds by the Academy</u>. The Academy Board agrees to comply with Section 1221 of the Revised School Code, being MCL 380.1221, regarding the deposit of all public or private funds received by the Academy. Such deposit shall be made within three (3) days after receipt of the funds by the Academy. Only Academy Board members or designated Academy Board employees may be a signatory on any Academy bank account.

Section 11.11. Nonessential Elective Course. If the Academy Board elects to provide nonessential elective courses to part-time pupils at a nonpublic school building, the Academy shall comply with Section 166b of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended, MCL 388.1766b. Prior to providing instruction, the Academy Board shall ensure that the Academy has sufficient documentation to qualify for part-time pupil funding under the State School Aid Act. The provision of nonessential elective courses by the Academy shall be incorporated into Schedule 7c of this Contract by amendment pursuant to Article IX of these Terms and Conditions, as applicable.

#### ARTICLE XII GENERAL TERMS

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

If to the University Board: The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools

Attn: Executive Director Central Michigan University

EHS 200

Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

General Counsel: General Counsel

Central Michigan University Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

Chief Financial Officer: Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services

Central Michigan University Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

If to the Academy: Academy Board President

FlexTech High School 7707 Conference Center Dr.

Brighton, MI 48114

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

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

Section 12.4. <u>Entire Contract</u>. Except as specifically provided in this Contract, this Contract sets forth the entire agreement between the University Board and the Academy with respect to the subject matter of this Contract. All prior contracts, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, and undertakings are superseded by this Contract.

Section 12.5. Assignment. This Contract is not assignable by the Academy.

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

Section 12.7. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Contract shall be governed and controlled by the laws of the State of Michigan as to interpretation, enforcement, validity, construction, and effect, and in all other respects.

Section 12.8. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts. Each counterpart so executed shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 12.9. <u>Term of Contract</u>. This Contract is for a fixed term and shall terminate at the end of the Contract term without any further action of either the University Board or the Academy. This Contract shall commence on the date first set forth above and shall remain in full force and effect for a period of three (3) academic years and shall terminate on June 30, 2027, unless sooner revoked, terminated, or suspended pursuant to Article X of these Terms and Conditions. Pursuant to University Board policy, the standards by which the Academy may be considered for the issuance of a new contract will be guided by the following core questions:

Is the Academy's academic program successful?

Is the Academy's organization viable?

Is the Academy demonstrating good faith in following the terms of its charter and applicable law?

The Center shall establish the process and timeline for the issuance of a new contract. The standards for the issuance of a new contract shall include increases in academic achievement for all groups of pupils as measured by assessments and other objective criteria established by the University Board as the most important factor of whether to issue or not issue a new contract. Consistent with the Code, the University Board in its sole discretion may elect to issue or not issue a new contract to the Academy.

Section 12.10. <u>Indemnification of University</u>. As a condition to receiving a grant of authority from the University Board to operate a public school pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, the Academy agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the University Board, the University and its officers, employees, agents or representatives from and against all demands, claims, actions, suits, causes of action, losses, judgments, liabilities, damages, fines, penalties, forfeitures, or any other liabilities or losses of any kind whatsoever, including costs and expenses (not limited to reasonable attorney fees, expert and other professional fees) settlement and prosecution imposed upon or incurred by the University, and not caused by the sole negligence of the University, which arise out of or are in any manner connected with the University Board's approval of the public school academy application, the University Board's consideration of or issuance of a Contract, the Academy's preparation for or operation of a public school, or which are incurred as a result of the reliance by the University Board, the University and its officers, employees, agents or representatives upon information supplied by the Academy, or which arise out of the

Academy's failure to comply with this Contract or Applicable Law. The foregoing provision shall not be deemed a relinquishment or waiver of any kind of Section 7 of the Governmental Liability for Negligence Act, being Act No. 170, Public Acts of Michigan, 1964.

- Section 12.11. <u>Construction</u>. This Contract shall be construed fairly as to both parties and not in favor of or against either party, regardless of which party prepared the Contract.
- Section 12.12. <u>Force Majeure</u>. If any circumstances occur which are beyond the control of the parties, which delay or render impossible the obligations of one or both of the parties, the parties' obligations to perform such services shall be postponed for an equivalent period of time or shall be canceled, if such performance has been rendered impossible by such circumstances.
- Section 12.13. No Third Party Rights. This Contract is made for the sole benefit of the Academy and the University Board. Except as otherwise expressly provided, nothing in this Contract shall create or be deemed to create a relationship between the parties hereto, or either of them, and any third person, including a relationship in the nature of a third party beneficiary or fiduciary.
  - Section 12.14. Non-agency. It is understood that the Academy is not the agent of the University.
- Section 12.15. <u>University Board or the Center's General Policies on Public School Academies Shall Apply</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of this Contract to the contrary, and with the exception of existing University Board or the Center policies regarding public school academies which shall apply immediately, University Board or the Center general policies clarifying procedure and requirements applicable to public school academies under this Contract, as from time to time adopted or amended, will automatically apply to the Academy, provided they are not inconsistent with provisions of this Contract. Before issuing general policies under this section, the University Board or the Center shall provide a draft of the proposed policies to the Academy Board. The Academy Board shall have at least thirty (30) days to provide comment to the Center on the proposed policies before such policies shall become effective.
- Section 12.16. <u>Survival of Provisions</u>. The terms, provisions, and representations contained in Section 11.2, Section 11.3, Section 11.9, Section 12.10, Section 12.13 and any other provisions of this Contract that by their sense and context are intended to survive termination of this Contract shall survive.
- Section 12.17. <u>Termination of Responsibilities</u>. Upon termination or revocation of the Contract, the University Board or its designee shall have no further obligations or responsibilities under this Contract to the Academy or any other person or persons in connection with this Contract. Upon termination or revocation of the Contract, the Academy may amend its articles of incorporation or bylaws as necessary to allow the Academy Board to: (a) take action to appoint Academy Board members in order to have a quorum necessary to take Academy Board action; or (b) effectuate a dissolution, provided that the Academy Board may not amend the articles of incorporation with regard to the disposition of assets upon dissolution.
- Section 12.18. <u>Disposition of Academy Assets Upon Termination or Revocation of Contract</u>. Following termination or revocation of the Contract, the Academy shall follow the applicable wind-up and dissolution provisions set forth in the Academy's articles of incorporation, the Code, and Applicable Law.
- Section 12.19. <u>Student Privacy</u>. In order to protect the privacy of students enrolled at the Academy, the Academy Board, subject to Section 12.22, shall not:
  - (a) Sell or otherwise provide to a for-profit business entity any personally identifiable information that is part of a pupil's education records. This subsection does not apply to any of the following situations:

- (i) for students enrolled in the Academy, providing such information to an ESP that has a contract with the Academy and whose contract has not been disapproved by the University;
- (ii) providing the information as necessary for standardized testing that measures a student's academic progress and achievement; or
- (iii) providing the information as necessary to a person that is providing educational or educational support services to the student under a contract with either the Academy or an educational management organization that has a contract with the Academy and whose contract has not been disapproved by the University.
- (b) The terms "education records" and "personally identifiable information" shall have the same meaning as defined in MCL 380.1136.

#### Section 12.20. Disclosure of Information to Parents and Legal Guardians, subject to Section 12.22.

- (a) Within thirty (30) days after receiving a written request from a student's parent or legal guardian, the Academy shall disclose without charge to the student's parent or legal guardian any personally identifiable information concerning the student that is collected or created by the Academy as part of the student's education records.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (b) and within thirty (30) days after receiving a written request from a student's parent or legal guardian, the Academy shall disclose to a student's parent or legal guardian without charge any personally identifiable information provided to any person, agency or organization. The Academy's disclosure shall include the specific information that was disclosed, the name and contact information of each person, agency, or organization to which the information has been disclosed; and the legitimate reason that the person, agency, or organization had in obtaining the information. The parental disclosure requirement does not apply to information that is provided:
  - (i) to the Department or CEPI;
  - (ii) to the student's parent or legal guardian;
  - (iii) by the Academy to the University Board, University, Center or to the ESP with which the Academy has a Management Agreement that has not been disapproved by the Center Director:
  - (iv) by the Academy to the Academy's intermediate school district or another intermediate school district providing services to Academy or the Academy's students pursuant to a written agreement;
  - (v) to the Academy by the Academy's intermediate school district or another immediate school district providing services to pupils enrolled in the Academy pursuant to a written agreement;
  - (vi) to the Academy by the University Board, University, Center;
  - (vii) to a person, agency, or organization with written consent from the student's parent or legal guardian, or from the student if the student is 18 years of age;
  - (viii)to a person, agency, or organization seeking or receiving records in accordance with an order, subpoena, or ex parte order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;
  - (ix) to a person, agency, or organization as necessary for standardized testing that measures a student's academic progress and achievement; or
  - (x) in the absence of, or in compliance with, a properly executed opt-out form, as adopted by the Academy in compliance with section 1136(6) of the Code, pertaining to uses for which the Academy commonly would disclose a pupil's "directory information."

- (c) If the Academy considers it necessary to make redacted copies of all or part of a student's education records in order to protect personally identifiable information of another student, the Academy shall not charge the parent or legal guardian for the cost of those redacted copies.
- (d) The terms "education records," "personally identifiable information," and "directory information" shall have the same meaning as defined in MCL 380.1136.

Section 12.21. <u>List of Uses for Student Directory Information; Opt Out Form; Notice to Student's</u> Parent or Legal Guardian.

- (a) Subject to Section 12.22, the Academy shall do all of the following:
  - (i) Develop a list of uses (the "Uses") for which the Academy commonly would disclose a student's directory information;
  - (ii) Develop an opt-out form that lists all of the Uses and allows a student's parent or guardian to elect not to have the student's directory information disclosed for one (1) or more Uses;
  - (iii) Present the opt-out form to each student's parents or guardian within the first thirty (30) days of the school year and at other times upon request; and
  - (iv) If an opt-out form is signed and submitted to the Academy by a student's parent or guardian, then the Academy shall not include the student's directory information in any of the Uses that have been opted out of in the opt-out form.
- (b) The term "directory information" shall have the same meaning as defined in MCL 380.1136.

#### Section 12.22. Confidential Address Restrictions.

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

Section 12.23. <u>Partnership Agreement</u>. If the Department and State School Reform/Redesign Office impose a partnership agreement on the Academy, the Academy shall work collaboratively with the Department, the State School Reform/Redesign Office and other partners to implement the partnership agreement. In the event that a provision in the partnership agreement is inconsistent with a provision in this Contract, this Contract shall control.

As the designated representative of the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees, I hereby issue this Contract to the Academy on the date first set forth above.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
y:
Todd J. Regis, Chair
ate:
s the authorized representative of the Academy, I hereby certify that the Academy is able to comply with the Contract and all Applicable Law, and that the Academy, through its governing board, has approved and greed to comply with and be bound by the Terms and Conditions of this Contract and all Applicable Law.
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CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
By: Jodd D. Regis, Chair
Todd J. Regis, Chair
Date: June 3, 2024
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FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL
By:
Board President
Date:

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# CONTRACT SCHEDULE 1 RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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### RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION For Use by Domestic Nonprofit Corporations

OF

#### FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL

Pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act (Act 162) of 1982, as amended (the "Act"), being MCL 450.2101 et seq. and Revised School Code (the "Code") as amended, being Sections 380.501 to 380.507 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the undersigned corporation executes the following Restated Articles:

The present name of the corporation is: FlexTech High School.

The corporation identification number ("CID") assigned by the Bureau is: 70800U.

The corporation has used no other names.

The date of filing the original Articles of Incorporation was: February 14, 2011.

The following Restated Articles of Incorporation supersede the Articles of Incorporation and shall be the Articles of Incorporation for the corporation:

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is: FlexTech High School.

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The authorizing body for the corporation is: Central Michigan University Board of Trustees.

#### ARTICLE II

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

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

#### ARTICLE III

The corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

#### Description:

The corporation is to be financed under the following general plan:

- a. State school aid payments received pursuant to the State School Aid Act of 1979 or any successor law.
- b. Federal funds.
- c. Donations.
- d. Fees and charges permitted to be charged by public school academies.
- e. Other funds lawfully received.

The corporation is organized on a directorship basis.

#### ARTICLE IV

The name of the resident agent at the registered office is Jordan Genso.

The address of its registered office in Michigan is: 7707 Conference Ctr., Brighton, MI 48114.

The mailing address of the registered office in Michigan is the same.

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#### ARTICLE V

The corporation is a governmental entity.

#### ARTICLE VI

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

#### ARTICLE VII

Before execution of a Contract to charter a public school academy between the corporation and Central Michigan University Board of Trustees (the "University Board"), the method of selection, length of term, and the number of members of the Board of Directors of the corporation shall be approved by a resolution of the University Board as required by the Code.

#### ARTICLE VIII

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

#### ARTICLE IX

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

#### ARTICLE X

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

To the extent permitted by law, upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board shall after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation to the University Board for forwarding to the state school aid fund established under article IX, section 11 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, as amended.

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#### ARTICLE XI

These Restated Articles of Incorporation shall not be amended except by the process provided in Article IX of the Terms and Conditions incorporated as part of the Contract. This process is as follows:

The corporation, by a majority vote of its Board of Directors, may, at any time, propose specific changes to these Restated Articles of Incorporation or may propose a meeting to discuss potential revision to these Restated Articles of Incorporation. The proposal will be made to the University Board through its designee. The University Board delegates to The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools' ("The Center") Executive Director the review and approval of changes or amendments to these Restated Articles of Incorporation. In the event that a proposed change is not accepted by The Center's Executive Director, the University Board shall consider and vote upon a change proposed by the corporation following an opportunity for a written and oral presentation to the University Board by the corporation.

At any time and for any reason, the University Board or an authorized designee may propose specific changes to these Restated Articles of Incorporation or may propose a meeting to discuss potential revision. The corporation's Board of Directors may delegate to an officer of the corporation the review and negotiation of changes or amendments to these Restated Articles of Incorporation. The Restated Articles of Incorporation shall be amended as requested by the University Board or an authorized designee upon a majority vote of the corporation's Board of Directors.

Amendments to these Restated Articles of Incorporation take effect only after they have been approved by the corporation's Board of Directors and by the University Board or The Center's Executive Director, and the amendments are filed with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Commercial Services. In addition, the corporation shall file with the amendment a copy of the University Board's or The Center's Executive Director's approval of the amendment.

Upon termination or revocation of the Contract, the Academy may amend its articles of incorporation as necessary to allow the Academy Board to: (a) take action to appoint Academy Board members in order to have a quorum necessary to take Academy Board action; or (b) effectuate a dissolution, provided that the Academy Board may not amend the articles of incorporation with regard to the disposition of assets upon dissolution.

#### ARTICLE XII

The definitions set forth in the Terms and Conditions incorporated as part of the Contract shall have the same meaning in these Restated Articles of Incorporation.

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#### ADOPTION OF ARTICLES

These Restated Articles of Incorporation were duly adopted on the Articles of Incorporation sof Section 642 of the Act. These Restated Articles of Incorporation restate, integrate and do further amend the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and were duly adopted by the directors. The necessary number of votes were cast in favor of these Restated Articles of Incorporation.

Signed this day of Agust, 2017.

Mr. Jordan Genso, President

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#### AMENDED BYLAWS

**OF** 

#### FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL

#### ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be called FlexTech High School (the "Academy" or the "corporation").

#### ARTICLE II FORM OF ACADEMY

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

#### ARTICLE III OFFICES

- Section 1. <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Academy shall be located in the state of Michigan.
- Section 2. <u>Registered Office</u>. The registered office of the Academy may be the same as the principal office of the Academy, but in any event must be located in the state of Michigan, and be the business office of the resident agent, as required by the Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act. Changes in the resident agent and registered address of the Academy must be reported to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and to The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools ("the Center.")

#### ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. <u>General Powers</u>. The business, property and affairs of the Academy shall be managed by the Academy Board of Directors ("Academy Board"). The Academy Board may exercise any and all of the powers granted to it under the Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act or pursuant to Part 6A of the Revised School Code ("Code"). The Academy Board may delegate such powers to the officers and committees of the Academy Board as it deems necessary, so long as such delegation is consistent with the Articles, these Amended Bylaws, the Contract and Applicable Law.
- Section 2. <u>Method of Selection and Appointment</u>. The Central Michigan University Board of Trustees ("University Board") shall prescribe the method of appointment for members of an Academy's Board. The Center Director is authorized to develop and administer an academy board selection and appointment process that includes an *Application for Public School Academy Board Appointment* and is in accord with these policies:

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- a. The University Board shall appoint the initial and subsequent Academy Board by resolution, except as prescribed by subparagraph d. The Center Director shall recommend qualified individuals to the University Board.
- b. The Academy Board, by resolution and majority vote, shall nominate its subsequent members, except as provided otherwise. The Academy Board shall recommend to the Center Director at least one nominee for each vacancy. Nominees shall submit the *Application for Public School Academy Board Appointment* for review by the Center. The Center Director may or may not recommend the appointment of a nominee submitted by the Academy Board. If the Center Director does not recommend the appointment of a nominee submitted by the Academy Board, he/she may select and recommend another nominee or may request the Academy Board submit a new nominee for consideration.
- c. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by the expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of that vacant position.
- d. Under exigent conditions, and with the approval of the University Board's chair and the University President, the Center Director may appoint a qualified individual to the Academy Board. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any appointments made under this provision.
- Section 3. <u>Length of Term.</u> A Director of the Academy Board shall serve at the pleasure of the University Board. Terms of the initial positions of the Academy Board shall be staggered in accordance with *The Academy Board of Directors Table of Staggered Terms and Appointments* established and administered by the Center Director. Subsequent appointments shall be for a term of office not to exceed four (4) years, except as prescribed by *The Academy Board of Directors Table of Staggered Terms and Appointments*.
- Section 4. <u>Number of Director Positions</u>. The number of director positions on the Academy Board shall not be less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) as determined by the University Board. If the Academy Board fails to maintain its full membership by making appropriate and timely nominations, the Center Director may deem that failure an exigent condition.
- Section 5. <u>Qualifications of Academy Board Members</u>. To be qualified to serve on the Academy Board, a person shall, among other things: (a) be a citizen of the United States; (b) be a resident of the State of Michigan; (c) submit all materials requested by the Center including, but not limited to, the *Application for Public School Academy Board Appointment* which must include authorization to process a criminal background check; and (d) annually submit a conflict of interest disclosure as prescribed by the Center.

The members of the Academy Board shall not include (a) employees of the Academy; (b) any director, officer, or employee of a service provider that contracts with the Academy; (c) a Central Michigan University official or employee, as a representative of Central Michigan University.

Section 6. Oath of Public Office. All members of the Academy Board must take the constitutional oath of office and sign the *Oath of Public Office* before beginning their service. The *Oath of Public Office* shall be filed with the Center.

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- Section 7. <u>Tenure</u>. Each Director shall hold office until the Director's replacement, death, resignation, removal or until the expiration of the term, whichever occurs first.
- Section 8. <u>Removal and Suspension</u>. If the University Board determines that the service in office of a Director of the Academy Board is no longer necessary, then the University Board may remove the Academy Board member with or without cause and shall specify the date when the Academy Board member's service ends. The Academy Board member may also be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Academy's Board.

With the approval of the University Board's chair and the University President, the Center Director may suspend the service of a Director of the Academy Board if, in his/her judgment, the person's continued presence would constitute a risk to persons or property, or would seriously impair the operation of the Academy. Any suspension made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any suspensions made under this provision.

- Section 9. <u>Resignation</u>. Any Director may resign at any time by providing written notice to the corporation or by communicating such intention (orally or in writing) to the Center. Notice of resignation will be effective upon receipt or at a subsequent time if designated in a written notice. A successor shall be appointed as provided in Section 2 of this Article.
- Section 10. <u>Board Vacancies</u>. A Director vacancy shall occur because of death, resignation, removal, failure to maintain residency in the State of Michigan, disqualification or as otherwise specified in the Code. Any vacancy shall be filled as provided in Section 2 of this Article.
- Section 11. <u>Compensation</u>. A Director of the Academy Board shall serve as a volunteer Director. By resolution of the Academy Board, the Directors may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incident to their duties.

#### ARTICLE V MEETINGS

- Section 1. <u>Annual and Regular Meetings</u>. The Academy Board shall hold an annual meeting each year. The Academy Board must provide, by resolution, the time and place, within the State of Michigan, for the holding of regular monthly meetings. The Academy Board shall provide notice of the annual and all regular meetings as required by the Open Meetings Act.
- Section 2. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Academy Board may be called by or at the request of any Director. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Academy Board may fix the place within the State of Michigan for holding any special meeting of the Academy Board called by them, and, if no other place is fixed, the place of meeting shall be the principal business office of the corporation in the state of Michigan. The corporation shall provide notice of all special meetings as required by the Open Meetings Act.
- Section 3. <u>Notice; Waiver</u>. The Academy Board must comply with the notice provisions of the Open Meetings Act. In addition, notice of any meeting shall be given to each Director stating the time and place of the meeting, delivered personally, mailed, or sent by facsimile or electronic mail to the Director's business address. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting by written statement, facsimile or electronic mail sent by the Director, signed before or after the holding of the meeting. The attendance of

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a Director at a meeting constitutes a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Section 4. <u>Quorum</u>. In order to legally transact business, the Academy Board shall have a quorum physically present at a duly called meeting of the Academy Board. A "quorum" shall be defined as follows:

# of Academy Board Positions	# Required for Quorum
Five (5)	Three (3)
Seven (7)	Four $(4)$
Nine (9)	Five $(5)$

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

- Section 5. <u>Manner of Acting</u>. The act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Academy Board. No member of the Academy Board may vote by proxy, by way of a telephone conference or any other electronic means of communication.
- Section 6. Open Meetings Act. All meetings of the Academy Board shall at all times be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.
- Section 7. Presumption of Assent. A Director of the Academy Board who is present at a meeting of the Academy Board at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless that Director's dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless that Director shall file a written dissent to such action with the person acting as the Secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof or shall forward such dissent by registered mail to the Secretary of the corporation immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. This right to dissent shall not apply to a Director who voted in favor of such action.

#### ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

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

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#### ARTICLE VII OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

- Section I. <u>Number</u>. The officers of the Academy Board shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such assistant Treasurers and assistant Secretaries as may be selected by the Academy Board.
- Section 2. <u>Election and Term of Office</u>. The Academy Board shall elect the initial officers at its first duly noticed meeting. Thereafter, the officers of the Academy Board shall be elected annually by the Academy Board. If the election of officers is not held at the annual meeting, the election shall be held as soon thereafter as may be convenient. Each officer shall hold office while qualified or until the officer resigns or is removed in the manner provided in Section 3.
- Section 3. <u>Removal.</u> Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the Academy Board may be removed by the Academy Board whenever in its judgment the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby.
- Section 4. <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Academy Board for the unexpired portion of the term.
- Section 5. <u>President</u>. The President of the Academy Board shall be a member of the Academy Board. The President of the corporation shall preside at all meetings of the Academy Board. If there is not a President, or if the President is absent, then the Vice-President shall preside. If the Vice-President is absent, then a temporary chair, chosen by the members of the Academy Board attending the meeting shall preside. The President shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of President of the Academy Board as may be prescribed by the Academy Board from time to time.
- Section 6. <u>Vice-President</u>. The Vice-President of the Academy Board shall be a member of the Academy Board. In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Vice-President by the President or by the Academy Board.
- Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary of the Academy Board shall be a member of the Academy Board. The Secretary shall: (a) keep the minutes of the Academy Board meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices, including those notices required under the Open Meetings Act, are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Amended Bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all authorized documents; (d) keep a register of the post office address of each Director; and (e) perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and other duties assigned by the President or the Academy Board.
- Section 8. <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer of the Academy Board shall be a member of the Academy Board. The Treasurer shall: (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; (b) keep accurate books and records of corporate receipts and disbursements; (c) deposit all moneys and securities received by the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected by the Academy Board; (d) complete all required corporate filings; (e) assure that the responsibilities of the fiscal agent to the corporation are properly carried out; and (f) in general perform all

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of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Academy Board.

- Section 9. <u>Assistants and Acting Officers</u>. The Assistants to the officers, if any, selected by the Academy Board, shall perform such duties and have such authority as shall from time to time be delegated or assigned to them by the Secretary or Treasurer or by the Academy Board. The Academy Board shall have the power to appoint any member of the Academy Board to perform the duties of an officer whenever, for any reason, it is impractical for such officer to act personally. Such acting officer so appointed shall have the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the officer to whose office the acting officer is so appointed except as the Academy Board may by resolution otherwise determine.
- Section 10. <u>Salaries</u>. Officers of the Academy Board, as Directors of the corporation, may not be compensated for their services. By resolution of the Academy Board, officers may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incident to their duties.
- Section 11. <u>Filling More Than One Office</u>. Subject to the statute concerning the Incompatible Public Offices, Act No. 566 of the Public Acts of 1978, being Sections 15.181 to 15.185 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, any two offices of the corporation except those of President and Vice-President may be held by the same person, but no officer shall execute, acknowledge or verify any instrument in more than one capacity.

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

- Section 1. <u>Contracts</u>. The Academy Board may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract, to execute and deliver any instrument, or to acknowledge any instrument required by law to be acknowledged in the name of and on behalf of the corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances, but the appointment of any person other than an officer to acknowledge an instrument required by law to be acknowledged should be made by instrument in writing. When the Academy Board authorizes the execution of a contract or of any other instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, without specifying the executing officers, the President or Vice-President, and the Secretary or Treasurer may execute the same and may affix the corporate seal thereto. No contract entered into, by or on behalf of the Academy Board, shall in any way bind Central Michigan University or impose any liability on Central Michigan University, its trustees, officers, employees or agents.
- Section 2. <u>Loans</u>. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Academy and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a prior resolution of the Academy Board. Such authority shall be confined to specific instances. No loan, advance, overdraft or withdrawal by an officer or Director of the corporation, shall be made or permitted unless approved by the Academy Board. No loan entered into, by or on behalf of the Academy Board, shall in any way be considered a debt or obligation of Central Michigan University or impose any liability on Central Michigan University, its trustees, officers, employees or agents.
- Section 3. <u>Checks, Drafts, etc.</u> All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Academy, shall be signed by Academy Board members or Academy Board employees, which shall not include employees of the Academy Board's Educational Service Provider, and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Academy Board.

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Section 4. <u>Deposits</u>. All funds of the Academy shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Academy Board may select, provided that such financial institution is eligible to be a depository of surplus funds under Section 1221 of the Revised School Code, being Section 380.1221 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Section 5. Voting of Gifted, Bequested or Transferred Securities Owned by this Corporation. Subject always to the specific directions of the Academy Board, any shares or other securities issued by any other corporation and owned or controlled by this corporation may be voted at any meeting of security holders of such other corporation by the President of this corporation or by proxy appointed by the President, or in the absence of the President and the President's proxy, by the Secretary or Treasurer of this corporation or by proxy appointed by the Secretary or Treasurer. Such proxy or consent in respect to any shares or other securities issued by any other corporation and owned by this corporation shall be executed in the name of this corporation by the President, the Secretary or the Treasurer of this corporation without necessity of any authorization by the Academy Board, affixation of corporate seal or countersignature or attestation by another officer. Any person or persons designated in the manner above stated as the proxy or proxies of this corporation shall have full right, power and authority to vote the shares or other securities issued by such other corporation and owned by this corporation the same as such shares or other securities might be voted by this corporation. This section shall in no way be interpreted to permit the corporation to invest any of its surplus funds in any shares or other securities issued by any other corporation. This section is intended to apply, however, to all gifts, bequests or other transfers of shares or other securities issued by any other corporation which are received by the corporation.

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

The University Board authorizes the Academy Board to employ or contract for personnel according to the position information outlined in Schedule 5. However, the Academy Board shall prohibit any individual from being employed by the Academy, an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company involved in the operation of the Academy, in more than one (1) full-time position and simultaneously being compensated at a full-time rate for each of these positions. An employee hired by the Academy Board shall be an employee of the Academy for all purposes and not an employee of the University for any purpose. With respect to Academy Board employees, the Academy shall have the power and responsibility to (i) select and engage employees; (ii) pay their wages, benefits, and applicable taxes; (iii) dismiss employees; and (iv) control the employees' conduct, including the method by which the employee carries out his or her work. The Academy Board shall be responsible for carrying workers' compensation insurance and unemployment insurance for its employees. The Academy Board may contract with an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company to provide services or to provide personnel to perform services or work at the Academy. Before entering into an agreement with an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company to perform services or to provide personnel to perform services or work at the Academy, the Academy Board must first comply with the Educational Service Provider Policies issued by the Center. A copy of the agreement between the Academy Board and the Educational Service Provider or employee leasing company shall be included as part of Schedule 5.

The Academy shall comply with the Incompatible Public Offices statute, Act No. 566 of the Public Acts of 1978, of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and the Contracts of Public Servants With Public Entities statute, Act No. 371 of the Public Acts of 1968, of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The Academy Board shall

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ensure compliance with Applicable Law relating to conflicts of interest. Language in this Section controls over section 1203 of the Code. The following shall be deemed prohibited conflicts of interest:

- (a) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an owner, officer, director, employee or consultant of an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company, or a subcontractor to an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company that has an ESP Agreement with the Academy;
- (b) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an Academy Board employee;
- (c) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an independent contractor to the Academy;
- (d) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and a member of the governing board of another public school;
- (e) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and a University official, employee, or paid consultant, as a representative of the University; and
- (f) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and having an ownership or financial interest in any real or personal property leased or subleased to the Academy.

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

- (a) Is employed by the Academy Board;
- (b) Works at or is assigned to work at the Academy;
- (c) Has an ownership, officer, policymaking, managerial, administrative non-clerical or other significant role with the Academy's Educational Service Provider or employee leasing company; and
- (d) Has an ownership or financial interest in any school building lease or sublease agreement with the Academy.
- (e) Is a current Academy Board member.

The Academy Board shall require each individual who works at the Academy to annually disclose any familial relationship with any other individual who works at, or provides services to, the Academy. For purposes of this sub-section, familial relationship means a person's mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, spouse or domestic partner.

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### ARTICLE IX INDEMNIFICATION

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

#### ARTICLE X FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of July in each year.

#### ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

These Amended Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Amended Bylaws may be adopted by obtaining (a) the affirmative vote of a majority of the Academy Board at any regular or special meeting of the Academy Board, if a notice setting forth the terms of the proposal has been given in accordance with the notice requirements of these Amended Bylaws and applicable law, and (b) the written approval of the changes or amendments by the Center Director. In the event that a proposed change is not accepted by the Center Director, the University Board may consider and vote upon a change proposed by the corporation following an opportunity for a written presentation to the University Board by the Academy Board. These Amended Bylaws and any amendments to them take effect only after they have been approved by both the Academy Board and by the Center Director.

Upon termination or revocation of the Contract, the corporation may amend its Amended Bylaws as necessary to allow the Academy Board to: (a) take action to appoint Academy Board members in order to have a quorum necessary to take Academy Board action; or (b) effectuate a dissolution, provided that the Academy Board may not amend the Amended Bylaws with regard to the disposition of assets upon dissolution.

# ARTICLE XII TERMS AND CONDITIONS DEFINITIONS

The definitions set forth in the Terms and Conditions incorporated as part of the Contract shall have the same meaning in these Amended Bylaws.

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#### CERTIFICATION

The Board certifies that these Amended Bylaws were adopted as and for the Bylaws of a Michigan corporation in an open and public meeting, by the Academy Board on the 14 day of 34ne, 2024.

Academy Board Secretary

### **CONTRACT SCHEDULE 3**

**FISCAL AGENT AGREEMENT** 

#### **SCHEDULE 3**

#### **FISCAL AGENT AGREEMENT**

This Fiscal Agent Agreement is part of the Contract issued by the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees ("University Board"), an authorizing body as defined by the Revised School Code, as amended (the "Code"), to FlexTech High School ("Academy"), a public school academy.

#### **Preliminary Recitals**

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

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

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

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

Section 1.1. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless otherwise provided, or unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following definitions:

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

"Agreement" means this Fiscal Agent Agreement.

"Fiscal Agent" means the University Board or an officer or employee of Central Michigan University as designated by the University Board.

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

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

"State" means the State of Michigan.

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

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#### ARTICLE II FISCAL AGENT DUTIES

- Section 2.1. <u>Receipt of State School Aid Payments and Other Funds</u>. The University Board is the Fiscal Agent for the Academy for the limited purpose of receiving State School Aid Payments. By separate agreement, the University Board and the Academy may also agree that the University will receive Other Funds for transfer to the Academy. The Fiscal Agent will receive State School Aid Payments from the State, as provided in Section 3.2.
- Section 2.2. <u>Transfer to Academy</u>. Except as provided in Article X of the Terms and Conditions of Contract and in the Oversight, Compliance and ReportingAgreement, the Fiscal Agent shall transfer all State School Aid Payments and all Other Funds received on behalf of the Academy to the Academy within ten (10) business days of receipt or as otherwise required by the provisions of the State School Aid Act of 1979 or applicable State Board rules. The State School Aid Payments and all Other Funds shall be transferred into the Academy Account designated by a resolution of the Academy Board and by a method of transfer acceptable to the Fiscal Agent.
- Section 2.3. <u>Limitation of Duties</u>. The Fiscal Agent has no responsibilities or duties to verify the Academy's pupil membership count, as defined in the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended, or to authorize, to approve or to determine the accuracy of the State Aid School Payments received on behalf of the Academy from the State Treasurer. The duties of the Fiscal Agent are limited to the receipt and transfer to the Academy of State School Aid Payments and Other Funds received by the Academy. The Fiscal Agent shall have no duty to monitor, account for or approve expenditures made by the Academy Board.
- Section 2.4. Academy Board Requests for Direct Intercept of State School Aid Payments. If the Academy Board (i) authorizes a direct intercept of a portion of its State School Aid Payments from the State to a third party account for the payment of Academy debts and liabilities; or (ii) assigns or directs that a portion of its State School Aid Payments be forwarded by the Fiscal Agent to a third party account for the payment of Academy debts and liabilities, then Academy shall submit to The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools at Central Michigan University for review and consideration: (i) a copy of the Academy Board's resolution authorizing the direct intercept or the assignment or direction of State School Aid Payments; (ii) a State School Aid Payment Agreement and Direction document that is in a form and manner acceptable to the Fiscal Agent; and (iii) other documents as required. The Center reserves the right to not acknowledge in writing any State School Aid Payment Agreement and Direction that is not in a form and manner acceptable to the Fiscal Agent. The State School Aid Payment and Direction document shall include language that the third party lender or trustee acknowledges and consents to the transfer of State School Aid Payments into the Academy's dissolution account, as set forth in Article X of the Terms and Conditions. Any unspent funds remaining in the Academy dissolution account after payment of all wind-up and dissolution expenses shall be returned to the Academy.

# ARTICLE III STATE DUTIES

Section 3.1 <u>Eligibility for State School Aid Payments</u>. The State, through its Department of Education, has sole responsibility for determining the eligibility of the Academy to receive State School Aid Payments. The State, through its Department of Education, has sole responsibility for determining the amount of State School Aid Payments, if any, the Academy shall be entitled to receive.

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- Section 3.2. <u>State School Aid Payment Overpayments and Penalties</u>. The State, through its Department of Education, has sole responsibility for determining State School Aid Payment overpayments to the Academy and the method and time period for repayment by the Academy. The State, through its Department of Education, has sole responsibility for assessing State School Aid penalties against the Academy for noncompliance with the Code and the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended.
- Section 3.3. <u>Method of Payment</u>. Each State School Aid Payment for the Academy will be made to the Fiscal Agent by the State Treasurer by issuing a warrant and delivering the warrant to the Fiscal Agent by electronic funds transfer into an account specified by the Fiscal Agent, or by such other means deemed acceptable to the Fiscal Agent. The State shall make State School Aid Payments at the times specified in the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended.

#### ARTICLE IV ACADEMY DUTIES

- Section 4.1. <u>Compliance with State School Aid Act</u>. In order to assure that funds are available for the education of pupils, the Academy shall comply with all applicable provisions of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended.
- Section 4.2. <u>Academy Account</u>. The Academy is authorized to establish an account in the name of the Academy. Signatories to the Academy Account shall be current Academy Board members and/or Academy Board employees, which shall not include employees of the Academy Board's Educational Service Provider, as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Academy Board. The Academy Board is authorized to approve withdrawals and transfers from any Academy Account. Any authorization approved by the Academy Board for automatic withdrawals or transfers from an Academy Account may only be terminated or amended by the Academy Board.
- Section 4.3. Expenditure of Funds. The Academy may expend funds that it receives from the State School Aid Fund for any purpose permitted by the State School Aid Act of 1979 and may enter into contracts and agreements determined by the Academy as consistent with the purposes for which the funds were appropriated.
- Section 4.4. <u>Mid-Year Transfers</u>. Funding for students transferring into or out of the Academy during the school year shall be in accordance with the State School Aid Act of 1979 or applicable State Board rules.
- Section 4.5. <u>Repayment of Overpayment</u>. The Academy shall be directly responsible for reimbursing the State for any overpayment of State School Aid Payments or any State School Aid penalties. At its option, the State may reduce subsequent State School Aid Payments by the amount of the overpayment or penalty or seek collection of the overpayment or penalty from the Academy.

#### ARTICLE V RECORDS AND REPORTS

Section 5.1. <u>Records</u>. The Fiscal Agent shall keep books of record and account of all transactions relating to the receipts, disbursements, allocations and application of the State School Aid Payments and Other Funds received, deposited or transferred for the benefit of the Academy, and these books shall be available for inspection at reasonable hours and under reasonable conditions by the Academy and the State.

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Section 5.2. Reports. Annually, the Fiscal Agent shall prepare and send to the Academy within thirty (30) days of September 1, a written report dated as of August 31. This report shall summarize all receipts, deposits and transfers made on behalf or for the benefit of the Academy during the period beginning on the latter of the date hereof or the date of the last such written report and ending on the date of the report, including without limitation, State School Aid Payments received on behalf of the Academy from the State Treasurer and any Other Funds which the University Board receives under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE VI CONCERNING THE FISCAL AGENT

- Section 6.1. <u>Representations</u>. The Fiscal Agent represents that it has all necessary power and authority to enter into this Agreement and undertake the obligations and responsibilities imposed upon it in this Agreement and that it will carry out all of its obligations under this Agreement.
- Section 6.2. <u>Limitation on Liability</u>. The liability of the Fiscal Agent to transfer funds to the Academy shall be limited to the amount of State School Aid Payments as are from time to time delivered by the State and the amount of Other Funds as delivered by the source of those funds.

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

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

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#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT**

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

Alyson Hayden, Director

Bureau of State and Authority Finance Michigan Department of Treasury

Date: February 28, 2024

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### **CONTRACT SCHEDULE 4**

OVERSIGHT, COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING AGREEMENT

#### **SCHEDULE 4**

#### OVERSIGHT, COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING AGREEMENT

This Oversight, Compliance, and Reporting Agreement is part of the Contract issued by the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees ("University Board"), an authorizing body as defined by the Revised School Code, as amended (the "Code"), to FlexTech High School ("Academy"), a public school academy.

#### **Preliminary Recitals**

WHEREAS, the University Board, subject to the leadership and general supervision of the State Board of Education over all public education, is responsible for overseeing the Academy's compliance with the Contract and all Applicable Law.

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

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

Section 1.1. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless otherwise provided, or unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following definitions:

"Agreement" means this Oversight, Compliance and Reporting Agreement.

"Oversight Responsibilities" means the University Board's oversight responsibilities set forth in Section 2.1 of this Agreement.

"Compliance and Reporting Duties" means the Academy's duties set forth in Section 2.2 of this Agreement.

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

# ARTICLE II OVERSIGHT, COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

- Section 2.1. <u>Oversight Responsibilities</u>. The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools ("the Center") at Central Michigan University, as it deems necessary to fulfill the University Board's Oversight Responsibilities, may undertake the following:
  - a. Monitor and evaluate if the Academy Board is properly governing the Academy and following the Amended Bylaws set forth in the Contract.
  - b. Monitor and evaluate the Academy's academic performance and progress toward achieving the educational goal and related measures set forth in Contract Schedule 7b.
  - c. Monitor and evaluate the Academy's implementation, delivery, and support of the educational program and curriculum as set forth in Contract Schedules 7c and 7d, respectively.

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- d. Monitor and evaluate the Academy's application and enrollment procedures as set forth in Contract Schedule 7f.
- e. Monitor and evaluate the Academy's organizational and financial viability.
- f. Monitor and evaluate the Academy's fiscal stewardship and use of public resources.
- g. Monitor and evaluate the records, internal controls or operations of the Academy.
- h. Monitor and evaluate if the Academy is staffed with qualified personnel and that appropriate background checks have been conducted.
- i. Monitor and evaluate if the Academy is providing a safe learning environment.
- j. Request evidence that the Academy has obtained the necessary permits and certificates to operate as a public school from the applicable governmental agencies, including, without limitation, the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs' Bureau of Construction Codes and local health departments.
- k. Conduct comprehensive on-site reviews to assess and/or evaluate the Academy's performance.
- 1. Monitor and evaluate if the Academy is demonstrating good faith in complying with the Contract, the Revised School Code, and all other Applicable Law.
- m. Request periodic reports from the Academy regarding any aspect of its operation including, but not limited to, information identified in Schedule 8 of the Contract.
- n. Initiate action pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of Contract to amend, revoke, reconstitute, terminate or suspend the Contract.
- o. Provide information and support to the Academy.
- Section 2.2. <u>Compliance and Reporting Duties</u>. The Academy agrees to fulfill the following Compliance and Reporting Duties:
  - a. Adopt and properly maintain governing board policies in accordance with Applicable Law.
  - b. Comply with the reporting and document submission requirements set forth in the Master Calendar of Reporting Requirements issued annually by the Center.
  - c. Comply with any Academy-specific reporting and document submission requirements established by the Center.
  - d. Comply with the insurance requirements set forth in Article XI, Section 11.2 of the Terms and Conditions of Contract.
  - e. Comply with the Center's Educational Service Provider Policies, as may be amended.

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- f. Report any litigation or formal proceedings to the Center including, but not limited to, litigation initiated by or against the Academy alleging violation of any Applicable Law. If the University is a named party, notify the general counsel for the University Board as set forth in Article XII, Section 12.1 of the Terms and Conditions.
- g. The Academy shall not occupy or use any school facility set forth in Schedule 6 of the Contract until such facility has received all fire, health and safety approvals required by Applicable Law and has been approved for occupancy by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs' Bureau of Construction Codes.
- h. Permit the Center to inspect the records, internal controls, operations or premises of the Academy at any reasonable time.
- i. Authorize the Center to perform audit and conduct systematic investigations, including research development, testing and evaluation studies, designed to develop and contribute to generalizable knowledge using Academy data including, but not limited to, personally identifiable information about the Academy's students and staff submitted by the Academy to agencies including, but not limited to, Center for Educational Performance and Information ("CEPI"), Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability ("OEAA") and the Michigan Department of Education ("MDE"). Pursuant to this authorization, the Center shall abide by the regulations that govern the use of student data within the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA 34 CFR Part 99), the Michigan Identity Theft Protection Act of 2004, and the Privacy Act of 1974.
- j. Upon request, the Academy Board shall provide the Center with a written report, along with supporting data, assessing the Academy's progress toward achieving the educational goal and related measures outlined in Contract Schedule 7b.
- k. Upon request, provide the Center with copies or view access to data, documents or information submitted to MDE, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education, CEPI or any other state or federal agency.
- 1. If the Academy operates an online or other distance learning program, it shall submit a monthly report to the MDE, in the form and manner prescribed by the MDE, that reports the number of pupils enrolled in the online or other distance learning program, during the immediately preceding month.

Section 2.3. <u>Waiver of Compliance and Reporting Duties</u>. The University Board, or the Center Director as its authorized designee, may modify or waive any of the Academy's Compliance and Reporting Duties.

# ARTICLE III RECORDS AND REPORTS

Section 3.1. <u>Records</u>. The Academy will keep complete and accurate records and reports of its governance and operations. These records and reports shall be available for inspection by the Center at reasonable hours and under reasonable conditions.

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### ARTICLE IV MISCELLANEOUS

Section 4.1. <u>Administrative Fee</u>. The Academy agrees to pay to the University Board an administrative fee of 3% of the Academy's State School Aid Payments. This fee shall be retained by the University Board from each State School Aid Payment received for forwarding to the Academy. This fee shall compensate the University Board for overseeing the Academy's compliance with the Contract and all Applicable Law and other related activities for which compensation is permissible. By agreement between the Center and the Academy, the University may charge additional fees beyond the administrative fees for services rendered.

Section 4.2. <u>Time of the Essence</u>. Time shall be of the essence in the performance of obligations from time to time imposed upon the Academy and the University Board by this Agreement.

### Section 4.3. <u>Audit and Evaluation</u>. The Academy:

- a. Hereby authorizes the Center to perform audit and evaluation studies using Academy data including, but not limited to, personally identifiable information about the Academy's students and staff submitted by the Academy to agencies including, but not limited to, CEPI, OEAA and the MDE. Pursuant to this authorization, the Center shall abide by regulations that govern the use of student data within the FERPA, the Michigan Identity Theft Protection Act of 2004 and the Privacy Act of 1974.
- b. Shall upon request, provide the Center with copies or view access to data, documents or information submitted to the MDE, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education, CEPI, the Michigan DataHub or any other state or federal agency.

Section 4.4. Fiscal Stress Notification from State Treasurer. If the State Treasurer notifies the Academy that the State Treasurer has declared the potential for Academy financial stress exists, the Academy shall provide a copy of the notice to the Center. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notification from the Academy, the Center Director shall notify the Academy whether the Center is interested in entering into a contract to perform an administrative review for the Academy. The parties shall consult with the Department of Treasury on the development of the contract and the contract for administrative review shall comply with the Code. If the Center is not interested in performing an administrative review or if the parties are unable to reach agreement on an administrative review, the Academy shall consider entering into a contract for an administrative review with an intermediate school district. Nothing in this Section 4.4 shall prohibit the Academy for electing to enter into a contract for an administrative review with an intermediate school district. Nothing in this Section 4.4 shall require the Academy to elect to enter or not enter into a contract for an administrative review with the Center or an intermediate school district.

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# CONTRACT SCHEDULE 5 <u>DESCRIPTION OF STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES</u>

### **DESCRIPTION OF STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Pursuant to Applicable Law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, including Article III, Section 3.6., the Academy is authorized to employ or contract for personnel according to the position information outlined in this schedule. Before entering into an agreement with an Educational Service Provider, as defined in the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, to provide comprehensive educational, administrative, management or instructional services or staff to the Academy, the Academy Board must first comply with the Educational Service Provider Policies adopted by the Center.

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Qualifications. The Academy shall comply with all Applicable Law regarding requirements affecting personnel employed by or assigned to the Academy including (but not limited to): qualifications, evaluation systems, criminal background checks and unprofessional conduct disclosures. All administrators or other person whose primary responsibility is administering instructional programs or as a chief business official shall meet the certification and continuing education requirements as described in MCL 380.1246. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Academy shall use certificated teachers according to state board rule.

Administrator and Teacher Evaluation Systems. The Academy Board shall adopt and implement for all teachers and school administrators a rigorous, transparent, and fair performance evaluation system that complies with the Code. If the Academy enters into an agreement with an Educational Service Provider, then the Academy Board shall ensure that the Educational Service Provider adopts a performance evaluation system that complies with MCL 380.1249.

Performance Evaluation System. During the term of this Contract, the Academy shall not assign a pupil to be taught in the same subject area for 2 consecutive years by a teacher who has been rated as ineffective on his or her 2 most recent annual year-end evaluations per the Code. If the Academy is unable to comply with this provision of the Code and plans to assign a pupil to be taught in the same subject area for 2 consecutive years by a teacher who has been rated as ineffective on his or her 2 most recent annual year-end evaluations per the Code, the Academy Board shall notify the pupil's parent or legal guardian that the pupil has been assigned to be taught in the same subject area for a second consecutive year by a teacher who has been rated as ineffective on his or her 2 most recent annual year-end evaluations. The notification shall be in writing, shall be delivered to the parent or legal guardian not later than July 15<sup>th</sup> immediately preceding the beginning of the school year for which the pupil is assigned to the teacher, and shall include an explanation of why the pupil is assigned to the teacher. MCL 380.1249a.

Teacher and Administrator Job Performance Criteria. The Academy Board shall implement and maintain a method of compensation for its teachers and school administrators that includes job performance and job accomplishments as a significant factor in determining compensation and additional compensation. The assessment of job performance shall incorporate a rigorous, transparent, and fair evaluation system that evaluates a teacher's or school administrator's performance at least in part based upon data on student growth as measured by assessments and other objective criteria. If the Academy enters into an agreement with an Educational Service Provider, then the Academy Board shall ensure that the Educational Service Provider complies with this section. MCL 380.1250.

#### **Reporting Structure**

All positions are employed by CS Partners, LLC, and CSP Management, Inc., d/b/a as Partner Solutions for Schools ("CSP Management" and together with CS Partners, collectively "CSP").

### **Position Responsibilities**

Following are the categories into which Academy staff fall. Descriptions for all positions employed by or assigned to the Academy are available at the Academy.

### **School Administrator(s)**

As stated above, all administrators or other person whose primary responsibility is administering instructional programs or as a chief business official shall meet the certification and continuing education requirements as described in MCL 380.1246. In addition to the position titles identified in MCL 380.1246, the Michigan Department of Education ("MDE") will deem an administrator working

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at a district or school level to be "administering instructional programs" if the person's position description or day-today duties include any or all of the following elements \*:

- 1. Responsibility for curriculum. This includes final or executive decisions which directly impact what should be taught to students and how it should be delivered, as well as what learning outcomes are expected, often following a philosophy of research, best practices, and continuous improvement providing equitable access to all students.
- 2. Responsibility for overseeing district or school improvement plan design or implementation. This includes a vision and a method for execution of plans regarding incorporating student assessment, using student performance and school safety data to drive decision-making, the use of information technology to support improvement, professional development, and overall student achievement.
- 3. Oversight of instructional policies. This includes the creation, modification, and recommendation of final policy regarding any aspect of how teachers implement, deliver, and support curriculum. Whether or not making specific financial decisions in support of these policies is part of the oversight role, this person still has final decision-making responsibility for instruction.
- 4. Executive-level reporting on academic progress to a governing authority. This includes providing updates, documentation, data, or presentations in an official or executive capacity to a governing body regarding progress on student learning goals—whether or not these reports are tied to expenditures related to the successful delivery of the instruction.
- 5. Supervision and evaluation of direct reports responsible for instruction. This includes providing executive leadership for employees who report to the individual, and providing direction to establish work priorities and decision-making. This involves evaluation of educator efficacy as well as general work performance of staff.

(\*This statement and numbered items that follow it were taken directly from the February 23, 2017, Memorandum issued by the MDE.)

#### **Instructional Staff**

As stated above, except as otherwise provided by law, the Academy shall use certificated teachers according to state board rule. Individuals that are considered instructional staff are responsible for implementing the Academy's curriculum, developing assessments and monitoring student progress. Instructional staff whose main responsibility is working with students with disabilities must modify instructional techniques in order to enhance learning for all students.

#### **Non-Instructional Staff**

The staff that fall into this category are not required to hold an administrator certificate or a teaching certificate. The individuals in this category support the Academy's pursuit of its mission, vision, and educational goals.

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#### SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Services Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of July 1, 2024 by and among CS PARTNERS, INC., a Michigan corporation ("CS Partners"), CSP MANAGEMENT INC., a Michigan corporation d/b/a PARTNER SOLUTIONS FOR SCHOOLS ("Partner Solutions for Schools" and together with CS Partners, collectively "CSP"), and FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL, a Michigan public school academy (the "Academy") formed under Part 6(A) of the Revised School Code (the "Code"), as amended.

As a wholly owned subsidiary of CS Partners, Partner Solutions for Schools is the employer of record for all staff assigned to work at the Academy. CS Partners provides the educational consulting services and oversees the management and operational services of the Academy. Together, CS Partners and Partner Solutions for Schools are jointly responsible for providing the Services under this Agreement.

The Academy has been issued a contract (the "Contract") by the CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (the "Authorizer") to organize and operate a public school academy. The Authorizer is the statutory authorizing body. The Code and the Contract permit a public school academy to contract with persons and entities for the operation and management of the public school academy.

The Academy and CSP desire to create an enduring educational partnership whereby the Academy and CSP will work together to develop and bring about systems of educational excellence and services to the Academy based on CSP's vision of school design, CSP's management principles, the Educational Program (defined below), and the educational goals and curriculum adopted by the Board of Directors of the Academy (the "Board").

THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I Relationship of the Parties and Other Matters

Section 1. <u>Authority</u>. The Academy represents that (a) it is authorized by law to contract with a private entity for the provision of management and operational services to the Academy, (b) it has been issued the Contract from the Authorizer to organize and operate a public school academy, (c) it is authorized by the Authorizer to supervise and control the Academy, and (d) it is vested with all powers necessary or desirable for carrying out the Educational Program (defined below) contemplated in this Agreement.

To the extent permitted by law, the Academy hereby authorizes and grants to CSP the necessary authority and power to perform under this Agreement. No provision of this Agreement shall interfere with the Board's statutory, contractual, and fiduciary responsibilities, nor shall any provisions of this Agreement be construed so as to prohibit the Academy from acting as an independent, self-governing public body, or allow public decisions to be made other than in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

FTB Board Packet 5-17-24 Page 32 of 119 Section 2. <u>Services; Educational Program.</u> The parties agree that CSP, to the extent permitted by and in conformity with the Contract and applicable laws, shall provide all labor, materials, and supervision necessary for the provision of the management and operational services to the Academy contemplated by this Agreement as specifically set forth on the attached <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "Services").

CSP shall provide Services to the Academy so the Academy can carry out the educational goals, educational programs, curriculum, method of pupil assessment, admissions, policy and criteria, school calendar and school day schedule, and age and grade range of pupils to be enrolled, educational goals and methods to be used to monitor compliance with performance of targeted educational outcomes, as previously adopted by the Board and as included in the Contract (collectively, the "Educational Program").

Section 3. <u>Compliance with Academy's Contract</u>. CSP agrees to perform its duties and responsibilities under this Agreement in a manner that is consistent with the Academy's obligations under the Academy's Contract issued by the Authorizer. The provisions of the Academy's Contract shall supersede any competing or conflicting provisions contained in this Agreement.

Section 4. <u>Relationship of the Parties</u>. CSP is not a division or any part of the Academy. The Academy is a corporate and governmental entity authorized under the Code. The Academy is not a division or any part of CSP. The relationship between the parties hereto was developed and entered into through arms-length negotiation and is based solely on the terms of this Agreement.

Section 5. <u>CSP as Independent Contractor</u>; <u>Agency.</u> The parties to this Agreement intend that the relationship of CSP to the Academy is that of an independent contractor, and not an employee of the Academy. Except as set forth in this paragraph, no agent or employee of CSP shall be determined to be an agent or employee of the Academy, except as expressly acknowledged, in writing, by the Academy. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CSP and its employees and subcontractors are hereby designated by the Board as "School Officials" of the Academy having a legitimate educational interest such that they are entitled to access educational records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and its implementing regulations during the Term of this Agreement (defined below) to the extent that their roles fit the definition of School Official under § 99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)) of FERPA's implementing regulations. CSP and its employees and subcontractors agree to comply with FERPA and corresponding regulations applicable to school officials. CSP shall promulgate and recommend to the Board policies and administrative guidelines sufficient to implement this Section.

During the Term of this Agreement, the Academy may disclose confidential data and information to CSP, and its respective officers, directors, employees and designated agents to the extent permitted by applicable law, including without limitation, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the Individual with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), 20 USC §1401 et seq., 34 CFR 300.610 -300.626; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 USC §794a, 34 CFR 104.36; the Michigan Mandatory Special Education Act, MCL 380.1701 et seq.; the American with Disabilities Act, 42 USC §12101 et seq.; the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability

Act ("HIPAA"), 42 USC 1320d -13200d-8; 45 CFR 160, 162 and 164; Privacy Act of 1974, 5 USC §552a; and the Michigan Social Security Number Privacy Act, MCL 445.84. CSP will be solely responsible for its acts, the acts of its agents, employees, and those subcontractors who are contracted through CSP.

Section 6. No Related Parties or Common Control. The parties hereby agree that none of the voting power of the governing body of the Academy or the Board will be vested in CSP or its directors, members, managers, officers, shareholders, or employees. Further, the Academy and CSP are not, and shall not become: (a) members of the same controlled group, as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "IRS Code"); or (b) related persons, as that term is defined in the IRS Code.

Section 7. <u>Personnel Responsibility</u>. CSP has the ultimate authority to select discipline and transfer personnel, consistent with applicable laws. The School Leader (as defined below) shall be responsible for approving and submitting appropriate hours-worked reports for all hourly employees. CSP evaluation and compensation systems shall comply with all applicable laws.

Section 8. School Leader. CSP shall identify and appoint a School Leader, with advisory input from the Board, to oversee the management, operation and performance of the Academy, including the Educational Program at the Academy (the "School Leader"). The School Leader will be an employee of Partner Solutions for Schools, who may be disciplined and/or terminated by CSP in its sole discretion. The School Leader will serve as the on-site supervisor to Staff. The School Leader, in consultation with CSP, will select and hold accountable all staff in leadership team positions. The School Leader shall be responsible for supervising and managing the Educational Program and instruction of students. CSP will have the authority, consistent with applicable laws, to select and supervise the School Leader and to hold the School Leader accountable for the success of the Academy. CSP shall notify the Board prior to the termination of the School Leader.

If the Board becomes dissatisfied with the performance of the School Leader, it shall state the causes of such dissatisfaction in writing and deliver it to CSP. CSP shall have a reasonable period of time to remedy the dissatisfaction; however, if it cannot remedy the dissatisfaction, CSP shall remove and replace the School Leader at the Academy as soon as practicable. Additionally, it is agreed that any dissatisfaction of the Board shall be reasonable in nature and related specifically to the duties and responsibilities of the School Leader at the Academy.

Section 9. <u>Teachers and staff.</u> CSP will provide administrative support to the School Leader to obtain resumes and credential information for the School Leader to staff the Academy. CSP will empower the School Leader with the authority to select, hire and hold accountable the teachers and support staff for the operation of the Academy. After qualified staff are selected and hired by the School Leader, Partner Solutions for Schools will onboard and provide additional administrative support to the School Leader. Teachers employed by Partner Solutions for Schools are not eligible for purposes of continuing tenure under MCL §38.71 et seq.

Section 10. <u>Criminal Background Checks</u>. Partner Solutions for Schools agrees that it shall not assign any of its employees, agents or other individuals to perform any services under

this Agreement except as permitted under Sections 1230, 1230a, 1230b and related provisions of the Code pertaining to criminal background and criminal conduct checks. The Academy shall require that the results of the criminal background check are received, reviewed, and used (subject to a verification process) by the Academy's Authorized User acting on behalf of the Academy and/or the Board, only as permitted by law to evaluate the qualifications of the individual for his/her assignment.

Section 11. The Board. The Board is the governing body with oversight responsibilities over the Academy. The parties acknowledge that throughout this Agreement the term "Board" and the term "Academy" are sometimes used interchangeably in some sections for the sole purpose of readability based on the nature and subject-matter of the article/section. This Agreement must be approved by the Board and executed by a duly authorized member of the Board (on behalf of the Academy), and by so executing this Agreement the Board acknowledges and accepts all obligations and responsibilities related to the Board as set forth in this Agreement.

Section 12. <u>Availability of Funds</u>. Notwithstanding any other term or provision in this Agreement to the contrary, CSP shall not be, directly or indirectly, liable to any third party for any cost or expense incurred by the Academy, and CSP shall only be required to perform its responsibilities under this Agreement to the extent that CSP has received such revenues from the Academy pursuant to the terms of this Agreement (excluding Payroll Costs as elsewhere defined in this agreement that are legally owed to staff at the Academy). CSP shall, however, remain liable to the Academy for any cost it commits the Academy to without the Board's approval.

Section 13. <u>Information Available to the Public.</u> On an annual basis, CSP shall provide the Academy Board all the same information that a school district is required to disclose under section 18(2) of the State School Aid Act, MCL 388.1618(2), for the most recent school fiscal year for which the information is available. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this information under section 18(2), the Academy Board shall make this information publicly available on its website, in a form and manner prescribed by the Michigan Department of Education. The defined terms in Section 503c of the Code shall have the same meaning in this Agreement.

Section 14. <u>Non-Compete Agreement.</u> CSP agrees that it shall not impose any contractual requirement or contractual obligation on any of its employees assigned to the Academy to enter into a non-compete provision or agreement of any nature.

Section 15. <u>Lease and Loans.</u> If the Academy and CSP enter into a lease, execute promissory notes or other negotiable instruments, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement or other financing relationship, then such agreements must be separately documented and separately approved and shall not be a part of or incorporated into this Agreement. In addition, all such agreements must comply with the Contract and applicable law, as well as any applicable Authorizer policies.

Section 16. <u>Data Security Breach</u>. In the event the Academy experiences a data security breach of personally identifiable information from the Academy's education records not suitable for public release, CSP shall assist the Academy, in accordance with MCL 445.72, to take

appropriate action to assess the risk and notify affected individuals whose personal information may have been compromised.

#### ARTICLE II Term

Section 1. <u>Term.</u> This Agreement shall be effective for the duration of the Academy's current authorizing Contract term of three (3) years with the Authorizer beginning July 1, 2024 ("Effective Date") subject to earlier termination under Article VI, and ending on June 30, 2027. The term of this Agreement shall not exceed the term of the Academy's Contract.

### ARTICLE III Obligations of the Academy

Section 1. <u>Good Faith Obligation</u>. The Academy shall exercise good faith in considering CSP's recommendations relative to the Educational Program and/or the Services.

Section 2. <u>Academy Funds</u>. The Board shall determine the depository of all funds received by the Academy including, but not limited to, the State School Aid and any Additional Revenue (as defined in <u>Exhibit A</u>). All funds received by the Academy shall be deposited in the Academy's depository account as required by law. Signatories on all Academy Board accounts shall solely be members of the Board or properly designated Academy Board employees. All interest or investment earnings on Academy accounts shall accrue to the Academy.

Section 3. <u>Notification Requirement</u>. The Academy agrees to notify CSP in writing if the Academy receives a notification from its Authorizer regarding an intent to revoke the Contract. Further, in the event the Board discusses a possible non-renewal or closure of the Academy, or if the Authorizer suggests such a discussion, CSP will be notified and invited to participate in any such discussion.

## ARTICLE IV Compensation and Reimbursement of Costs

Section 1. <u>Compensation for Services</u>. During the Term of this Agreement, the Board shall pay CS Partners an annual fee (the "Fee") equal to ten percent (10%) of the total Aid received from the State of Michigan (including any State categorical funds), pursuant to the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended, for the particular number of students enrolled in the Academy ("Student Enrollment"). "Student Enrollment" shall be based on the Academy's final blended student count added to the number of students enrolled in the Academy's Great Start Readiness Program (if applicable). At no time shall the annual fee be less than \$120,000.

The Fee may also include ten percent (10%) of any Additional Revenue (as defined in Exhibit A) provided that CS Partners discloses that the Fee also applies to said Additional Revenue prior to the application of such Fee.

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

- (A) CSP's compensation under this Agreement is reasonable compensation for services to be rendered hereunder and is not based, in whole or in part, on a share of net profits and/or a share of the net losses from the operation of the Academy or upon the disposition, damage or destruction of the Academy's property; (B) This Agreement does not pass on to CSP the burden of bearing any share of net losses from the operation of the Academy or upon the disposition, damage or destruction of the Academy's property; (C) The term of this Agreement is not greater than 30 years or 80 percent of the useful life of the Academy's school facilities currently financed with tax-exempt debt (if shorter) including all renewal options; (D) The Academy bears the risk of loss upon the disposition, damage or destruction of the Academy's property; and (E) CSP is not entitled to and will not take any federal tax position that is inconsistent with being a service provider under this Agreement to the Academy.
- (ii) In interpreting this Agreement and in the provision of the services required hereunder, CSP shall not have any role or relationship with the Academy that, in effect, substantially limits the Academy's ability to exercise its rights and obligations under State law. As required by the Academy's Article of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Academy Board may not include any director, officer or employee of a management company that contracts with the Academy. In furtherance of such restriction, it is agreed between the Academy and CSP that none of the voting power of the governing body of the Academy will be vested in CSP or its directors, members, managers, officers, shareholders and employees, and the Academy and CSP will not be related parties as defined in Treas. Reg. 1.150-1(b).

Section 2. <u>Payment of Payroll Costs.</u> In addition to the Fee, Partner Solutions for Schools will invoice the Academy for all employment costs ("Payroll Costs") for Partner Solutions for Schools' employees assigned to the Academy. Payroll Costs include salary, benefits, and other costs attributable to personnel employed and assigned by Partner Solutions for Schools to perform Services at the Academy under this Agreement, including but not limited to gross wages, FICA, Medicare, FUTA, SUTA, workers' compensation insurance, professional liability insurance (including applicable deductibles), employer portions of health, dental, vision and life insurance, and 401K employer contributions (if applicable).

Partner Solutions for Schools shall be advanced funds for Payroll Costs no later than the third business day preceding each payroll date ("Payroll Date") for Partner Solutions for Schools' employees assigned to perform Services at the Academy under this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the Payroll Date shall be that date or dates established annually by Partner Solutions for Schools.

If Payroll Costs have not been funded by the Academy by the payroll date, Partner Solutions for Schools may send lay-off notices to Partner Solutions for Schools' employees. At that time, Partner Solutions for Schools will also provide the Academy an invoice for all accrued

Partner Solutions for Schools' staff wages (earned but not yet paid) for employees and staff assigned to the Academy for payment.

Section 3. <u>Payment of Reimbursable Expenses</u>. In addition to the Fee, the Academy shall reimburse CSP for all costs reasonably incurred and paid by CSP ("Reimbursable Expenses") in providing the Services specifically related to the Academy. Reimbursable Expenses include, but are not limited to, Payroll Costs (as defined in Section 2 above) for Partner Solutions for Schools' employees assigned to the Academy that are not advanced under Section 2 above, a determination has been made by a governmental entity, administrative agency or court of law to pay into Michigan Public Employees Retirement System (MPSERS), other expenses for equipment, software, supplies, food service, transportation, special education, psychological services, and medical services.

CSP will invoice the Academy for reimbursement of Reimbursable Expenses with a detailed receipt of material or services provided. The Academy shall only reimburse for costs included in an annual operating budget approved by the Board or as amended during the academic year. In paying such costs on behalf of the Academy, CSP shall not charge an added fee (or markup). Marketing and development costs paid by or charged to the Academy shall be limited to those costs specific to the Academy program, and shall not include any costs for the marketing and development of CSP. No corporate costs of CSP shall be charged to, or reimbursed by, the Academy.

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

Documentation of all expenses must be reflected in the Board's financial packets and presented to the Board for approval and/or ratification at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

All items acquired with Academy funds including, but not limited to, instructional materials, equipment, supplies, furniture, computers, and other technology, shall be owned by and remain the property of the Academy.

Section 4. Other Institutions. The Academy acknowledges that CSP may enter into agreements similar to this Agreement with other public or private educational schools or institutions (the "Institutions"). CSP shall maintain separate accounts for reimbursable expenses incurred on behalf of the Academy and for reimbursable expenses incurred on behalf of the Institutions. CSP shall only charge the Academy for expenses incurred on behalf of the Academy.

If CSP incurs reimbursable expenses on behalf of the Academy and the Institutions which are incapable of precise allocation between the Academy and the Institutions, then CSP shall allocate such expenses among the Institutions and the Academy, on a pro-rata basis, based on the number of students enrolled at the Academy and the Institutions, or the number of staff assigned to the Academy and the Institutions or upon such other equitable basis as agreed by the parties. Any such information will be provided to the Academy's auditors as necessary to verify as part of the audit.

Section 5. Review of Budget. In accordance with the Board-approved budget timeline, CSP shall propose an annual budget for the Academy to the Academy's Chief Administrative Officer ("CAO") and the Board. The Board shall review, revise, and timely approve the annual budget. The Academy's CAO shall not be an employee of CSP but shall be a member of the Academy Board.

Section 6. Procurement Policies. The Board hereby retains the obligation, as provided in the Code, to adopt written policies governing the procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment for the Academy. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, CSP shall directly procure all supplies, materials, and equipment provided that CSP complies with the Code including, but not limited to, Sections 1267 and 1274 of the Code, MCL 380.1267 and MCL 380.1274, as if the Academy were making these purchases directly from a third party supplier or vendor and the Board's written policies promulgated thereunder related to such items as if the Academy were making these purchases directly from a third party supplier or vendor. CSP shall not include any added fees or charges with the cost of equipment, materials and supplies purchased from third parties or vendors.

### ARTICLE V Proprietary Information

Section 1. <u>Academy's Rights to Curriculum and Educational Materials.</u> The Academy shall own, without restriction, all proprietary rights to curriculum and educational materials that: (a) are or were both directly developed and paid for by the Academy; or (b) are or were developed by CSP at the direction of the Board with Academy funds.

Section 2. <u>CSP's Rights to Curriculum and Educational Materials.</u> CSP shall own, without restriction, all curriculum, and educational materials, and all other proprietary information owned by, developed by or otherwise in the possession of CSP, except as set forth in this Article.

Section 3. Non-Disclosure of Proprietary Information. Except as specifically required by the Code, Court Order, discovery mandated by state or federal court rules or the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, the proprietary information and materials of CSP shall be held in strict confidence by the Academy. Such proprietary information and materials must be clearly marked in order to be protected. CSP's educational materials and teaching techniques used by the Academy are subject to disclosure under the Code and the Freedom of Information Act.

During the Term of this Agreement, and continuing for three (3) years thereafter, both parties hereby agree that they will not use or disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, for any purpose whatsoever, any such proprietary information without the prior written consent of the other party.

#### ARTICLE VI Termination

Section 1. <u>Termination by CSP</u>. CSP may terminate this Agreement prior to the end of the Term in the event the Board fails to remedy a material breach within the required time frames below, subject to Sections 6 and 8 below.

- 1. CSP may immediately terminate this Agreement with no additional liability or responsibility if CSP fails to receive compensation for Payroll Costs. For this breach only, the Academy has until the Payroll Date to fund payroll or reach an agreement with CSP on the payment of these funds or else an immediate breach may be declared.
- 2. CSP may also terminate this Agreement with no additional liability or responsibility upon the occurrence of the following:
  - a) Academy operations cease to exist due to, but not limited to, bankruptcy or insolvency, discontinued operations by its successors and assigns, facility closure, or reconstruction;
  - b) The Academy requests a reduction in workforce greater than 20%;
  - c) The Academy is a financially distressed business as set forth in the Worker Assistance and Retraining Notification Act (WARN), 29 U.S.C. §2101, et seq. The Board shall notify CSP 90 days prior to the facility closure in order for CSP to satisfy notice requirements to Partner Solutions' staff under WARN;
  - d) A determination has been made by a governmental entity, administrative agency or court of law that Partner Solutions for Schools is required to pay into MPSERS;
  - e) Failure by the Academy to pay the Fee or Reimbursables Expenses;
  - f) If there is a substantial and unforeseen increase in the cost of administering services of this Agreement; or
  - g) The Academy makes decisions inconsistent with the recommendations of CSP.

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

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

Notwithstanding the foregoing, CSP may terminate this Agreement without cause and without penalty to be effective upon completion of an academic year provided that CSP delivers

written notice of intention to terminate to the Academy at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the then-current academic year.

Section 2. <u>Termination by Academy.</u> The Academy may terminate this Agreement prior to the end of the Term in the event that CSP fails to remedy a material breach within the required time frames below.

- 1. Material failure by CSP to account for its expenditures or to pay funds for all compensation required for payroll (provided that CSP has received such funds from the Academy to do so);
- 2. Material failure by CSP to provide the Services as required by this Agreement;
- 3. A determination has been made by a governmental entity, administrative agency or court of law that Partner Solutions for Schools is required to participate in MPSERS: or
- 4. Any action or inaction by CSP that causes the Contract to be in jeopardy of revocation, suspension or termination, as evidenced by written notification from the Authorizer and is not cured within sixty (60) days of that notice.

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

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

Section 3. <u>Revocation or Termination of Contract</u>. If the Academy's Contract issued by the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees is revoked or terminated or a new charter contract is not issued to the Academy after expiration of the Academy's Contract, this Agreement shall automatically terminate on the same date as the Academy's Contract is revoked, terminated or expires without further action of the parties.

Section 4. Amendment Caused By Academy Site Closure or Reconstitution. In the event that the Academy is required (i) to close an Academy site pursuant to a notice issued—under Section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507; or (ii) to undergo a reconstitution pursuant to Section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507, and the Contract, and such closure of an Academy site or reconstitution causes an amendment to or termination of this Agreement, the parties agree that this Agreement shall be amended or terminated to implement the Academy site closure or reconstitution, with no cost or penalty to the Academy, and CSP shall have no recourse against the Academy or the Authorizer Board for implementing such site closure or reconstitution.

Section 5. Change in Law. If any federal, State or local law or regulation, or court or administrative decision, or attorney general's opinion (collectively referred to in this Agreement as the "applicable laws") has a substantial and material adverse impact (as reasonably determined by the party suffering the impact) on the ability of the impacted party to carry out its obligations under this Agreement, then the impacted party, upon written notice, may request a renegotiation of this Agreement. If the parties are unable or unwilling to successfully renegotiate the terms of this Agreement within ninety (90) days after the notice, and after making good faith efforts which shall include, but not be limited to, the use of a third party arbitrator and/or alternative dispute resolution process, the impacted party may terminate this Agreement as of the end of the thencurrent academic year.

Section 6. <u>Transition</u>. The Academy and CSP agree to make all efforts necessary to remedy a breach of this Agreement in order to continue school operations until completion of the then-current school fiscal year. If a breach cannot be remedied, the Academy and CSP agree to work cooperatively to transition management and operations of the school without disrupting the school's operations. In the event of any termination prior to the end of the Term of this Agreement, CSP shall provide reasonable assistance in accordance with the Authorizer's Educational Service Provider Policies. CSP shall perform this transition or termination in a similar manner as described in Article VI, Section 8 below based upon completion of the then-current school period.

Section 7. <u>Personal Property upon Termination or Expiration</u>. Upon any termination or the expiration of this Agreement, the Academy may elect (a) to purchase any personal property which has been purchased or leased from a third party solely with CSP funds, provided such purchase or lease is permitted under the purchase or lease documents relating thereto, at the fair market, depreciated value of such personal property or (b) to return same to CSP. All personal property purchased or leased by CSP using Academy funds is and shall remain the personal property of the Academy.

Section 8. <u>Obligations Upon Termination or Expiration</u>. Upon any termination or the expiration of this Agreement, the parties shall remain obligated for all financial or other obligations due at the time of the termination or expiration.

Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, or this Agreement is terminated due to a Contract revocation, reconstitution, termination or non-renewal, CSP shall, without additional charge: (i) close the financial records on the then-current school fiscal year which includes, but is not limited to, the completion and submission of the annual financial audit, state and federal grant reporting and all other associated reporting within required timelines established by the appropriate local, state or federal authority; (ii) organize and prepare student records for transition to the new ESP, self-management or in the case of a school closure, transfer to a student's new school as designated by the student's parent / legal guardian or to a person or entity authorized to hold such records; (iii) provide for the orderly transition of employee compensation and benefits to the new ESP or self-management without disruption to staffing, or in the case of school closure, final payment of all legally required employee compensation, benefit and tax obligations related to services provided by CSP to the Academy; (iv) organize and prepare the Academy's records, both electronic and hard-copy, for transition to the new ESP, self-management or dissolution; and (v) provide for the orderly transition to the new ESP, self-management or dissolution of all Academy-

owned assets including, but not limited to, furniture, fixtures, equipment and real estate. This includes any keys, log-in information and passwords related to any Academy asset.

After any termination or the expiration of this Agreement, and once all such obligations referenced above are satisfied, the parties shall have no further obligations to each other under this Agreement whatsoever except for the continuing obligations under (a) Article V (confidentiality and non-use/non-disclosure of proprietary information) and (b) Article VII (indemnification).

### ARTICLE VII Indemnification and Cooperation

Section 1. <u>Indemnification of CSP</u>. To the extent permitted by law, the Academy shall indemnify, save, and hold harmless CSP and all of its employees, officers, directors, subcontractors, and agents against any and all lawsuits and causes of action or other forms of liability that may arise out of or by reason of any noncompliance by the Academy with any agreements, covenants, warranties or undertakings of the Academy contained in or made pursuant to this Agreement; any misrepresentations or breach of this Agreement; and any acts or failures to act by the Academy which occurred prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. <u>Indemnification of the Academy</u>. CSP shall indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Academy and all of its employees (if any), officers, directors, subcontractors, and agents against any and all lawsuits and causes of action or other forms of liability that may arise out of, or by reason of any noncompliance by CSP with any agreements, covenants, warranties, or undertakings of CSP contained in or made pursuant to this Agreement; any misrepresentation or breach of this Agreement; and any acts or failures to act by CSP which occurred prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

Section 3. <u>Indemnification for Negligence</u>. To the extent permitted by law, each party to this Agreement shall indemnify and hold harmless the other, and their respective boards of directors, partners, officers, employees, agents, and representatives, from any and all claims and liabilities which they may incur and which arise out of the negligence of the other party's trustees, directors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives.

Section 4. <u>Immunities and Limitations</u>. The Academy may assert all immunities and statutory limitations of liability in connection with any claims arising under this Agreement.

Section 5. <u>Responsibility of the Parties</u>. Each party will be solely and entirely responsible for its acts and omissions and for the acts and omissions of its agents and employees (if any) in connection with the performance of that party's responsibilities under this Agreement.

Section 6. <u>Mutual Duty to Cooperate</u>. The parties acknowledge that each party has a duty and obligation to cooperate with the other party, and further that such duty to cooperate is a material part of this Agreement. The purpose of the duty to cooperate is to enable each party to perform its obligations as efficiently as possible. The duty to cooperate shall include all areas of the business of the Academy and the Services. The duty to cooperate also includes reasonable assistance in the event of litigation or a dispute involving a party related to the Academy or the Services provided, such as provision of testimony, records and/or documents reasonably related to the litigation or dispute (which are not otherwise protected from disclosure under applicable law). The duty to cooperate will be provided in such a manner that it does not adversely affect the other party's ability to defend against a claim.

Section 7. Indemnification of Central Michigan University. The parties acknowledge and agree that Central Michigan University, its Board of Trustees, and its members, officers, employees, agents or representatives (collectively "University") are deemed to be third party beneficiaries for purposes of this Agreement. As third party beneficiaries, CSP hereby promises to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the University from and against all claims, demands, actions, suits, causes of action, losses, judgments, liabilities, damages, fines, penalties, forfeitures, or any other liabilities or losses of any kind whatsoever, including costs and expenses (not limited to reasonable attorney fees, expert and other professional fees), of settlement and prosecution imposed upon or incurred by the University, and not caused by the sole negligence of the University, which arise out of or are in any manner connected with the University Board's approval of the Academy's application, the University Board's consideration of or issuance of a Contract, CSP preparation for or operation of the Academy, or which are incurred as a result of the reliance by the University upon information supplied by CSP, or which arise out of CSP's failure to comply with the Contract or Applicable Law. The parties expressly acknowledge and agree that the University may commence legal action against CSP to enforce its rights as set forth in this section of the Agreement.

### ARTICLE VIII Insurance

Section 1. Academy Insurance. The Academy will secure and maintain general liability and umbrella insurance coverage. This coverage will include the building and related capital facilities if they are the property of the Academy. The Academy will maintain such insurance in an amount and on such terms as required by the provisions of the Contract, including the indemnification of CSP required by this Agreement, and naming CSP as an additional insured. The Academy will, upon request, present evidence to CSP that it maintains the requisite insurance in compliance with the provisions of this section. CSP will comply with any information or reporting requirements applicable to the Academy under the Academy's policy with its insurer(s), to the extent practicable. Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor shall be construed, as a waiver or relinquishment of any immunity from action or liability enjoyed by the Academy under controlling law.

- Section 2. <u>CSP Insurance</u>. CSP will secure and maintain general liability and umbrella insurance coverage, with the Academy listed as an additional insured. CSP will maintain such policies of insurance as are required by the Contract and the Michigan Universities Self-Insurance Corporation ("M.U.S.I.C."), including the indemnification of the Academy as required by this Agreement. In the event that Authorizer or M.U.S.I.C. requests any change in coverage by CSP, CSP agrees to comply with any change in the type or amount of coverage as requested, within thirty (30) days after notice of the insurance coverage change. CSP will, upon request, present evidence to the Academy and Authorizer that it maintains the requisite insurance in compliance with the provisions of this section. The Academy will comply with any information or reporting requirements applicable to CSP under CSP's policy with its insurer(s), to the extent practicable.
- Section 3. Evidence and Notices. Each party shall, upon request, present evidence to the other that it maintains the requisite insurance as required in this Article VIII. The policies of insurance of each party shall also provide that the other party receive from the insurer(s) a minimum thirty (30) day written notice of any termination of said policies.
- Section 4. <u>Workers' Compensation Coverage.</u> Additionally, each party shall maintain workers' compensation insurance, as required by State law, covering their respective employees, if any.

### ARTICLE IX Warranties and Representations

- Section 1. <u>Warranties and Representations of the Academy.</u> The Academy represents to CSP that (a) it has the authority under law to execute, deliver, and perform this Agreement and to incur the obligations provided for under this Agreement, (b) its actions have been duly and validly authorized, and (c) it will adopt the necessary resolutions.
- Section 2. <u>Warranties and Representations of CS Partners</u>. CS Partners represents and warrants to the Academy that (a) it is a Michigan corporation in good standing duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Michigan, (b) it has the authority under applicable laws to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and to incur the obligations provided for under this Agreement, (c) its actions have been duly and validly authorized, and (d) it will adopt any and all resolutions required for execution of this Agreement.
- Section 3. Warranties and Representations of Partner Solutions for Schools. Partner Solutions for Schools represents and warrants to the Academy that: (a) it is a Michigan corporation in good standing duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Michigan; (b) it has the authority under applicable laws to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and to incur the obligations provided for under this Agreement; (c) its actions have been duly and validly authorized; and (d) it will adopt any and all resolutions required for execution of this Agreement.
- Section 4. <u>Mutual Representations and Warranties.</u> Each party represents and warrants to the other party that except as disclosed in writing to the other party, to its knowledge, there are no pending actions, claims, suits, or proceedings, whether threatened or reasonably anticipated,

against or affecting it, which if adversely determined would have a material adverse effect (as might be reasonably determined by the non-affected party if disclosed) on its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

### ARTICLE X Alternative Dispute Resolution

Section 1. Mediation. Any and all disputes between the parties concerning any alleged breach of this Agreement or arising out of or relating to the interpretation of this Agreement or the parties' performance of their respective obligations under this Agreement shall first be communicated in writing to the other party and mutually discussed between the parties with an opportunity to cure. If no resolution can be ascertained through that mutual discussion, then the matter will be submitted to mediation for resolution in Livingston County. Both parties must mutually agree upon the mediator selected and shall participate in all meetings in good faith. The mediation shall be conducted pursuant to Michigan Court Rules MCR 2.411 and 2.412 with such variations as the parties and mediators unanimously accept. A cause opinion (written explanation) shall be required as to the final decision. The parties will share equally in the costs of the mediation including forum fees, expenses, and charges of the mediator.

Section 2. <u>Arbitration</u>. If the mediation does not result in a mutually satisfactory compromise, then the matter shall be resolved by arbitration, and such procedure shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for such matters. Unless the parties agree upon a single arbitrator, the arbitration panel shall consist of three (3) persons. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association seated in Livingston County, Michigan, with such variations as the parties and arbitrators unanimously accept. The arbitrators' award shall be final and binding. A judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court having appropriate jurisdiction, by any party, without the consent of the other party. The losing party shall pay the cost of arbitration, not including attorney fees. It shall be within the discretion and purview of the arbitrator or arbitration panel to award reasonable attorney fees to the prevailing party. The prevailing party shall be defined as the party who prevails in total.

A cause opinion (written explanation) shall be required as to the final decision. The Authorizer shall be notified of said decision, and upon the Authorizer's request, the cause opinion shall be made available.

### ARTICLE XI Miscellaneous

Section 1. Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes and replaces any and all prior written or oral agreements and understandings between the Academy and CSP regarding the subject matter hereof. This Agreement, including Exhibit A, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties.

Section 2. <u>Force Majeure.</u> Notwithstanding any other sections of this Agreement, neither party shall be liable for any delay in performance or inability to perform due to acts of God or due

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FTB Board Packet 5-17-24 Page 47 of 119 to war, riot, embargo, fire, explosion, sabotage, pandemic, accident, labor strike, flood, terrorism, or other acts beyond its reasonable control.

Section 3. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement and the rights of the parties hereto shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Michigan (the "State").

Section 4. Official Notices. All notices or other communications required by the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and sent to the parties at the addresses set forth below. Notice may be given by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, traceable carrier or personal delivery. Notices shall be deemed to have been given on the date of personal delivery, or, if given by mail, the postmark date. Unless amended or updated in writing, the addresses of the parties hereto for the purposes of this Agreement shall be:

The Academy:

**Board President** 

FlexTech High School

7707 Conference Center Drive

Brighton, MI 48114

CSP:

**CS Partners** 

Partner Solutions for Schools

c/o Chris Matheson

869 S. Old US 23, Suite 500 Brighton, Michigan 48114

Section 5. <u>Assignment</u>. This Agreement shall not be assigned (a) by CSP, without prior consent of the Board, in writing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; or (b) by the Academy, without the prior consent of CSP, in writing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. CSP may, without the consent of the Board, delegate the performance of but not responsibility for any duties and obligations of CSP hereunder to any independent contractor, expert or professional advisor. However, this Agreement shall not be assignable without prior notification to the Authorizer and the Board; and any assignment must be done in a manner consistent with the Authorizer's Educational Service Provider Policies and applicable law.

Section 6. <u>Amendment; Effect of Headings.</u> This Agreement may only be amended in writing, signed by a duly authorized representative of each party and in a manner consistent with the Authorizer's Educational Service Provider Policies.

The underlined headings are included for convenience of the reader, and if the underlined headings are inconsistent with the other text, the underlined text shall be disregarded.

Section 7. <u>Tax Exempt Financing</u>. If at any time the Academy determines that it is in the best interests of the Academy to obtain financing from the Michigan Finance Authority or any other type of financing that is tax-exempt pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, then the parties hereby agree that this Agreement shall be automatically amended for the sole and limited purpose of compliance with IRS Revenue Procedure 2017-13, and/or its progeny. Any such

automatic amendment shall be as limited as practicable, and the parties shall promptly execute a written agreement reflecting such amendment, but the failure of the parties to do so shall not affect the effectiveness of the automatic amendment referenced above; provided, however, that any such amendment shall be consistent with the Authorizer's Educational Service Provider Policies.

- Section 8. <u>Waiver</u>. No waiver of any portion of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any other provision, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver unless otherwise expressly stated in writing.
- Section 9. <u>Severability</u>. The invalidity of any portion or term of this Agreement shall not affect the remaining portions or terms of this Agreement. In the event a portion or a term of this Agreement is deemed invalid, the parties shall cooperatively work together to modify the invalid portion or term as minimally as possible to cure the invalidity, while at all times preserving the spirit and purpose of the applicable portion or term.
- Section 10. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement shall not be assignable without prior notification to the Authorizer. Any assignable party shall be considered an ESP, as defined by the Authorizer's Educational Service Provider Policies. As such, any assignable party shall follow the requirements set forth in these ESP Policies.
- Section 11. <u>No Third Party Rights.</u> This Agreement is made for the sole benefit of the Academy and CSP. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, nothing in this Agreement shall create or be deemed to create a relationship between the parties, or either of them individually with any third person, third party beneficiary, fiduciary, or the Authorizer.
- Section 12. <u>Survival of Termination</u>. All representations, warranties, indemnities, and non-disclosures/confidentiality obligations made in this Agreement shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement without limitation.
- Section 13. <u>Delegation of Authority; Compliance with Laws.</u> Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as delegating to CSP any of the powers or authority of the Board which are not subject to delegation by the Board in accordance with the Contract and all applicable laws. The parties agree to comply with all applicable laws.
- Section 14. <u>Governmental Immunity</u>. Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor will be construed, as a waiver of the governmental immunity provided to the Academy and its incorporators, board members, officers, employees, and volunteers under Section 7 of Act 170, Public Acts of Michigan, 1964, as amended, MCL 691.1407.
- Section 15. Execution. The parties may execute this Agreement by facsimile or in counterparts. A facsimile or photographic copy of this Agreement may be relied upon by either party, or any third party, as if it were an original signature copy. If this Agreement is executed in counterparts, the separate counterpart signature pages shall be combined and treated by the parties, or any third party, as if the separate counterpart signature pages were part of one original signature copy.

Section 16. <u>Review by Independent Counsel.</u> The parties agree that each has reviewed, or had the opportunity to review, this Agreement with its own independent legal counsel prior to the execution of this Agreement.

Section 17. Limitation of Liability. EXCEPT FOR AMOUNTS EXPRESSLY DUE AND OWING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, EACH PARTY'S TOTAL LIABILITY TO THE OTHER AND ANY THIRD PARTIES UNDER OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE AGGREGATE AMOUNTS PAID OR DUE AND OWING BY THE ACADEMY TO CSP HEREUNDER. THIS LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY AMOUNTS OWED PURSUANT TO A PARTY'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

[Signature Page Follows]

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

### The Academy:

FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL, a Michigan public school academy

By: Katu Surmett

Its: Board President

CSP:

CS PARTNERS, INC., a Michigan corporation

By: Chris Matheson (May 23, 2024 12:09 EDT)

Its: CEO

CSP MANAGEMENT INC., d/b/a PARTNER SOLUTIONS FOR SCHOOLS, a Michigan corporation

By: Chris Matheson

Chris Matheson (May 23, 2024 12:09 EDT)

Its: CEO

### Exhibit A to

### SERVICES AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Exhibit A is to set forth and define the Services to be provided by CSP pursuant to the Agreement.

#### EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY CS PARTNERS

- A. CSP shall implement the Educational Program (defined in Article I, Section 2 of the Agreement). Modification of the Educational Program as provided in the Contract may only occur with the prior written consent of the Board and, if required, an amendment to the Contract which requires Authorizer approval.
- B. CSP may perform functions other than Instruction, including but not limited to purchasing, board support, professional development, and administrative functions off-site (i.e., not on the Academy property), unless prohibited by applicable laws. Student records, which are the property of the Academy, and books and records of the Academy, shall be maintained by CSP and available at the Academy's site.
- C. Although the Board shall be responsible for establishing and implementing recruitment and admission policies in accordance with the Educational Program and the Contract, CSP shall enroll students for the Academy in accordance with such Board policies provided that said policies are in compliance with the Contract and applicable laws.
- D. CSP shall provide student due process hearings in compliance with all applicable laws, to an extent consistent with the Academy's own obligations as to students only (and not as to faculty). The Board hereby retains the right to provide due process, as required by law, if desired.
- E. CSP shall administer and provide the Educational Program in a manner which shall meet the requirements imposed under the Contract and applicable laws, unless such requirements are waived. The Academy hereby agrees to interpret State and local regulations within the confines of applicable law in order to give CSP flexibility and freedom to implement the Educational Program in CSP's desired manner.
- F. In order to supplement and enhance the School Aid payments received from the State of Michigan, and improve the quality of education at the Academy, CSP may assist the Academy's efforts to obtain additional revenue from other sources (the "Additional Revenue"), and in this regard:
  - the Academy and/or CSP with prior approval of the Board may solicit and receive grants and donations in the name of the Academy from various funding sources consistent with the mission of the Academy;

- 2. the Academy and/or CSP with prior Board approval may apply for and receive grant money in the name of the Academy from various funding sources;
- to the extent permitted under the Code and Contract, and with the approval of the Board, CSP or the Academy may charge fees to students for extra services, such as summer and after-school programs, athletics, etc., and charge non-Academy students who participate in such programs; and
- 4. all Additional Revenue shall inure to and be deemed the property of the Academy (however, as provided in Article IV, Section 1 of the Agreement, the Fee may apply against all such Additional Revenue).
- G. CSP shall not act in a manner which will cause the Academy to be in breach of its Contract with the Authorizer.
- H. CSP shall provide reasonably requested or expected information to the Board on a monthly basis, or upon the Board's reasonable request, to enable the Board to monitor CSP's performance under this Agreement.
- I. CSP shall be directly accountable to the Board for the administration, operation, and performance of the Academy in accordance with the Contract. CSP's obligation to provide the Services is expressly limited by the budget approved by the Board pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The Services shall be funded by the Academy budget, and neither CSP nor the Academy shall be permitted to expend Academy funds on the Services in excess of the amount set forth in the Academy Budget.
- J. CSP through the School Leader shall implement pupil performance evaluations consistent with the Educational Program, which permit evaluation of the educational progress of each Academy student. CSP shall be responsible for and accountable to the Board for the performance of students who attend the Academy. At a minimum, CSP shall utilize assessment strategies required by the Educational Program. The Academy and CSP will cooperate in good faith to identify other measures of and goals for students and school performance consistent with the Contract.
- K. CSP through the School Leader shall plan and supervise special education services to students who attend the Academy. CSP or the Academy may contract these services if it determines that it is necessary and appropriate for the provision of services to students with special needs, or if instruction cannot be met within the Academy's program. Such services shall be provided in a manner that complies with applicable laws.
- L. CSP through the School Leader shall be responsible for all of the management, operation, administration, and education at the Academy which includes, but is not limited to:
  - 1. implementation and administration of the Educational Program approved by the Board and the selection and acquisition of instructional materials, equipment and supplies;

- 2. management of all personnel functions, including professional development for all instructional personnel and the personnel functions outlined in this Agreement;
- 3. all aspects of the business administration (as determined and as generally understood in the industry) of the Academy as agreed between CSP and the Board;
- 4. any function necessary or expedient for the administration of the Academy consistent with the Educational Program, or otherwise approved by the Board.
- M. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, CSP shall keep all student, educational and financial records relating to the Academy available at the Academy site, and the same shall be available for public inspection upon reasonable request consistent with the Contract and applicable laws. All student, educational and financial records pertaining to the Academy are Academy property and such records are subject to the provisions of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. All Academy records shall be physically or electronically available, upon request, at the Academy's physical facilities. Except as permitted under the Code, CSP shall not sell or otherwise provide to a for-profit business entity any personally identifiable information that is part of an Academy student's education records. If CSP receives information that is part of an Academy student's education records, CSP shall not sell or otherwise provide the information to any other person except as provided under the Code. For purposes of this section, the terms "education records" and "personally identifiable information" shall have the same meaning as those terms in section 1136 of the Code, MCL 380.1136. Except as permitted under the Contract and applicable law, CSP shall not restrict the Authorizer's or the public's access to the Academy's records. All records shall be kept in accordance with the Contract and applicable state and federal requirements.

#### BUSINESS/FINANCE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY CS PARTNERS

#### N. CSP shall provide the Board with:

- 1. a projected annual budget, in accordance with the board-approved budget timeline, prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year, related to the Services in accordance with the Contract and the Educational Program which budget shall include a budget reserve amount as determined by the Board:
- 2. detailed monthly financial statements no more than thirty (30) days after month's end (and financial statements reasonably requested by the Board more frequently). Financial statements will be provided as directed by the Board within reason prior to each Board meeting to allow time for all Board members to review the information prior to the meeting. These financial statements shall include: a balance sheet, a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance at object level detail with comparison of budget-to-actual and explanations of variance, and a cash flow statement. These statements shall include all revenues received, from whatever source, with respect to the Academy, and detailed budgets with statements of all direct expenditures (with details) for the Services rendered to or on behalf of the Academy, whether incurred on-site or off-site;
- 3. facilitate the annual audit in compliance with applicable laws showing the manner in which funds are spent at the Academy, however, it is acknowledged that only the Academy shall select and retain independent auditors and the Academy shall contract directly with any auditor of its choice, and CSP will cooperate with the production of any

- and all documents necessary for the audit. Any such audit shall be the property of the Academy. All finance and other records of CSP related to the Academy will be made available by CSP to the Academy, the Academy's independent auditor and the Authorizer upon request; and
- 4. other information as reasonably requested by the Board to enable the Board to monitor CSP's performance under the Agreement.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY CSP

- O. CSP shall work with the School Leader to recommend staffing levels to the Board, and select, hire, evaluate, assign, discipline and transfer personnel, consistent with applicable laws, and consistent with the parameters adopted and included within the Academy's budget and the Educational Program.
- P. As set forth in the Agreement, CSP shall identify and appoint a School Leader and if applicable, members of a Leadership Team to administer the Educational Program at the Academy.
- Q. CSP shall work with the School Leader to provide the Academy with such teachers, qualified in the applicable grade levels and subjects approved by the Board and consistent with the Contract and applicable law. CSP shall ensure that the curriculum taught by the Academy's teachers is the curriculum set forth in the Contract. Such teachers may also provide instruction at the Academy on a full or part-time basis. If assigned to the Academy on a part-time basis, such teachers may also provide instruction at another institution, or other locations approved by Partner Solutions for Schools. Each teacher assigned to the Academy shall meet and maintain all necessary requirements as established by the Michigan Department of Education, the Authorizer, and State and federal law.
- R. CSP shall work with the School Leader to provide the Academy with such support staff, qualified in the areas required. The parties anticipate that such support staff may include clerical staff, administrative assistants, bookkeeping staff, maintenance personnel, and the like. Such support staff may, in the discretion of Partner Solutions for Schools, provide services at the Academy on a full or part-time basis. If assigned to the Academy on a part-time basis, said support staff may also provide services at another institution, or other locations approved by Partner Solutions for Schools.
- S. Since, except as specified in this Agreement, all teaching, support staff and other non-teaching personnel performing functions on behalf of the Academy, shall be employees of Partner Solutions for Schools, compensation of all employees of Partner Solutions for Schools shall be paid by Partner Solutions for Schools upon receipt of funds from the Academy. For purposes of the Agreement and this Exhibit, "compensation" shall include salary and benefits. Evaluation and compensation systems administered by Partner Solutions for Schools shall comply with all applicable laws, including Sections 1249, 1249a, 1249b and 1250 of the Revised School Code and any successor statute that is substantially similar to Sections 1249, 1249a, 1249b and 1250. Partner Solutions for Schools shall pay its portion of social security, unemployment, and any other taxes

required by law to be paid on behalf of its employees assigned to the Academy. Unless required by applicable laws, Partner Solutions for Schools shall not make payments to the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System or any other public retirement system on behalf of its employees. Partner Solutions for Schools accepts full liability and is responsible for paying all salaries, benefits, payroll taxes, workers compensation, unemployment compensation and liability insurance for its employees leased to the Academy or working on Academy operations for work already completed irrespective of whether CSP receives an advancement of its costs or the payment of service from the Academy. However, Academy's non-payment of such funds is considered a material breach of this Agreement and must follow Article VI Termination.

T. Partner Solutions for Schools will complete and sign all necessary 401K regulatory and plan documents for its employee benefits plan as required by law and as fiduciary agent of the plan.

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# CONTRACT SCHEDULE 6 PHYSICAL PLANT DESCRIPTION

### PHYSICAL PLANT DESCRIPTION

Pursuant to Applicable Law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, including Article XI, Section 11.5, the Academy is authorized to operate at the physical facility or facilities outlined in this schedule. The Academy shall not occupy or use any facility until approved for occupancy by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs' Bureau of Construction Codes.

Physical Plant Description	6-1
Site Plan	
Floor Plans	
Bond Purchase Agreement	
Mortgage	
Certificates of Use and Occupancy	
Bureau of Fire Services Inspection Report	

- 1. Applicable Law requires that a public school academy application and contract must contain a description of and the address for the proposed physical plant in which the public school academy will be located. See MCL 380.502(3)(i) and 380.503(6)(f);
- 2. The address and a description of the site and physical plant (the "Site") of FlexTech High School (the "Academy") is as follows:

Address: 7707 Conference Center Dr.

Brighton, MI 48114

Description:

The Site includes a one-story building with a two-story and lower level addition, at the north classroom wing, with a total square footage of 22,245. The exterior of the building is brick and six inch wood stud construction with a concrete slab floor. The building is comprised of four distinct classrooms and five additional classrooms which include partition walls that, when utilized, can flexibly create 10 separate classrooms. The building also includes two learning labs, four restrooms, several office spaces, a full service kitchen, storage areas, a breakroom, and common spaces. The Site also includes a patio.

<u>Configuration of Grade Levels</u>: Ninth through Twelfth Grade.

<u>Term of Use</u>: Term of Contract.

Name of School District and Intermediate School District:

Local: Brighton Area Schools

ISD: Livingston Educational Service Agency

- 3. It is acknowledged and agreed that the information identified below, about this Site, is provided on the following pages, or must be provided to the satisfaction of the University Board or its designee, before the Academy may operate as a public school in this state.
  - A. Narrative description of physical facility
  - B. Size of building
  - C. Scaled floor plan
  - D. Copy of executed lease or purchase agreement
- 4. In addition, the Academy and the University Board hereby acknowledge and agree that this Contract is being issued to the Academy with the understanding that the Academy cannot conduct classes as a public school academy in this state until it has obtained the necessary fire, health and safety approvals for the above-described physical facility. These approvals must be provided and be acceptable to the University Board or its designee prior to the Academy operating as a public school. In cases of disagreement, the Academy may not begin operations without the consent of the University Board or its designee.

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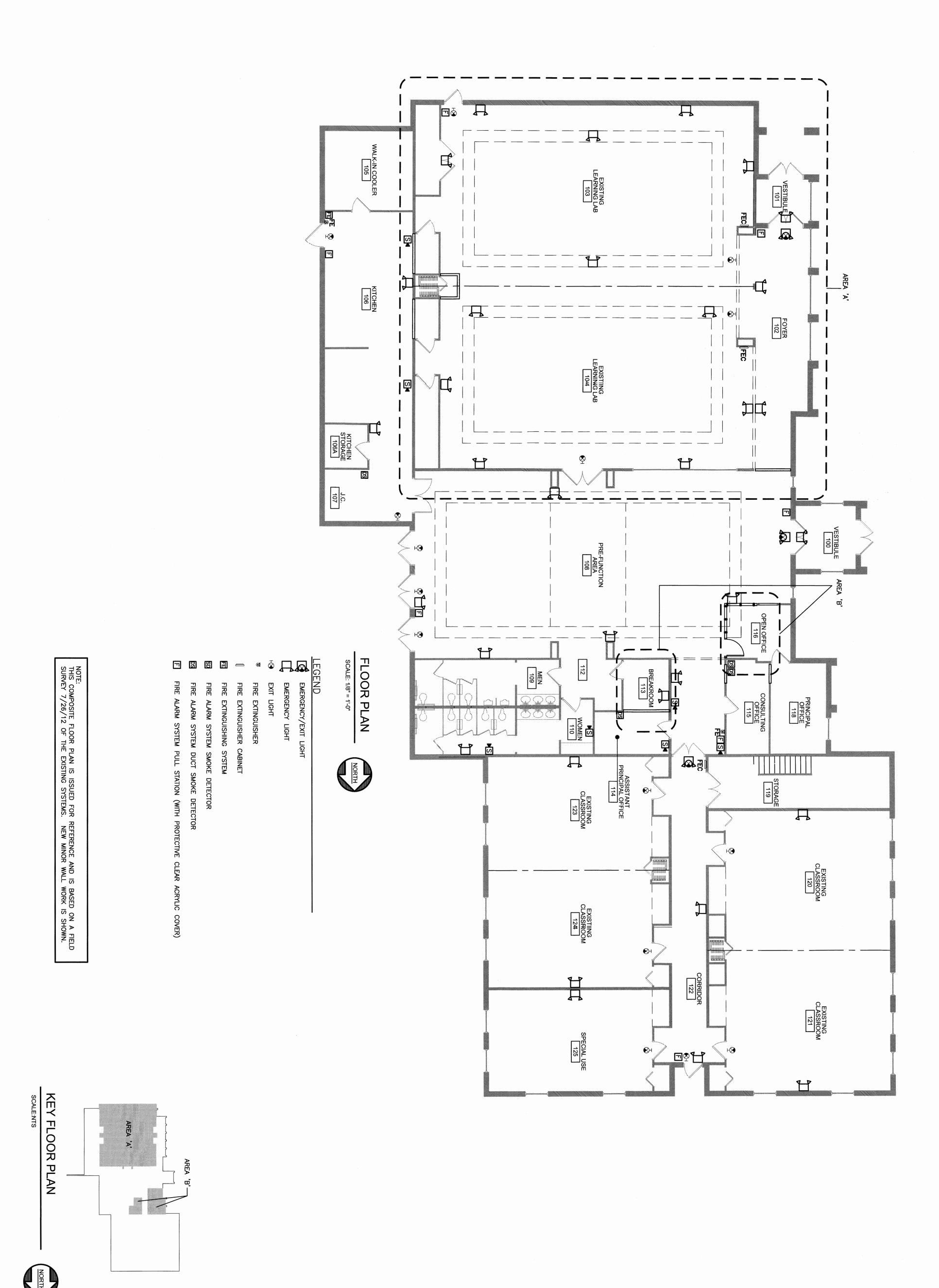
- 5. If the Site described above is not used as the physical facilities for the Academy, then Schedule 6 of this Contract between the Academy and the University Board must be amended pursuant to Article IX of the Terms and Conditions of Contract, to designate, describe, and agree upon the Academy's physical facilities. The Academy must submit to the University Board or its designee complete information about the new site to be actually used. This information includes that described in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this Schedule 6. It is acknowledged and agreed that the public school academy cannot conduct classes as a public school in this state until it has submitted all the information described above, to the satisfaction of the University Board or its designee, and the amendment regarding the new site has been executed.
- 6. Any change in the configuration of grade levels at the Site requires an amendment to this Schedule 6 pursuant to Article IX of the Terms and Conditions of Contract set forth above.

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## SITE DISCLAIMER **TABLE** REA 1 LED SHEETS PROJECT AREA 2 (SEE DETAILED PLANS ON SHEETS 3 & 4) SITE LOCATION MAP EGAL DESCRIPTION Section 19, Town 2 North, Range 6 East, ing more particularly described as: if said Section 24, and Township line, of 20 degrees 44 minutes 10 seconds, and line of 1–96 Expressway (300 feet through a central angle of 16 degrees a North 07 degrees 11 minutes 49 es 40 minutes 35 seconds, and arc along a curve to the left, radius of degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds East through a central angle of 14 degrees a point of reverse curve; thence along feet, chord bearing North 84 degrees 20 minutes 41 seconds East 08 minutes 11 seconds, an arc 49 seconds East 582.51 feet to the right, radius of 2241.88 feet through seconds East 66.70 feet; thence South hrough a central angle of 11 degrees a point of reverse curve; thence along cet, chord bearing North 84 degrees 20 long a curve to the left, radius of goint of reverse curve; thence along cet, chord bearing North 84 degrees 20 long a curve to the left, radius of gores 48 minutes 33 seconds West es 03 minutes 46 seconds, an arc described as follows: Commencing at Township line, 90.27 feet to the East line of said Section 24 and the Page 7, Livingston County Records; ence South 26 degrees 51 minutes a non—tangent curve to the left g a non—tangent curve to the left se of 324.19 feet, chord bearing of outh line of said subdivision; thence 15.16 ARCHITECTURALS A-0 COVER SHEET A-1 FIRST FLOOR PLAN A-2 SECOND FLOOR AND BASEMENT FLOOR PLANS A-3 BUILDING SECTIONS A-4 ELEVATIONS PARKING CALCULATIONS PER OWNER REVIEW PER STATE OF MICHIGAN REVIEW NORTHVILLE, MI 48167 CONTACT: DOUG NECCI 50850 APPLEBROOKE DR. DRN & ASSOCIATES, ENGINEER 248.880.6523 dnecci@drnarchitects.com ARCHITECT PROVIDED PARKING EXISTING PARKING: PROPOSED NEW PARKING: OWNER / DEVELOPER GENERAL CONTRACTOR 7707 CONFERENCE CENTER DRIVE GENOA TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY SITE PLAN FLEXTECH BUILDING ADDITION C-1 COVER C-2 EXISTING CONDITIONS & REMOVALS PLAN C-3 SITE LAYOUT & GRADING PLAN C-4 SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN BRIVAR CONTACT: CRAIG STOCKARD Construction Company (248) 446-8000 SHEET INDEX LIVINGSTON ENGINEERING CIVIL ENGINEERING SURVEYING PLANNING 3300 S. OLD U.S.23 , BRIGHTON, MI 48114 FAX: (810) 225-7699 Development,LLC 25 STAFF @ 1 SP. PER STAFF, 25/1 350 STUDENTS @ 1 SP. PER 10 STUDENTS, 350/10 A.D.A. REQUIRED SPACES FOR 101 TO 150 TOTAL BRIVAR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY 7258 KENSINGTON RD. TOTAL REQUIRED: TOTAL PROVIDED PROJECT No. 11126-1 P.O. BOX 399 MILFORD, MI 48381 MR. STEVE VARILONE DATE SHEET 1 OF BRIO DEVELOPN Shelf No. ARCHITECTS, PC 2/25/2016 SPACES = 5 BARRIER FREE SPACES BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION CODES PLAN REVIEW DIVISION = 113 SPACES = 0 SPACES = 35 SPACES RECEIVED = 60 SPACES Resubmission : 113 SPACES INCL/ 5 BARRIER FREE SPACES 1111 ENGINEER'S SEAL MAR 2 5 2016 225-7699

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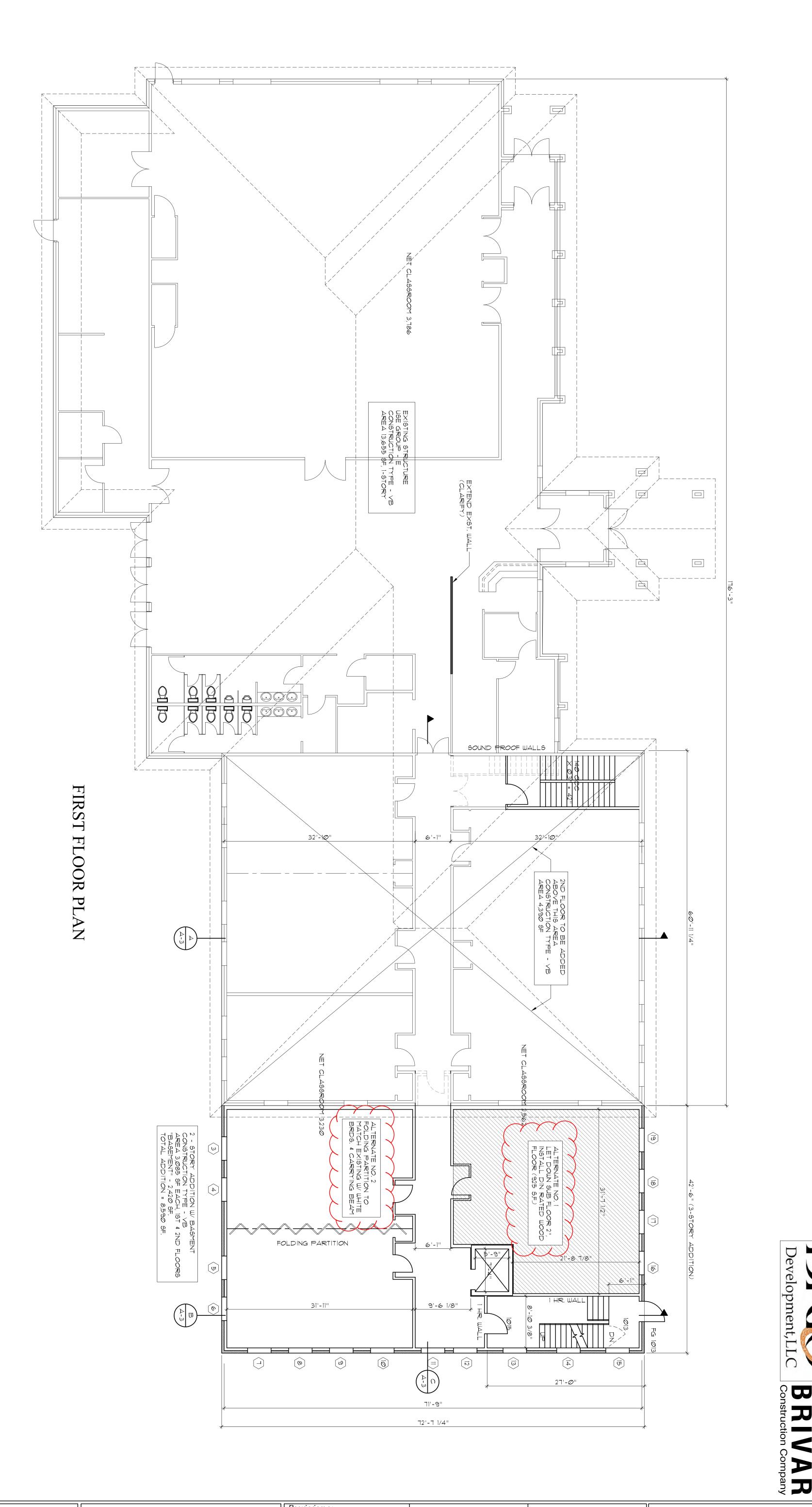
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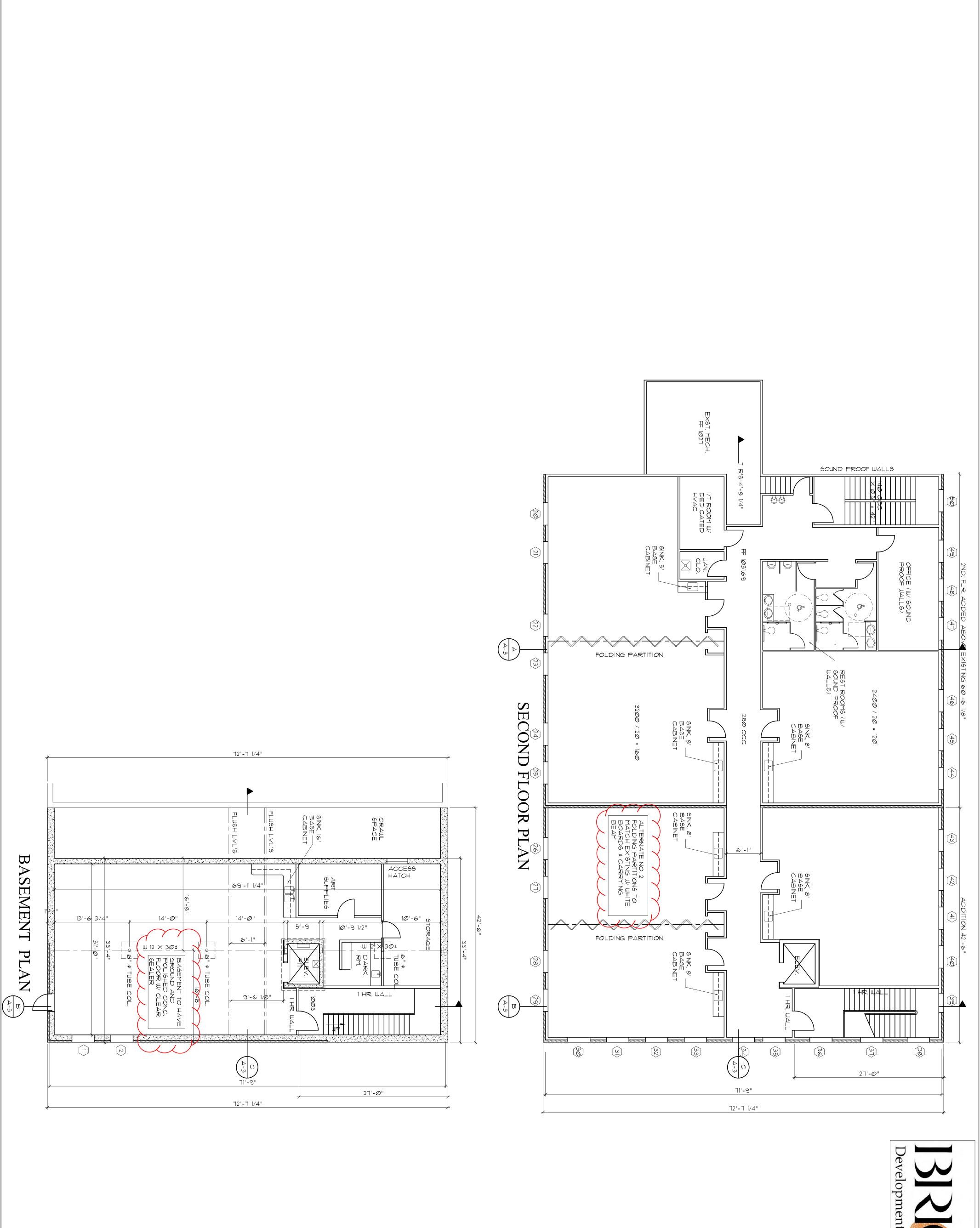
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## BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

by and between

## FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL

and

OAK RIDGE FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.

Dated: June 8, 2016

Relating to:

\$4,505,000 FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016

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#### BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

## \$4,505,000 FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2016

This Bond Purchase Agreement is dated June 8, 2016, and is by and between FlexTech High School, a Michigan public school academy (the "Issuer"), and Oak Ridge Financial Services Group, Inc., as underwriter (the "Underwriter").

The Underwriter hereby offers to enter into this Bond Purchase Agreement for the purchase by the Underwriter and sale by the Issuer of the Bonds (as defined below). This offer is made subject to acceptance by the Issuer prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m., Michigan time, on the date hereof, and upon such acceptance this Bond Purchase Agreement shall be in full force and effect in accordance with its terms and shall be binding upon the Issuer and the Underwriter.

The proceeds of the Bonds (as defined below) will be used by the Issuer to: (i) finance the costs of the purchase of the Issuer's existing school facility, including an addition to be built to that facility (the "Facility"); (ii) fund a debt service reserve fund; (iii) pay capitalized interest; and (iv) provide funds to pay certain costs relating to the issuance of the Bonds.

#### 1. Purchase and Sale.

Upon the terms and conditions and upon the basis of the representations herein set forth, the Underwriter hereby agrees to purchase from the Issuer and the Issuer hereby agrees to sell to the Underwriter all, but not less than all, of the \$4,505,000 aggregate principal amount of the Issuer's Public School Academy Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 (the "Bonds"), which are to mature, are to be subject to redemption prior to maturity and are to bear interest as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto (the Bonds being more fully described in the Official Statement hereinafter mentioned), at an aggregate purchase price as set forth in Exhibit A. The Bonds shall be described in, and shall be issued and secured under and pursuant to, a Trust Indenture, dated as of June 1, 2016, between U.S. Bank National Association (the "Trustee") and the Issuer (the "Indenture"), and an authorizing resolution adopted by the Issuer on April 12, 2016 (the "Authorizing Resolution"), substantially in the forms heretofore delivered to the Underwriter, with only such changes therein as shall be mutually agreed upon. The Underwriter agrees to make an initial bona fide public offering of the Bonds. Terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning as such terms are given in the Indenture.

#### 2. Delivery at Signing.

- a) The Issuer shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Underwriter promptly after the acceptance hereof:
- (i) two executed copies of the Official Statement dated the date hereof relating to the Bonds, substantially in the form of the Preliminary Official Statement, dated May 24, 2016 (the "Preliminary Official Statement") with only such changes therein as shall

have been accepted by the Underwriter and the Issuer (such Official Statement, with such changes and including the cover page and the exhibits thereto, being herein called the "Official Statement," except that, if the Official Statement has been amended between the date thereof and the date of Closing referred to in Paragraph 6 hereof, the term "Official Statement" shall refer to the Official Statement as so amended);

- (ii) additional copies of the Official Statement in such quantities as the Underwriter shall designate as being required in order to satisfy the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (herein called the "Rule").
- b) The Issuer hereby approves the Official Statement and authorizes the use, in accordance with applicable law, of copies of the Official Statement, the Authorizing Resolution and the Indenture (as defined below) in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds. The Issuer hereby agrees to provide copies of the Official Statement in a timely fashion in order to satisfy the requirements of the Rule and in no event later than the earlier of the Closing Date or seven (7) business days after the date hereof. The Issuer consents to the use by the Underwriter, prior to the date hereof, of the Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds in connection with the public offering of the Bonds in accordance with applicable law and a legend in substantially the following form appearing on the Preliminary Official Statement:

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion, amendment and change without notice. These securities described herein may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the Official Statement is delivered in final form. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

c) The Issuer hereby deems the Preliminary Official Statement to be final as of its date, except for the omission of such information that is permitted to be omitted therefrom pursuant to the Rule.

#### 3. Issuer's Representations and Warranties.

The Issuer makes the following representations and warranties:

- a) The Issuer is and will be at the date of Closing duly organized, existing and in good standing as a non-profit corporation and a public school academy under the laws of the State of Michigan.
- b) The Issuer has full legal right, power and authority (i) to adopt the Authorizing Resolution, (ii) to enter into this Bond Purchase Agreement, the State Aid Agreement to be entered into by and among the Issuer, the Trustee and the Central Michigan

University Board of Trustees, as the Academy's fiscal agent ("CMU"), dated as of June 1, 2016 (the "State Aid Agreement") and the Indenture, (iii) to issue, sell and deliver the Bonds to the Underwriter as provided herein, and (iv) to carry out and consummate all other transactions contemplated by each of the aforesaid documents.

- c) The Issuer has duly authorized the execution, delivery and due performance of this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Indenture and the State Aid Agreement, the delivery of the Official Statement and the taking of any such action as may be required on the part of the Issuer to carry out, give effect to and consummate the transactions contemplated by such instruments.
- d) The Authorizing Resolution has been duly adopted by the Issuer and is in full force and effect and constitutes the legal, valid and binding action of the Issuer, and this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Indenture and the State Aid Agreement when executed and delivered by the parties thereto, will constitute legal, valid and binding limited obligations of the Issuer, except as limited by applicable insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws in effect from time to time affecting the rights of creditors generally, and except to the extent that the enforceability thereof may be limited by application of general principles of equity.
- e) When delivered to and paid for by the Underwriter at the Closing in accordance with the provisions of this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Bonds will have been duly authorized, executed, issued and delivered and, assuming due authentication, will constitute legal, valid and binding limited obligations of the Issuer, except as limited by applicable insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws in effect from time to time affecting the rights of creditors generally, in conformity with, and entitled to the benefit and security of, the Indenture and the Authorizing Resolution.
- f) No consents or authorizations of or by any governmental or public agency, authority or person (except as may be required under the securities or "blue sky" laws of any state) not already obtained are required by the Issuer in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, the execution and delivery of, or the performance of its obligations under, this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Bonds, the Indenture and the State Aid Agreement.
- g) The execution and delivery by the Issuer of this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Bonds, the Indenture and the State Aid Agreement and the adoption of the Authorizing Resolution, and compliance with the provisions thereof, under the circumstances contemplated thereby, will not in any material respect conflict with or constitute on the part of the Issuer a breach of or default under any other agreement or instrument to which the Issuer is a party or any existing law, administrative regulation, court order or consent decree to which the Issuer is subject.
- h) There is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation, at law or in equity, or before any court, public board or body, served upon the Issuer, or to the best of the knowledge of the Issuer, threatened or otherwise affecting the Issuer, wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would materially and adversely affect the transactions contemplated by this Bond Purchase Agreement or which would in any way adversely affect the validity or enforceability of

the Bonds, the Indenture, the State Aid Agreement and this Bond Purchase Agreement (or any other instrument which is executed by the Issuer which is required or contemplated for use in consummating the transactions contemplated thereby).

- i) Any certificate relating to the Bonds signed by any authorized officer of the Issuer and delivered to the Underwriter at or before the Closing Date shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Issuer to the Underwriter as to the truth of the statements therein contained.
- j) The Issuer has not been notified of any listing or proposed listing by the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that the Issuer is a bond issuer whose arbitrage certifications may not be relied upon.
- k) During the period beginning on the date hereof and ending at the time the Underwriter is no longer required to provide an Official Statement to potential customers who request the same pursuant to the Rule, if there shall exist any event relating to the Issuer which in the Underwriter's reasonable judgment, either: (i) makes untrue or incorrect in any material respect any statement or information contained in the Official Statement; or (ii) is not reflected in the Official Statement but should be reflected therein in order to make the statements and information contained therein not misleading in any material respect, the Issuer shall amend or supplement the Official Statement, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel to the Underwriter and Bond Counsel (each as defined herein), so that it will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- l) Before amending or supplementing the Official Statement, the Issuer will furnish to the Underwriter a copy of each such proposed amendment or supplement. No amendment or supplement to the Official Statement will contain material information substantially different from that contained in the Official Statement on the date it was issued which is unsatisfactory in form or substance to the Underwriter unless such information is required by law.
- m) Unless the Issuer is notified in writing on the date of Closing that a shorter period applies, the Issuer may assume that the "end of the underwriting period" (as defined in the Rule) has occurred thirty (30) days after the Closing, unless the Underwriter notifies the Issuer in writing prior to such date that there exists an unsold balance of the Bonds, in which case the end of the underwriting period shall be deemed to be extended for thirty (30) days from the date of such notice. The deemed end of the underwriting period shall be extended for additional periods of thirty (30) days each upon receipt of written notification from the Underwriter that there exists an unsold balance of the Bonds. The Underwriter agrees to file the Official Statement with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board on or before the date of Closing.
- n) The statements and information contained in the Official Statement are, and will be as of the Closing Date, true and correct in all material respects and do not, and will not as of the Closing Date, contain any untrue or misleading statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements made therein, in light of the

circumstances under which they are made, not misleading. If, at any time prior to the later of (i) receipt of notice from the Underwriter that the final Official Statement is no longer required to be delivered under the Rule pursuant to Section 3(o) hereof, or (ii) the date described in Section 3(o) hereof, any event occurs with respect to the Issuer as a result of which the Official Statement as then amended or supplemented might include an untrue statement of a material fact, or omit to state any fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, the Issuer shall promptly notify the Underwriter and the Issuer in writing of such events. Upon the request of the Underwriter, the Academy shall prepare and deliver to the Underwriter, at the expense of the Issuer, as many copies of an amendment or supplement to the Official Statement which will correct any untrue statement or omission therein as the Underwriter may reasonably request. Any amendment of or supplement to the Official Statement to be distributed pursuant to this Section 4(a), shall contain a statement that the Underwriter has neither participated in the preparation thereof nor made any independent investigation of the facts contained therein and does not assume any responsibility for the sufficiency, accuracy or completeness of the information contained therein.

- o) The Issuer has taken or has caused to be taken all necessary action for execution and delivery of the State Aid Agreement, this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement in substantially the form set forth in the Official Statement (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement"), the Environmental Indemnity Agreement dated as of June 1, 2016, from the Academy in favor of the Trustee (the "Environmental Indemnity Agreement"), and each will be a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Issuer enforceable in accordance with its terms (except as limited by applicable insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws in effect from time to time and affecting the rights of creditors, generally, and except to the extent that the enforceability thereof may be limited by applicable insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws in effect from time to time and by the application of general principles of equity) and the performance by the Issuer thereunder does not and will not conflict with or result in a breach of any of the unwaived provisions of, or constitute a default under, any agreement or instrument by which the Issuer is bound or result in a violation of law, administrative regulation or court decree to which the Issuer or any of its property is subject.
- p) The Issuer has duly and validly obtained all certificates, licenses and permits from all public authorities, federal, state or local, as are now required by such authorities to enable it to carry on its business as and where now conducted, and no other approvals are needed for the Project.
- q) Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities administrator has issued and delivered to the Academy or, to the best of the Issuer's knowledge, is threatening to issue any order preventing or suspending the use of the Official Statement or the issue, offer or sale of the Bonds.
- r) The Issuer will not take or omit to take any action which action or omission would in any way cause the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds to be applied in a manner contrary to that provided for in the Indenture and the Official Statement.

- s) The Official Statement is as of the date hereof, "final" within the meaning of Section (b)(1) of the Rule.
- t) Each of the representations and warranties of the Issuer contained in the Indenture are true and correct on and as of the date hereof and are hereby made to the Underwriter on and as of the date hereof as if set forth herein at length.

It is acknowledged and agreed by the parties hereto that all covenants, representations and warranties made by the Issuer herein and in any certificates given in compliance herewith, are made solely by the Issuer and not by any individual executing this Agreement or any certificate in his or her own capacity, and no liability shall be imposed, directly or indirectly, on such individual.

#### 4. <u>Covenants of the Issuer.</u>

The Issuer covenants as follows:

- a) The Issuer will observe all covenants of the Issuer in the Indenture and will not issue or sell the Bonds except in accordance with the Indenture.
- b) The Issuer will reasonably cooperate with the Underwriter in qualifying the Bonds for offer and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdiction of the United States as the Underwriter may request; provided, however, that the Issuer shall not be obligated to consent to service of process, be subject to taxation in any such jurisdiction or be required to pay any costs or expenses of qualification of the Bonds in any such jurisdiction.
- c) The Issuer will take such action as may be reasonably requested to facilitate the timely consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Bond Purchase Agreement.
- d) The Issuer will operate and maintain the Facility as provided in and subject to all the terms and provisions of the Indenture and will observe all covenants in the Indenture.
- e) The Issuer will not take any action or permit any action to be taken, or cause or permit any circumstance within its control to arise or continue, if such action would adversely affect the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal tax purposes.
- f) In the event the Bonds are not delivered by the Issuer to the Underwriter, the Issuer will pay the reasonable expenses to be paid by it pursuant to Paragraph 9 hereof.

#### 5. Indemnification.

a) To the extent permitted by law, the Issuer agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Underwriter and each person, if any, who controls the Underwriter (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or Section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable costs of investigation) caused by any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Official

Statement (other than the information contained in the Sections captioned "THE BONDS – Book-Entry-Only System" and "UNDERWRITING" as to which no representation is made) or in any amendment or supplement thereto, or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

b) If any action or claim shall be brought or asserted against the Underwriter or any person so controlling the Underwriter based upon the Official Statement or any amendment or supplement thereto and in respect of which indemnity may be sought from the Academy pursuant to subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph 5, the Underwriter or such person shall promptly notify the Issuer in writing, and the Issuer shall assume the defense thereof, including the employment of counsel reasonably acceptable to the Underwriter and the payment of all expenses. The Underwriter and such person shall have the right to employ separate counsel in any such action and participate in the defense thereof, but such employment of separate counsel shall be at the expense of the Underwriter or such person, as the case may be, unless (i) the employment thereof has been specifically authorized by the Issuer, or (ii) the Issuer has failed to assume the defense and employ counsel, or (iii) the named parties to any such action (including any impleaded parties) include both the Underwriter or such person and the Issuer, and the Underwriter or such person shall have been advised by such counsel that there may be one or more legal defenses available to it which are inconsistent with those available to the Issuer (in which case the Issuer shall not have the right or obligation to assume the defense of such action on behalf of the Underwriter or such person), it being understood, however, that the Issuer shall not, in connection with any such action or separate but substantially similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one separate firm of attorneys for the Underwriter and controlling persons, which firm shall be designated in writing by the Underwriter. The Issuer shall not be liable for any settlement of any such action effected without its written consent, but if settled with the written consent of the Issuer, or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff in any such action, the Issuer agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Underwriter and any such controlling person from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement and judgment.

c) The Underwriter agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Issuer to the same effect as the foregoing indemnity from the Issuer to the Underwriter, but only with respect to information furnished in writing by or on behalf of the Underwriter expressly for use in connection with the Official Statement.

In case any action or claim shall be brought against the Issuer based upon the Official Statement, and in respect of which indemnity may be sought from the Underwriter, the Underwriter shall have the rights and duties given to the Issuer, and the Issuer shall have the rights and duties given to the Underwriter by subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph 5. The indemnity agreement of this subparagraph (c) shall extend upon the same terms and conditions to each officer of the Issuer and to each person, if any, who controls the Issuer within the meaning of the Securities Act.

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d) The indemnity agreements contained in this Paragraph 5 and the representations and warranties of the Issuer set forth in Paragraph 3 shall remain operative and in full force and effect after the Closing Date (as defined below), regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of the Underwriter or any person so controlling the Underwriter or by or on behalf of the Academy. A successor of the Underwriter or the Issuer, as the case may be, shall be entitled to the benefits of the indemnity agreements contained in this Paragraph 5.

## 6. The Closing.

On June 22, 2016, or on such other business day as shall have been agreed upon by the Issuer and the Underwriter, the Issuer will deliver the Bonds to the Underwriter through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), in New York, New York, duly executed and authenticated, and the Underwriter will accept delivery and pay the purchase price of the Bonds as set forth herein, in immediately available funds if the Closing occurs no later than 1:00 p.m., Michigan time, on the Closing Date, payable to the order of the Trustee for the account of the Issuer. Delivery of documents (other than the Bonds and payments as aforesaid) shall be made at the offices of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., Detroit, Michigan. Such payment and delivery is hereinafter called the "Closing," and such date and time are called the "Closing Date." The Bonds shall bear proper CUSIP numbers (provided, however, that neither the failure to print such numbers on any of the Bonds nor any error with respect to such numbers shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Underwriter to accept the delivery of or pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Bond Purchase Agreement), and shall be delivered on the Closing Date to DTC, in registered form without coupons, as one bond per maturity registered in the name of Cede & Co. The Bonds will be made available to the Underwriter for checking and inspection at the above-mentioned place of their delivery at least one business day prior to the Closing.

## 7. <u>Conditions of the Underwriter's Obligations.</u>

The Underwriter's obligation hereunder to purchase and pay for the Bonds shall be subject to the performance by the Issuer of its obligations and agreements to be performed hereunder at or prior to the Closing; and to the accuracy in all material respects of the representations and warranties of the Issuer contained herein as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, as set forth in or contemplated by the Official Statement, and shall also be subject to the following conditions:

a) At the time of Closing, (i) the Official Statement, the Indenture, the Authorizing Resolution, this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement and the State Aid Agreement shall be in full force and effect and shall not have been materially amended, modified or supplemented except as therein permitted or as may have been agreed to by the Underwriter, (ii) the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be applied as described in the Indenture, (iii) the Issuer shall have duly adopted and there shall be in full force and effect such resolutions as, in the opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., Detroit, Michigan shall be necessary in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

- The Underwriter shall have the right to cancel its obligation to purchase b) the Bonds if between the date hereof and the Closing Date (i) legislation shall have been enacted by the Congress of the United States or the legislature of the State of Michigan, or a decision shall have been rendered by a court of the United States, the Tax Court of the United States or the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan, or a ruling shall have been made or a regulation shall have been proposed or made or a press release or some other form of notice, have been issued by the Treasury Department of the United States or the Internal Revenue Service or other federal authority, with respect to federal or State of Michigan taxation upon interest received on obligations of the general character of the Bonds, which, in the Underwriter's reasonable judgment, materially adversely affects the market for the Bonds, (ii) there shall exist any event which, in the Underwriter's reasonable judgment, either (A) makes untrue or incorrect in any material respect any statement or information contained in the Official Statement or (B) is not reflected in the Official Statement but should be reflected therein in order to make the statements and information contained therein not misleading in any material respect, (iii) there shall have occurred any new outbreak of hostilities or other national or international calamity or crisis, or a default with respect to the debt obligations of, or the institution of proceedings under the federal bankruptcy laws by or against, any state of the United States or agency thereof, or any city located in the United States having a population of over one million, the effect of which on the financial markets of the United States will be such as, in the Underwriter's reasonable judgment, makes it impracticable for the Underwriter to market the Bonds or enforce contracts for the sale of the Bonds, (iv) there shall be in force a general suspension of trading on the New York Stock Exchange or other national securities exchange, or minimum or maximum prices for trading shall have been fixed and be in force, or maximum ranges for prices of securities shall have been required and be in force on the New York Stock Exchange or other national securities exchange, whether by virtue of a determination by any such exchange or by order of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other governmental authority having jurisdiction, or (v) the declaration of a general banking moratorium by United States or Michigan state authorities, (vi) there have been any material adverse change or any development involving such prospective material adverse change in the affairs, operations, business, financial condition or prospects of the Issuer or the financial or securities markets which, in the reasonable opinion of the Underwriter, either (A) makes untrue or incorrect in any material respect any statement or information contained in the Official Statement or (B) is not reflected in the Official Statement but should be reflected therein in order to make the statements and information contained therein not misleading.
  - c) On or prior to the Closing, the following documents shall be delivered:

(i)

(A) the approving opinion of Bond Counsel, dated the date of Closing and addressed to the Issuer, accompanied by a supplementary opinion of Bond Counsel, dated the date of Closing and addressed and delivered to the Issuer and the Underwriter.

- (B) The opinion of counsel for the Issuer, in form and substance acceptable to the Underwriter and its counsel, addressed and delivered to the Issuer and the Underwriter and dated the date of Closing.
  - (C) The opinion of counsel to the Underwriter.
- (ii) A certificate dated the date of the Closing signed by the Issuer's authorized representative, to the effect that:
  - (A) The representations and warranties contained herein and in the Indenture are true and correct as of the date of the Closing and that the Issuer has complied with all other agreements herein contained;
  - (B) The material appearing in the Official Statement (other than the information contained in the Sections captioned "THE BONDS Book-Entry-Only System" and "UNDERWRITING" as to which no representation is made) does not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading in any material respect;
  - (C) Since June 30, 2015, no material adverse change has occurred in the financial position of the Issuer;
  - (D) No event has occurred and is continuing which with the lapse of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute an Event of Default by the Issuer under the respective documents to be provided by the Issuer relating to the issuance of the Bonds; and
  - (E) No litigation is pending or, to the knowledge of such officer, threatened in any court in any way: (I) affecting the existence of the Issuer; (II) affecting the entitlement of its officers to their respective offices; (III) in any way seeking to restrain or to enjoin the issuance, sale or delivery of the Bonds; (IV) contesting or affecting the validity of the Indenture, the Authorizing Resolution, the State Aid Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the Bonds or this Bond Purchase Agreement; or (V) in any way contesting the existence or powers of the Issuer or its authority with respect to the Indenture and the Bonds.
- (iii) A certificate dated the date of the Closing signed by an authorized representative of Central Michigan University in form acceptable to Bond Counsel and counsel to the Underwriter.
- (iv) Executed copies of the State Aid Agreement, the Indenture, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement and a copy of the Authorizing Resolution.

- (v) The organizational documents of the Issuer, certified by an authorized officer of the Issuer along with the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Issuer authorizing the execution of and delivery of the Indenture, this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement and the State Aid Agreement, certified by an officer of the Issuer.
- (vi) A copy of the executed Purchase Agreement, as amended, for the purchase of the Property.
- (vii) A title insurance policy which shall evidence good and marketable title in the owner to the Project (as defined in the Indenture), in form reasonable satisfactory to the Underwriter.
- (viii) An ALTA Survey of the real property comprising a part of the Project, reasonably satisfactory to the Underwriter.
- (ix) Non-arbitrage and tax compliance certificates of the Issuer satisfactory to Bond Counsel and the underwriter.
- (x) A copy of a Letter of Representations to The Depository Trust Company, signed by an authorized officer of the Issuer and acknowledged by an authorized officer of The Depository Trust Company.
- (xi) Copies of the executed IRS Forms 8038-G, Information Return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Obligations of the Issuer.
  - (xii) A specimen of the Bonds.
  - (xiii) A copy of the executed Continuing Disclosure Agreement.
  - (xiv) A copy of the executed Environmental Indemnity Agreement.
- (xv) A certificate, dated the Closing Date, signed by an authorized officer or officers of the Trustee, to the effect that the Trustee is a national banking corporation, duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States, and has full power and authority to conduct its activities, to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Indenture, and to carry out the transactions contemplated thereby; and that the Indenture constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Trustee enforceable against the Trustee in accordance with its terms except as limited by: (A) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws relating to, or affecting generally, the enforcement of creditors' rights and remedies; and (B) the availability of equitable remedies, including specific performance and injunctive relief.
- (xvi) Such additional legal opinions, certificates, instruments and other documents as the Underwriter may deem necessary or Bond Counsel may reasonably request to evidence compliance by the Issuer with legal requirements, the truth and accuracy, as of the time of Closing of the Issuer's representations herein contained and contained in the Official Statement and in the Preliminary Official Statement and the due performance or satisfaction by

the Issuer at or prior to such time of all agreements then to be performed and all conditions then to be satisfied by the Issuer.

If the Issuer shall be unable to satisfy the conditions to the Underwriter's obligations contained in this Bond Purchase Agreement or if the Underwriter's obligations shall be terminated for any reason permitted by this Bond Purchase Agreement, this Bond Purchase Agreement shall terminate and neither the Underwriter nor the Issuer shall have any further obligation hereunder.

#### 8. Conditions of the Issuer's Obligations.

The Issuer's obligations hereunder to sell and deliver the Bonds shall be subject to the performance by the Underwriter of its obligations to be performed hereunder at or prior to the Closing; and to the accuracy in all material respects of the representations and warranties of the Underwriter contained herein as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, as set forth in or contemplated by the Official Statement, and shall also be subject to the Issuer having received, at or prior to the Closing Date, the following documents:

- a) The opinions of counsel referred to in Paragraph 7(c)(i) hereof; and
- b) An Issue Price Certificate from the Underwriter acceptable to Bond Counsel.

## 9. Payment of Expenses.

a) Whether or not the Bonds are delivered by the Issuer to the Underwriter, the Underwriter shall be under no obligation to pay any expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Issuer hereunder except for those expenses authorized in advance by the Underwriter in writing. All reasonable expenses and costs incident to the authorization, issuance, printing, sale and delivery, as the case may be, of the Bonds, the Trust Indenture, the Environmental Indemnity Agreement, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement and the State Aid Agreement shall be paid by the Issuer, including without limitation (i) the preparation and printing of copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement; (ii) any documentary, stamp or other transfer taxes in connection with the original issue of the Bonds hereunder; (iii) all filing, registration and recording fees and expenses; (iv) the Trustee's fees; (v) the Issuer's fees; (vi) the fees and disbursements of Bond Counsel and Underwriter's counsel; (vii) CUSIP fees; and (viii) fees of The Depository Trust Company.

#### 10. <u>Notices</u>.

Any notice or other communication to be given to the Issuer under this Bond Purchase Agreement may be given by delivering the same in writing signed by an authorized officer of the Underwriter at the office of the Issuer, 7707 Conference Center Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48114, Attention: School Leader; and any such notice or other communication to be given to the Underwriter may be given by delivering the same in writing to the Underwriter, Oak Ridge Financial Services Group, Inc., 701 Xenia Avenue South, Suite 100, Golden Hills Office Center, Golden Valley, Minnesota 55416, Attention: Scott Vanderwerp.

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#### 11. <u>Benefit and Survival</u>.

This Bond Purchase Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the Issuer and the Underwriter, including the successors or assigns of the Underwriter, (but excluding any purchaser of a Bond from the Underwriter) and no other person, partnership, association or Academy shall acquire or have any right hereunder or by virtue hereof. All representations and agreements of the Issuer in this Bond Purchase Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of the investigation made by or on behalf of the Underwriter and shall survive the delivery of and payment for the Bonds hereunder and any termination of this Bond Purchase Agreement.

## 12. <u>Transaction Relationship</u>.

Inasmuch as the purchase and sale contemplated pursuant to this Agreement represents a negotiated transaction, the Issuer acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the transaction contemplated by this Agreement is an arm's length, commercial transaction between the Issuer and the Underwriter in which the Underwriter is acting solely as a principal and not acting as a fiduciary to the Issuer; (ii) the Underwriter has provided advice with respect to the structure, timing or other similar matters concerning the Bonds as an underwriter and not as a fiduciary to the Issuer; (iii) the Underwriter is acting solely in its capacity as an underwriter for its own account; (iv) the only obligations the Underwriter has to the Issuer with respect to the transaction contemplated hereby are expressly set forth in this Agreement; and (v) the Issuer has consulted with its own legal, accounting, tax, financial and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent deemed appropriate.

#### 13. Governing Law.

This Bond Purchase Agreement shall be construed under and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.

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## 14. Counterparts.

This Bond Purchase Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one of the same instrument.

OAK RIDGE FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.

Dy.

FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL

By:

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### CERTAIN DETAILS OF THE BONDS

Purchase Price:

\$4,293,250 (which equals the par value of the Bonds of \$4,505,000,

less original issue discount of \$99,125 and less an Underwriter's

discount of \$112,625).

Bond Pricing:

See attached Bond Pricing Summary.

Dated Date:

June 22, 2016

Interest Payment Dates:

Semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year until maturity

or earlier redemption, commencing December 1, 2016.

Optional Redemption:

The Bonds or portions thereof subject to mandatory redemption on or after June 1, 2027 are subject to redemption at the option of the Issuer, in whole or in part at any time on or after June 1, 2026 and if in part, in multiples of \$5,000 and in such order of maturity as the Academy shall direct, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption; provided that no Bond may be redeemed in part if the principal amount to be Outstanding following such partial redemption is not an

Authorized Denomination.

Mandatory Redemption:

The Bonds maturing June 1, 2021 are subject to mandatory redemption on June 1, 2017 and on each June 1 thereafter, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

# Term Bond Maturing June 1, 2021

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Date	Principal Amoun	
(June 1)		
2017	\$95,000	
2018	85,000	
2019	85,000	
2020	90,000	
2021	95,000*	

\*Final maturity.

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The Bonds maturing June 1, 2029 are subject to mandatory redemption on June 1, 2022 and on each June 1 thereafter, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

Term Bond Maturing June 1, 2029

Date	Principal Amount	
(June 1)		
2022	\$95,000	
2023	100,000	
2024	105,000	
2025	110,000	
2026	115,000	
2027	120,000	
2028	125,000	
2029	130,000*	

<sup>\*</sup>Final maturity.

The Bonds maturing June 1, 2036 are subject to mandatory redemption on June 1, 2030 and on each June 1 thereafter, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

Term Bond Maturing June 1, 2036

Date	Principal Amount	
(June 1)		
2030	\$125,000	
2031	135,000	
2032	140,000	
2033	150,000	
2034	160,000	
2035	165,000	
2036	175,000*	

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<sup>\*</sup>Final maturity

The Bonds maturing June 1, 2046 are subject to mandatory redemption on June 1, 2037 and on each June 1 thereafter, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the redemption date as follows:

## Term Bond Maturing June 1, 2046

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Date	Principal Amount	
(June 1)		
2037	\$160,000	
2038	170,000	
2039	180,000	
2040	190,000	
2041	200,000	
2042	215,000	
2043	225,000	
2044	240,000	
2045	255,000	
2046	270,000*	

Mandatory Redemption Upon Determination of Taxability:

The Bonds are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity, as a whole and not in part, on the earliest practicable date for which notice can be given following the occurrence of a Determination of Taxability under the Indenture, at a redemption price equal to 103% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Mandatory Redemption Upon Occurrence of Certain Events:

Subject to Section 8.01 and 8.02 of the Indenture, the Bonds are redeemable at the option and upon the direction of the Bondholders of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Outstanding Bonds, in whole at any time or in part on any Business Day from and to the extent of funds on deposit under this Indenture and available for this purpose at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of each Bond to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date, upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

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<sup>\*</sup>Final maturity

- (i) The Facilities shall have been damaged or destroyed in whole or in part to such extent that, as expressed in a Consulting Architect's Certificate filed with the Trustee, either: (A) the Facilities cannot reasonably be restored within a period of 12 consecutive months to the condition thereof immediately preceding such damage or destruction; (B) the Academy is thereby prevented from carrying on its normal operations for a period of 12 consecutive months; (C) the cost of restoration thereof would exceed the Net Proceeds of insurance carried thereon pursuant to the requirements of Section 7.03 herein; or (D) the final maturity of the Bonds is within five years of the date of such damage or destruction.
- (ii) Title to, or the temporary use of, all or any substantial part of the Facilities shall have been taken under the exercise of the power of eminent domain by any governmental entity, or Person, firm or corporation acting under governmental authority or because of a defect in title.
- (iii) As a result of any changes in the Constitution of the State or the Constitution of the United States of America or of legislative or administrative action (whether state or federal) or by final decree, judgment or order of any court or administrative body (whether state or federal) entered after the contest thereof by the Academy in good faith, the Indenture shall have become void or unenforceable or impossibility of performance in accordance with the intent and purposes of the parties as expressed in the Indenture. Redemption pursuant to this subsection (iii) shall be in whole only.

Only Net Proceeds of insurance or a condemnation award shall be used for a partial redemption of Bonds set forth above.

Mandatory Redemption Upon Failure to Close On Project:

The Bonds are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity; as a whole and not in part, on the earliest practicable date for which notice can be given following the failure of the Project to close by June 30, 2017, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Purchase in Lieu of Redemption:

The Bonds are subject to purchase in lieu of redemption by the Issuer prior to their respective maturity dates at any time, in whole or in part, if the following conditions are satisfied:

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- (i) The Issuer and the Bondholders negotiate and agree upon a purchase price that is communicated to the Trustee in writing, provided that the purchase price so negotiated, together with the expense of such purchase, may not exceed the redemption price of the Bonds to be purchased;
- (ii) Upon written agreement as described in (i) above, the Issuer shall direct the Trustee to purchase certain Bonds and will provide funds to the Trustee for deposit in the Bond Interest Fund and Bond Principal Fund in the amount necessary to pay the purchase price of the selected portion of the Bonds in excess of that required to fully satisfy the next scheduled interest and principal payments due on the Bonds, and provided there is deposited into the Expense Fund such amount as the Trustee may require to cover the accrued and anticipated fees and expenses;
- (iii) The Trustee confirms that the amount provided for by the Issuer pursuant to (ii) above is sufficient to warrant such purchase at the purchase price agreed to by the Issuer and the Bondholders pursuant to (i) above; and
- (iv) To the extent permitted by law, the Issuer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Trustee, in a form and with such security as may be satisfactory to the Trustee, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, or losses arising out of, by virtue of, or in connection with, the tender of Bonds, up to the amount of the value of the Bonds tendered, except in the case of negligence, willful misconduct, or bad faith on the part of the Trustee.

#### BOND PRICING SUMMARY

	Maturity	Par Amount	Coupon	Yield	Purchase Price
-	June 1, 2021	\$450,000	4.500%	4.500%	100.000%
	June 1, 2029	\$900,000	5.000%	5.241%	97.750%
	June 1, 2036	\$1,050,000	5.625%	5.838%	97.500%
	June 1, 2046	\$2,105,000	6.000%	6.184%	97.500%

## **MORTGAGE**

## FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL

as Mortgagor

to

# U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

as Mortgagee

## **RELATING TO:**

\$4,505,000
FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL
Public School Academy Revenue Bonds, Series 2016

Dated as of June 1, 2016

Prepared by, and when recorded, return to:

James M. Crowley, Esq. Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. 150 W. Jefferson Ave., Ste. 2500 Detroit, MI 48226

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## EXHIBIT B PERMITTED ENCUMBRANCES

## **MORTGAGE**

THIS MORTGAGE ("Mortgage") is made as of June 1, 2016, by and between FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL, as Mortgagor ("Mortgagor") and U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, in its capacity as bond trustee for the Bonds (as defined below), as Mortgagee ("Mortgagee").

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

- A. Pursuant to the Trust Indenture, dated as of June 1, 2016 (the "Trust Indenture"), between Mortgagor and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee under the Trust Indenture, Mortgagor is issuing its Public School Academy Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,505,000 (the "Bonds") for the purposes set forth in the Trust Indenture. All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Trust Indenture.
- B. Pursuant to the Trust Indenture, certain state school aid payments have been pledged and assigned by Mortgagor to Mortgagee for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds.
- C. The Bonds are secured by the Trust Estate (as defined in the Trust Indenture), including a lien on and security interest in the Mortgaged Estate (defined below) pursuant to this Mortgage, granted by Mortgagor.

#### GRANTING CLAUSES

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, including the indebtedness herein recited and the trust herein created, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Mortgagor hereby irrevocably grants a security interest in, mortgages, warrants, grants, bargains, sells, transfers, conveys and assigns to Trustee and to its assigns forever, IN TRUST, WITH POWER OF SALE AND RIGHT OF ENTRY, for the benefit and security of Mortgagee, under and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, all of Mortgagor's estate, right, title and interests in, to and under any and all of the following property now owned, together with all cash and noncash proceeds thereof, which may be referred to herein as the "Mortgaged Estate:"

#### LAND

The real property located in the County of Livingston, State of Michigan (the "State"), described in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein (the "Land");

#### **IMPROVEMENTS**

Any and all buildings, structures, fixtures and improvements existing or to be constructed on the Land, including, but not limited to, the fixtures, attachments, appliances, equipment, machinery, and other articles attached to such buildings and improvements (collectively, the "Improvements" and, together with the Land, the "Real Property");

## RENTS, REVENUES AND DERIVATIVE INTERESTS

All rents, issues, profits and royalties derived from the Real Property and the operation thereof (collectively the "Revenues"); all estate, right, title and interest of Mortgagor in and to all leases or subleases covering the Real Property or any portion thereof now or hereafter existing or entered into, including, without limitation, all cash or security deposits, advance rentals and deposits or payments of similar nature; all right, title and interest of Mortgagor in and to all options to purchase or lease the Real Property or any portion thereof or interest therein, and any greater estate therein now owned; all interests, estate or other claims, both in law and in equity, which Mortgagor now has in the Real Property or any portion thereof or interest therein; all easements, rights-of-way and rights used in connection therewith or as a means of access thereto, and all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereof and thereto, all right, title and interest of Mortgagor, now owned, in and to any land lying within the right-of-way of any street, open or proposed, adjoining the Real Property and any and all sidewalks, alleys and strips and gores of land adjacent to or used in connection with the Real Property (all of the foregoing in this paragraph being, collectively, the "Derivative Interests" and, together with the Real Property, the "Project");

#### INTANGIBLES

All of Mortgagor's interest in all existing and future accounts, contract rights, general intangibles, files, books of account, plans, specifications, agreements, permits, licenses and certificates necessary or desirable in connection with the acquisition, ownership, leasing, construction, operation, servicing or management of the Project, whether now existing or entered into or obtained after the date hereof, all existing and future names under or by which the Project or any portion thereof may at any time be operated or known (the "Intangibles");

#### CLAIMS AND AWARDS

All the estate, interest, right, title, other claim or demand, including claims or demands with respect to the proceeds of insurance in effect with respect thereto, which Mortgagor now has or may hereafter acquire in the Project or Intangibles and any and all awards made for the taking by eminent domain, or by any proceeding or purchase in lieu thereof, of the whole or any part of the Project or Intangibles including, without limitation, any awards resulting from a change of grade of streets and awards for severance damages; and

#### **PROCEEDS**

All of the rents, revenues, issues, profits, products and proceeds of any and all of the foregoing.

A security interest is granted by this Mortgage in that portion of the Mortgaged Estate which constitutes personalty pursuant to and as set forth in Article IV hereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Mortgaged Estate hereby granted or mortgaged or intended to be granted or mortgaged, unto Trustee, and its successors in trust, heirs and assigns, upon the terms, provisions and conditions set forth herein in fee simple forever.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that these presents are upon the condition that, if the Secured Obligations (as hereinafter defined) hereby shall be paid when due, and if Mortgagor shall keep, perform and observe all and singular the obligations, covenants, agreements and provisions in this Mortgage expressed to be kept, performed by and observed by or on the part of Mortgagor, then this Mortgage and the estate and rights hereby granted shall cease, determine and be void, but otherwise shall be and remain in full force and effect.

THIS MORTGAGE SHALL SECURE THE FOLLOWING INDEBTEDNESS AND OBLIGATIONS:

- (i) Payment of indebtedness evidenced by the Bonds and all replacements, renewals, amendments, extensions, substitutions and modifications thereof bearing interest and being payable as provided therein;
- (ii) Payment of all indebtedness and performance of all obligations and covenants of Mortgagor under the Trust Indenture and each agreement of Mortgagor incorporated by reference therein or herein, or contained therein or herein;
- (iii) Payment of all of the principal of and interest on any future advances under the Trust Indenture, this Mortgage, and any other instrument or other document given to evidence or further secure the payment and performance of any of the obligations thereunder; and
- (iv) Payment of all other indebtedness and performance of all other obligations and covenants of Mortgagor contained in any other instrument given to evidence or further secure the payment and performance of any obligation secured hereby or thereby;

The indebtedness and the obligations secured by this Mortgage which are described in (i) through (iv) above may be referred to herein as the "Secured Obligations."

It is the intention of the parties hereto that the Mortgaged Estate shall secure all of the Secured Obligations presently or hereafter owed, and that the priority of the security interest created by this Mortgage for all such Secured Obligations shall be controlled by the time of proper recording of this Mortgage. In addition, this Mortgage shall also secure unpaid balances of advances made with respect to the Mortgaged Estate for the payment of taxes, assessments, insurance premiums, costs or any other advances incurred for the protection of the Mortgaged Estate, together with interest thereon until paid, all as contemplated in this Mortgage, all of which shall constitute a part of the Secured Obligations. This paragraph shall serve as notice to all persons who may seek or obtain a lien on the Mortgaged Estate subsequent to the date of recording of this Mortgage, that until this Mortgage is released, any debt owed by Mortgagor under the Trust Indenture, including advances made subsequent to the recording of this Mortgage, shall be secured with the priority afforded this Mortgage as recorded.

IT IS HEREBY COVENANTED, DECLARED AND AGREED that the Mortgaged Estate is to be held and disposed of by Trustee, upon and subject to the provisions of this Mortgage.

#### ARTICLE I

## REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS OF MORTGAGOR

Mortgagor hereby represents, warrants, covenants and agrees:

Section 1.01. Payment of Secured Obligations. Mortgagor hereby grants this Mortgage to secure the payment and performance when due of the Secured Obligations. The consideration received by Mortgagor to execute and deliver this Mortgage and the liens and security interests created herein is sufficient and will provide a direct economic benefit to Mortgagor.

Section 1.02. Title of Mortgagor. Mortgagor has, subject to the matters set forth as exceptions in the loan policy of title insurance to be provided to Mortgagee in connection with this Mortgage as well as those exceptions provided in the attached Exhibit B (the "Permitted Encumbrances"), in its own right, good, marketable and indefeasible title in fee simple to the Mortgaged Estate, which is free from encumbrance superior to the encumbrance of this Mortgage, and has full right, power and authority to execute and deliver this Mortgage and to make the conveyances and grant the interests and security contemplated hereby. This Mortgage constitutes a valid first-lien upon and security interest in the Mortgaged Estate, subject only to the Permitted Encumbrances.

## Section 1.03. [Reserved]

Section 1.04. Maintenance; Repair; Alterations. Mortgagor shall: Mortgaged Estate in good condition and repair, subject to reasonable and ordinary wear and tear; not remove, demolish or substantially alter (except such alterations as may be required by applicable laws, ordinances or regulations or as permitted under the Trust Indenture) any of the Improvements; (ii) complete promptly and in good and workmanlike manner any building or other improvement which may be constructed on the Land and promptly restore in like manner any Improvement which may be damaged or destroyed thereon, subject to the provisions of Section 1.07 hereof, and pay when due all claims for labor performed and materials furnished therefor; (iii) comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, covenants, conditions and restrictions now or hereafter affecting the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof or requiring any alterations or improvements; (iv) not commit or permit any waste or deterioration of the Mortgaged Estate; (v) keep and maintain abutting grounds, sidewalks, roads, parking and landscape areas in good and neat order and repair; (vi) comply with the provisions of any lease, if this Mortgage is on a leasehold; (vii) use the Mortgaged Estate and continue to cause the Mortgaged Estate to be used as permitted under applicable law; and (viii) not commit, suffer or permit any act to be done in or upon the Mortgaged Estate in violation of any applicable law, ordinance or regulation.

Section 1.05. Required Insurance. Mortgagor shall provide, maintain and keep at all times in force those policies of insurance required in the Trust Indenture.

## Section 1.06. Delivery of Insurance Policies; Payment of Premiums.

- (a) All policies of insurance shall be issued by companies and in amounts as required by the provisions of the Trust Indenture.
- (b) In the event Mortgagor fails to provide, maintain, keep in force or deliver and furnish to Mortgagee evidence of the policies of insurance required by the Trust Indenture, Mortgagee may procure such insurance or single-interest insurance for such risks covering Mortgagee's interest, and Mortgagor will pay all premiums thereon promptly upon demand by Mortgagee, and until such payment is made by Mortgagor the amount of all such premiums, together with interest thereon, shall be secured by this Mortgage.
- (c) Upon occurrence of an Event of Default, Mortgagee shall apply any sums or amounts received pursuant hereto, or as Revenues or income of the Mortgaged Estate or otherwise, as required under the Trust Indenture. The receipt, use or application of any such sums by Mortgagee hereunder shall not be construed to affect the maturity of any Secured Obligation or any of the rights or powers of Mortgagee under the terms of the Trust Indenture or any of the obligations of Mortgagor under the Trust Indenture. Notwithstanding the application of such sums to the payment of a portion of the Secured Obligations, any unpaid portion of the Secured Obligations shall remain in full force and effect, and Mortgagor shall not be excused in the remaining payment thereof.

Section 1.07. Insurance Proceeds. After the occurrence of any casualty to the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof, Mortgagor shall give prompt written notice thereof to Mortgagee and each insurer and promptly submit a claim to such insurer(s) for payment of insurance proceeds. Proceeds of all insurance awards ("Insurance Proceeds") shall be held and disbursed as provided in the Trust Indenture. Notwithstanding the application of Insurance Proceeds to the payment of a portion of the Secured Obligations, any unpaid portion of the Secured Obligations shall remain in full force and effect, and Mortgagor shall not be excused in the payment thereof.

Except as provided below, nothing contained in this Mortgage shall be deemed to excuse Mortgagor from repairing or maintaining the Mortgaged Estate as provided in Section 1.04 hereof. The application or release by Mortgagee of any Insurance Proceeds shall not cure or waive any Event of Default or notice of default under this Mortgage or invalidate any act done pursuant to such notice.

Section 1.08. Assignment of Policies Upon Foreclosure. In the event of the foreclosure of this Mortgage, or other transfer of title to the Mortgaged Estate, or any part thereof, by nonjudicial foreclosure sale or deed in lieu of foreclosure, the purchaser of the Mortgaged Estate, or such part thereof, shall succeed to all of Mortgagor's rights, including any rights to unexpired insurance and unearned or returnable premiums, in and to all insurance policies required by Section 1.05 hereof, subject to limitations on assignment of blanket policies, and limited to such rights as relate to the Mortgaged Estate or such part thereof. If Mortgagee acquires title to the Mortgaged Estate, or any part thereof, in any manner, it shall thereupon (as between Mortgagor and Mortgagee) become the sole and absolute owner of the insurance

policies, and all proceeds payable thereunder with respect to the Mortgaged Estate, or such part thereof, required by Section 1.05 hereof, with the sole right to collect and retain all unearned or returnable premiums thereon with respect to the Mortgaged Estate, or such part thereof, if any.

## Section 1.09. Expenses; Indemnification; Waiver of Offset.

- (a) Mortgagor shall pay or reimburse Mortgagee for all reasonable expenses incurred by Mortgagee before and after the date of this Mortgage with respect to any and all transactions contemplated by this Mortgage including without limitation, the preparation of any document reasonably required hereunder or any amendment, modification, restatement or supplement to this Mortgage, the delivery of any consent, non-disturbance agreement or similar document in connection with this Mortgage or the enforcement of any of Mortgagee's rights. Such expenses shall include, without limitation, all reasonable title and conveyancing charges, recording and filing fees and taxes, mortgage taxes, intangible personal property taxes, escrow fees, revenue and tax stamp expenses, privilege taxes, use taxes, insurance premiums (including title insurance premiums), title search and title rundown charges, brokerage commissions, finders' fees, placement fees, court costs, surveyors', photographers', appraisers', architects', engineers', consulting professionals', accountants', and attorneys' disbursements.
- (b) If (i) any sale (or prerequisite to a sale), action or proceeding shall be commenced by Mortgagee (including but not limited to any sale of the Mortgaged Estate, or any action to foreclose this Mortgage or to collect the Secured Obligations), or any action or proceeding is commenced to which Mortgagee is made a party, or in which it becomes necessary to defend or uphold the rights granted by this Mortgage (including, without limitation, any proceeding or other action relating to the bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of Mortgagor or any other person or entity obligated hereunder). or in which Mortgagee is served with any legal process, discovery notice or subpoena, and (ii) in each of the foregoing instances such action or proceeding in any manner relates to or arises out of this Mortgage or issuance of the Bonds or acceptance of a guaranty from a guarantor of the Secured Obligations or any of the transactions contemplated by this Mortgage and such action or proceeding does not relate to or arise out of the gross negligence, breach of trust or willful misconduct of Mortgagee as applicable, then Mortgagor will immediately reimburse or pay to Mortgagee all of the expenses which have been or may be incurred by Mortgagee with respect to the foregoing (including reasonable counsel fees and disbursements), together with interest thereon, and any such sum and the interest thereon shall be included in the Secured Obligations and have the full benefit of this Mortgage, prior to any right, or title to, interest in or claim upon the Mortgaged Estate attaching or accruing to this Mortgage, and shall be deemed to be secured by this Mortgage. In any action or proceeding to sell the Mortgaged Estate, to foreclose this Mortgage, or to recover or collect the Secured Obligations, the provisions of law respecting the recovering of costs, disbursements and allowances shall prevail unaffected by this covenant.
- (c) To the extent permitted by law, Mortgagor shall indemnify and hold harmless Mortgagee and affiliates, and directors, officers, agents and employees and affiliates for,

from and against all claims, damages, losses and liabilities (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) arising out of or based upon any matter related to this Mortgage, the Mortgaged Estate or the occupancy, ownership, maintenance or management of the Mortgaged Estate by Mortgagor, including, without limitation, any claims based on the alleged acts or omissions of any employee or agent of Mortgagor except for such damages incurred due to the gross negligence, breach of trust or willful misconduct of Mortgagee or its affiliates, directors, officers, agents or employees. This indemnification shall be in addition to any other liability which Mortgagor may otherwise have to Mortgagee.

- (d) Mortgagor waives any and all right to claim or recover against Mortgagee, its officers, employees, agents and representatives, for loss of or damage to Mortgagor, the Mortgaged Estate, Mortgagor's property or the property of others under Mortgagor's control from any cause insured against or required to be insured against by the provisions of this Mortgage except for such damages incurred due to the gross negligence, breach of trust or willful misconduct of Mortgagee.
- (e) All sums payable by Mortgagor under this Mortgage shall be paid without notice, demand, counterclaim, setoff, deduction or defense and without abatement, suspension, deferment, diminution or reduction, and the Secured Obligations of Mortgagor hereunder shall in no way be released, discharged or otherwise affected by reason of: (i) any damage to or destruction of or any condemnation or similar taking of the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof; (ii) any restriction or prevention of or interference with any use of the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof; (iii) any title defect or encumbrance or any eviction from the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof by title paramount or otherwise; (iv) any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, composition, adjustment, dissolution, liquidation or other like proceeding relating to Mortgagor, or any action taken with respect to this Mortgage by any trustee or receiver of Mortgagor, or by any court, in any such proceeding; or (v) any other occurrence whatsoever, whether similar or dissimilar to the foregoing; whether or not Mortgagor shall have notice or knowledge of any of the foregoing. To the extent permitted by law, Mortgagor waives all rights now or hereafter conferred by statute or otherwise to any abatement, suspension, deferment, diminution or reduction of any Secured Obligation. Notwithstanding the above, Mortgagor may maintain a separate suit regarding such matters.

## Section 1.10. Taxes and Impositions.

(a) In accordance with the terms of the Trust Indenture, Mortgagor agrees to pay, prior to delinquency, all real and personal property taxes and assessments, general and special, and all other taxes and assessments of any kind or nature whatsoever, which are assessed or imposed upon the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof, or become due and payable, and which create, may create or appear to create a lien upon the Mortgaged Estate, or any part thereof, or upon any personal property, equipment or other facility used in the operation or maintenance thereof (all of which taxes, assessments and other governmental and nongovernmental charges of like nature are hereinafter referred to as "Impositions").

- (b) Subject to the applicable State law provisions, Mortgagor shall have the right before any delinquency occurs to contest or object to the amount or validity of any Imposition by appropriate legal proceedings in accordance with the terms of the Trust Indenture.
- (c) Mortgagor covenants and agrees not to suffer, permit or initiate the joint assessment of the real and personal property, or any other procedure whereby the lien of the real property taxes and the lien of the personal property taxes shall be assessed, levied or charged to the Mortgaged Estate as a single lien.

Section 1.11. Utilities. Mortgagor shall pay when due all utility charges which are incurred for the benefit of the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof or which may become a charge or lien against the Mortgaged Estate for gas, electricity, water or sewer services furnished to the Mortgaged Estate and all other taxes, assessments or charges of a similar nature, whether public or private, affecting the Mortgaged Estate or any portion thereof, whether or not such taxes, assessments or charges are liens thereon.

Section 1.12. Actions Affecting Mortgaged Estate. Mortgagor shall appear in and contest any action or proceeding purporting to affect the title of Mortgagor in the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof or security hereof or the rights or powers of Mortgagee; and Mortgagor shall pay all costs and expenses, including cost of evidence of title and reasonable attorneys' fees, in any such action or proceeding in which Mortgagee may appear.

Section 1.13. Actions by Mortgagee To Preserve Mortgaged Estate. Mortgagor fail to make any payment or to do any act as and in the manner provided in this Mortgage, Mortgagee, in its sole discretion, and without notice to, or demand upon, Mortgagor and without releasing Mortgagor from any Secured Obligation, may make or do the same in such manner and to such extent as Mortgagee may deem necessary to protect the security hereof. In connection therewith (without limiting its general powers), Mortgagee shall have, and is hereby given the right, but not the obligation: (i) to enter upon and take possession of the Mortgaged Estate; (ii) to make additions, alterations, repairs and improvements to the Mortgaged Estate which it may consider necessary or proper to keep the Mortgaged Estate in good condition and repair; (iii) to appear and participate in any action or proceeding affecting or which may affect the security hereof or the rights or powers of Mortgagee; (iv) to pay, purchase, contest or compromise any encumbrance, claim, charge, lien or debt which in the judgment of Mortgagee may affect or appears to affect the security of this Mortgage or be prior or superior hereto; and (v) in exercising such powers, to pay necessary expenses, including employment of counsel or other necessary or desirable consultants. Any such costs and expenses incurred by Mortgagee and any such amounts paid by Mortgagee shall be secured hereby with the same priority afforded this Mortgage as recorded. Mortgagor shall immediately upon demand therefor by Mortgagee pay all of the foregoing costs and expenses incurred by Mortgagee in connection with the exercise by Mortgagee of the foregoing rights, including without limitation costs of evidence of title, court costs, appraisals, surveys and reasonable attorneys' fees provided, however, that Mortgagor shall not be liable to pay for any such costs or expenses incurred by Mortgagee due to the gross negligence, willful misconduct or breach of trust of Mortgagee or its affiliates, directors, officers, agents or employees.

Section 1.14. Survival of Warranties. Mortgagor shall fully and faithfully satisfy and perform the Secured Obligations. All representations, warranties and covenants of Mortgagor contained herein shall remain continuing obligations, warranties and representations of Mortgagor during any time when any portion of the obligations secured by this Mortgage remain outstanding.

Section 1.15. Eminent Domain. Should the Mortgaged Estate, or any part thereof or interest therein, be taken or damaged by reason of any public improvement or condemnation proceeding, or in any other manner ("Condemnation"), or should Mortgagor receive any notice or other information regarding such proceeding, Mortgagor shall give prompt written notice thereof to Mortgagee. Mortgagee may participate in any such Condemnation proceedings, and Mortgagor shall from time to time deliver to Mortgagee all instruments requested by Mortgagee to permit such participation. Mortgagor shall, at its sole cost and expense, diligently prosecute any such proceedings and shall consult with Mortgagee and its attorneys and experts, and cooperate with it in the carrying on or defense of any such proceedings. All proceeds of Condemnation awards or proceeds of sale in lieu of Condemnation with respect to the Mortgaged Estate and all judgments, decrees and awards for injury or damage to the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof or interest therein shall be paid to Mortgagor or Mortgagee as provided in Section 7.04 of the Trust Indenture, and if to Mortgagee, shall be applied first to all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Mortgagee in obtaining the proceeds. The balance of proceeds (referred to in the Trust Indenture as "Net Proceeds"), if any, shall be applied as directed by Mortgagor in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Indenture.

Mortgagor hereby assigns and transfers to Mortgagee, and agrees to execute such further assignments of, all such proceeds, judgments, decrees and awards as Mortgagee may request. Mortgagee is hereby authorized, in the name of Mortgagor, to execute and deliver valid acquittances for, and to appeal from, any such judgment, decree or award. Mortgagor hereby authorizes, directs and empowers Mortgagee, at its option and with notice to Mortgagor, on Mortgagor's behalf, or on behalf of the successors or assigns of Mortgagor, to adjust, compromise, claim, collect and receive such proceeds and to give proper receipts and acquittances therefor. Mortgagee shall not be, in any event or circumstance, liable or responsible for failure to collect or exercise diligence in the collection of any proceeds, judgments, decrees or awards unless such failure is due to Mortgagee's negligence, willful misconduct or breach of trust.

**Section 1.16. Additional Security.** In the event Mortgagee at any time holds additional security for any of the Secured Obligations, it may enforce the sale thereof or otherwise realize upon the same, at its option, either before, concurrently with or after any sale is made hereunder.

Section 1.17. Additional Indebtedness. Except as provided in the Trust Indenture and except for the Permitted Encumbrances, Mortgagor shall not further encumber the Mortgaged Estate or any portion thereof (including, without limitation, secured transactions under the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in the State, the "UCC").

Section 1.18. Successors and Assigns. This Mortgage applies to, inures to the benefit of and binds all parties hereto, their heirs, legatees, devisees, administrators, executors,

successors and assigns. The covenants and agreements of Mortgagor contained herein shall apply to and be binding upon any successor owner of the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof.

Section 1.19. Inspections. Mortgagee, or its agents, representatives or workmen, are authorized to enter upon notice of two Business Days to Mortgagor at any reasonable time upon or in any part of the Mortgaged Estate for the purpose of inspecting the same and all books, records and documents relating thereto, and for the purpose of performing any of the acts it is authorized to perform under the terms of the Trust Indenture.

Section 1.20. Liens. Mortgagor shall pay and promptly discharge, at Mortgagor's sole cost and expense, all liens, encumbrances and charges upon the Mortgaged Estate, or any part thereof or interest therein other than the Permitted Encumbrances. Mortgagor shall have the right to contest in good faith the validity of any such lien, encumbrance or charge, provided Mortgagor shall thereafter diligently and in good faith proceed to cause such lien, encumbrance or charge to be removed and discharged. If Mortgagor shall fail to discharge any such lien, encumbrance or charge, then, in addition to any other right or remedy of Mortgagee, Mortgagee may, but shall not be obligated to, discharge the same, either, by paying the amount claimed to be due, or by procuring the discharge of such lien, either, by depositing in court a bond in the amount claimed or otherwise giving security for such claim, or in such manner as is or may be prescribed by law. Any cost incurred by Mortgagee in connection with any such payment or discharge shall be secured hereby and shall be immediately due and payable without notice or demand.

**Section 1.21. Restrictions Affecting Title.** Mortgagor shall perform when due all obligations required to be performed by Mortgagor by the provisions of any agreement affecting title to the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof.

Section 1.22. Further Assurances. Mortgagor shall, upon the execution and delivery hereof and thereafter from time to time, take such actions as Mortgagee may request to cause this Mortgage, each supplement and amendment to such instrument and financing statements with respect thereto and each instrument of further assurance (collectively, the "Recordable Documents") to be filed, registered and recorded as may be required by law and maintain the first lien or security interest, as applicable, hereof upon the Trust Estate and protect the validity of the Recordable Documents. Mortgagor shall take all action and do all things which it is authorized by law to take and do, and cooperate with Mortgagee as Mortgagee deems necessary or desirable, to insure the release of all encumbrances against the Mortgaged Estate, except the Permitted Encumbrances, existing prior to the date hereof.

So long as any Secured Obligations shall remain unpaid, Mortgagor shall execute, acknowledge, where appropriate, and deliver from time to time promptly at the request of Mortgagee all such instruments and documents as in the opinion of Mortgagee are necessary or desirable to preserve the first priority lien created by this Mortgage. If Mortgagor shall fail or refuse to execute, acknowledge, where appropriate, and deliver such instruments and documents to preserve the first priority lien created by this Mortgage within 10 Business Days following a written request by Mortgagee, Mortgagor irrevocably constitutes and appoints Mortgagee as its attorney-in-fact to execute and deliver such instruments, it being stipulated that such power of attorney is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable and binding.

Section 1.23. Performance of Covenants; Incorporation of Representations and Warranties. Mortgagor shall faithfully perform at all times any and all covenants, undertakings, stipulations and provisions contained in the Trust Indenture and in all of its proceedings pertaining to this Mortgage. The covenants, representations and warranties of Mortgagor set forth in the Trust Indenture are incorporated by reference into this Mortgage as if stated in full in this Mortgage and such representations and warranties as incorporated herein shall be deemed to have been made as of the date of this Mortgage and shall survive the execution and delivery of this Mortgage.

Section 1.24. Notification of Event of Default Under Mortgage. Mortgagor agrees to notify Mortgagee immediately in writing of any default by Mortgagor in the performance or observance of any covenant, agreement, representation, warranty or obligation of Mortgagor set forth in this Mortgage. Mortgagor shall also notify Mortgagee in writing of any event or condition which with the lapse of time or the giving of notice would constitute an Event of Default.

### Section 1.25. [Reserved].

Section 1.26. Organization; Due Authorization. Mortgagor is a public school academy duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State and has the requisite power, authority and legal right to carry on the business conducted by it and to engage in the transactions contemplated by the Trust Indenture. The execution and delivery of the Trust Indenture and this Mortgage and the performance and observance of the respective provisions thereof have all been authorized by all necessary actions of Mortgagor.

Section 1.27. Liabilities; Compliance With Other Instruments. Mortgagor has no liabilities regarding the Mortgaged Estate except those hereunder and those otherwise contemplated or permitted by this Mortgage and the Trust Indenture, none of which are delinquent. Mortgagor is not in default (i) in the payment of any taxes levied or assessed against it or its assets, (ii) under any applicable statute, rule, order or regulation of any governmental authority, (iii) under this Mortgage or the Trust Indenture, or (iv) under any other agreement to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties are bound.

Neither the execution and delivery of this Mortgage or the Trust Indenture, nor the consummation of the transactions herein or therein contemplated nor compliance with the terms and provisions hereof or thereof, conflicts with or results or will result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of the articles of incorporation of Mortgagor, any law, order, rule, regulation, writ, injunction or decree of any court or governmental authority, or any agreement or instrument to which Mortgagor is a party or by which it or any of its properties are bound, or constitutes or will constitute a default thereunder, or result or will result in the creation or imposition of any lien of any nature whatsoever upon any of its property or assets pursuant to the terms of any such agreement or instrument except the liens created or permitted by the Trust Indenture.

Section 1.28. Enforceability. This Mortgage and the Trust Indenture have been duly executed and delivered by Mortgagor and constitute valid and binding obligations of Mortgagor enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, except as the enforceability (but not the

validity thereof) may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.

Section 1.29. Pending Litigation. There are no proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of Mortgagor, threatened, against or affecting Mortgagor or any part of the Mortgaged Estate in any court or before any governmental authority or arbitration board or tribunal which if adversely determined would materially and adversely affect the properties, business, prospects, profits or condition (financial or otherwise) of Mortgagor or the right or ability of Mortgagor to enter into this Mortgage or the Trust Indenture, and if any such proceedings are subsequently initiated or threatened then Mortgagor will promptly provide written notice to Mortgagee. Mortgagor is not in default with respect to any order of any court or governmental authority or arbitration board or tribunal.

Section 1.30. Compliance With Law. Mortgagor is in substantial compliance with all laws, ordinances, governmental rules or regulations to which it is subject, including, without limitation, the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and all laws, ordinances, governmental rules or regulations relating to environmental protection the violation of which would materially and adversely affect the properties, business, prospects, profits or condition (financial or otherwise) of Mortgagor.

Section 1.31. After-Acquired Property. The Mortgage Estate shall include the right, title and interest of Mortgagor in and to all improvements, additions and appurtenances to, the Mortgaged Estate, hereafter acquired by or released to Mortgagor. As required, the Mortgagor shall execute and deliver to Mortgagee any further assurances, mortgages, grants, conveyances or assignments as Mortgagee may reasonably require to subject such property to the lien of this Mortgage.

Section 1.32. Transfer of Interests in Mortgagor or Mortgaged Estate. Except in accordance with the terms and restrictions of the Trust Indenture, and except for the Permitted Encumbrances, Mortgagor shall not, by operation of law or otherwise, sell, convey, alienate, transfer, grant, bargain, mortgage, encumber or assign ownership or control of all or any interest in Mortgagor or any part of the Mortgaged Estate or any interest therein, without the prior written consent of Mortgagee.

Section 1.33. Lease Provisions. Any lease of all or any part of the Mortgaged Estate by Mortgagor permitted under this Mortgage and the Trust Indenture shall contain a provision obligating such lessee to enter into a subordination, attornment and nondisturbance agreement with Mortgagee, in form and substance satisfactory to Mortgagee.

Section 1.34. Defeasance Terminates Lien. Upon defeasance of all Outstanding Bonds in accordance with the Trust Indenture, the lien of this Mortgage upon the Mortgaged Estate shall cease, and Mortgagee and Trustee shall execute and deliver to Mortgagor at Mortgagor's sole cost and expense all documents necessary to effect such a release.

### ARTICLE II

### **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Section 2.01. Environmental Matters. Mortgagor hereby incorporates and reaffirms those covenants and representations contained in Sections 7.06, 7.07 and 7.08 of the Trust Indenture (including its covenant to provide certain environmental indemnifications) as an integral part of this Mortgage; provided, however, it is the intent of the parties that the environmental indemnifications contained herein are separate and independent obligations of Mortgagor which shall survive any release, foreclosure or other satisfaction of this Mortgage, and such indemnifications shall not be subject to any anti-deficiency defense.

### ARTICLE III

### ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES

Section 3.01. Assignment of Revenues. Mortgagor hereby absolutely assigns and transfers to Mortgagee all the Revenues of the Mortgaged Estate and hereby gives to and confers upon Mortgagee the right, power and authority to collect such Revenues. Mortgagor irrevocably appoints Mortgagee its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, at the option of Mortgagee, at any time and from time to time, to take possession and control of the Mortgaged Estate and to demand, receive and enforce payment, to give receipts, releases and satisfaction, and to sue, in the name of Mortgagor or Mortgagee, for all such Revenues and apply the same to the Secured Obligations; provided, however, that Mortgagor shall have a license to possess and control the Mortgaged Estate and to collect such Revenues (but not more than one month in advance) which is revocable at any time upon an Event of Default by Mortgagor under the Trust Indenture. The assignment of the Revenues of the Mortgaged Estate in this Article III is intended to be an absolute assignment from Mortgagor to Mortgagee and not merely the passing of a security interest.

While the assignment made in this Mortgage is present, direct and continuing, the execution and delivery hereof shall not in any way impair or diminish the obligations of Mortgagor under the provisions of any lease nor shall any of the obligations contained in any lease be imposed upon Mortgagee.

Section 3.02. Collection Upon Default. Upon any Event of Default under this Mortgage or the Trust Indenture, Mortgagee may, at any time without notice, either in person, by agent or by a receiver appointed by a court, and without regard to the adequacy of any security for the Secured Obligations (i) enter upon and take possession of the Mortgaged Estate, or any part thereof, and in its own name sue for or otherwise collect such Revenues, including those past due and unpaid, and apply the same, less costs and expenses of operation and collection, including attorneys' fees, upon any Secured Obligations, and in such order as Mortgagee may determine, and (ii) prepare and submit any applications or other documentation as necessary in order to permit Mortgagee to collect the Revenues of the Mortgaged Estate. The collection of such Revenues, or the entering upon and taking possession of the Mortgaged Estate shall not cure or waive any default or notice of default hereunder or invalidate any act done in response to such default or pursuant to such notice of default.

Mortgagee shall not be liable to Mortgagor, anyone claiming under or through Mortgagor or anyone having an interest in the Mortgaged Estate by reason of anything done or left undone by Mortgagee hereunder, except to the extent of Mortgagee's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

### ARTICLE IV

### SECURITY AGREEMENT

Section 4.01. Creation of Security Interest. With respect to any portion of the Mortgaged Estate which now constitutes fixtures governed by the UCC, this Mortgage shall constitute a security agreement between Mortgagor as the debtor and Mortgagee as the secured party, and Mortgagor hereby grants to Mortgagee a security interest in such portion of the Mortgaged Estate (such portion being the "Fixtures"). Cumulative of all other rights of Mortgagee hereunder, Mortgagee shall have all of the rights conferred upon secured parties by the UCC. Mortgagor will execute and deliver to Mortgagee all financing statements that may from time to time be required by Mortgagee to establish and maintain the validity and priority of the security interest of Mortgagee, or any modification thereof, and all costs and expenses of any searches required by Mortgagee. Mortgagee may exercise any or all of the remedies of a secured party available to it under the UCC with respect to such property, and it is expressly agreed that if upon an Event of Default Mortgagee should proceed to dispose of such property in accordance with the provisions of the UCC, 10 days' notice by Mortgagee to Mortgagor shall be deemed to be reasonable notice under any provision of the UCC requiring such notice; provided, however, that Mortgagee may at its option dispose of such property in accordance with Mortgagee's rights and remedies with respect to the real property pursuant to the provisions of this Mortgage, in lieu of proceeding under the UCC.

Mortgagor shall give advance notice in writing to Mortgagee of any proposed change in Mortgagor's name, identity, or business form or structure and will execute and deliver to Mortgagee, prior to or concurrently with the occurrence of any such change, all additional financing statements that Mortgagee may reasonably require to establish and maintain the validity and priority of Mortgagee's security interest with respect to any of the Mortgaged Estate described or referred to herein.

Some of the items of the Mortgaged Estate described herein are goods that are or are to become fixtures related to the Real Property, and it is intended that as to those goods, this Mortgage shall be effective as a financing statement filed as a fixture filing from the date of its filing for record in the real estate records of the county in which the Mortgaged Estate is situated. Information concerning the security interest created by this instrument may be obtained from Mortgagee, as secured party, at the address of Mortgagee stated in Section 6.05 of this Mortgage. The mailing address of Mortgagor, as debtor, is as stated in Section 6.05 of this Mortgage.

- Section 4.02. Warranties; Representations and Covenants of Mortgagor. Mortgagor hereby warrants, represents and covenants, with respect to the Fixtures, as follows:
  - (a) except for the security interest granted hereby, Mortgagor is, and as to any of the Fixtures to be acquired after the date hereof will be, the sole owner of the Fixtures,

free from any adverse lien, security interest, encumbrance or adverse claims thereon of any kind whatsoever except for purchase money liens and Permitted Encumbrances. Mortgagor will notify Mortgagee of, and will defend the Fixtures against, all prohibited claims and demands of all persons at any time claiming the same or any interest therein;

- (b) Mortgagor will not lease, sell, convey or in any manner transfer the Fixtures (except Fixtures transferred in the ordinary course of business and replaced by Fixtures of a similar nature and having at least the same value as the Fixtures replaced, and except for Permitted Encumbrances as defined in the Trust Indenture) without the prior written consent of Mortgagee;
- (c) the Fixtures are not used or bought for personal, family or household purposes;
- (d) the Fixtures will be kept on or at the Project and Mortgagor will not remove the Fixtures from the Project without the prior written consent of Mortgagee, except such portions or items of personal property which are consumed or worn out in ordinary usage, all of which shall be promptly replaced by Mortgagor with new items of equal or greater quality; and
- (e) all-covenants and obligations of Mortgagor contained herein relating to the Mortgaged Estate shall be deemed to apply to the Fixtures whether or not expressly referred to herein.

#### ARTICLE V

### EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

- Section 5.01. Events of Default. Any one or more of the following events shall be deemed an event of default hereunder (each, an "Event of Default"):
  - (a) the occurrence of a default or an Event of Default by Mortgagor under the Trust Indenture (other than this Mortgage) subject to any applicable notice or cure periods provided therein;
  - (b) failure by Mortgagor to punctually perform or observe any covenant or agreement contained in this Mortgage (other than the monetary obligations described in paragraph (a) above) and such failure shall not have been cured within 30 days (or such longer period as permitted under the Trust Indenture) after written notice from Mortgagee of such failure;
  - (c) if Mortgagor shall file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or shall be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq., as amended (the "Bankruptcy Code"), or shall file any petition or answer seeking or acquiescing in any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution or similar relief for itself under any

present or future federal, state or other statute, law or regulation relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or other relief for debtors; or shall seek or consent to or acquiesce in the appointment of any trustee, receiver or liquidator of Mortgagor of all or any part of the Mortgaged Estate, or of any or all of the royalties, rents, issues or profits thereof, or shall make any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due;

- (d) if a court of competent jurisdiction shall enter an order, judgment or decree approving a petition filed against Mortgagor seeking any reorganization, dissolution or similar relief under any present or future federal, state or other statute, law or regulation relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or other relief for debtors, and such order, judgment or decree shall remain unvacated and unstayed for an aggregate of 60 days (whether or not consecutive) from the first date of entry thereof; or any trustee, receiver or liquidator of Mortgagor or of all or any part of the Mortgaged Estate, or of any or all of the royalties, rents, issues or profits thereof, shall be appointed without the consent or acquiescence of Mortgagor and such appointment shall remain unvacated and unstayed for an aggregate of 60 days (whether or not consecutive);
- (e) if a writ of execution or attachment or any similar process shall be issued or levied against all or any part of or interest in the Mortgaged Estate, or any judgment involving monetary damages shall be entered against Mortgagor which shall become alien on the Mortgaged Estate or any portion thereof or interest therein and such execution, attachment or similar process or judgment is not released, bonded, satisfied, vacated or stayed within 60 days after its entry or levy;
- (f) if, during the term of the Bonds secured by this Mortgage, Mortgagor shall without the prior written approval of Mortgagee (unless permitted as provided herein) sell, convey, alienate, mortgage or encumber the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof or any interest therein, or shall be divested of its title or any interest therein, in any manner, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, or if there is any merger, consolidation or dissolution affecting Mortgagor, or if there is a transfer of a majority interest in Mortgagor in a series of transactions or as a single transaction, unless any of the foregoing are permitted by the Trust Indenture;
- (g) any assignment by Mortgagor of the whole or any part of the Revenues, issues or profits arising from the Mortgaged Estate (including, without limitation, the Revenues) to any person without the consent of Mortgagee (unless permitted as provided herein) or if, without such consent, Mortgagor shall otherwise further encumber the Mortgaged Estate or any portion thereof (including, without limitation, secured transactions under the UCC) unless permitted by the Trust Indenture; or
- (h) if at any time any representation, warranty or statement made by Mortgagor in the Trust Indenture or any certificate delivered by Mortgagor shall be incorrect or misleading in any material respect, or any material misrepresentation shall at any time be made to Mortgagee by Mortgagor.

- Section 5.02. Acceleration Upon Default; Additional Remedies. Subject to the cure provisions of this Section 5.02, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default (which default is not cured within any applicable cure period) Mortgagee may, at Mortgagee's sole option exercised in Mortgagee's sole discretion, pursue any one or more of the following remedies:
  - (a) Declare all or any portion of the Secured Obligations to be due and payable, and the same shall thereupon become due and payable without any presentment, demand, protest or notice of any kind except as otherwise provided herein;
  - (b) Either in person or by agent, with or without bringing any action or proceeding, or by a receiver appointed by a court, and without regard to the adequacy of its security, enter upon and take possession of the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof and do any acts which it deems necessary or desirable to preserve the value, marketability or rentability of the Mortgaged Estate, or part thereof or interest therein, increase the income therefrom or protect the security hereof and, with or without taking possession of the Mortgaged Estate, take any action described in Article II, III or IV hereof, sue for or otherwise collect the Revenues thereof, including those past due and unpaid, and apply the same, less costs and expenses of operation and collection including reasonable attorneys' fees, upon any Secured Obligations, all in such order as Mortgagee may determine. The entering upon and taking possession of the Mortgaged Estate, the taking of any action described in Article II, III or IV hereof, the collection of such Revenues and the application thereof as aforesaid, shall not cure or waive any default or notice of default or invalidate any act done in response to such default or pursuant to such notice of default and, notwithstanding the continuance in possession of the Mortgaged Estate or the collection, receipt and application of Revenues, issues or profits, Mortgagee shall be entitled to exercise every right provided for the Trust Indenture or by law upon occurrence of any Event of Default, including the right to exercise the power of sale herein conferred:
  - (c) Commence an action to foreclose this Mortgage (either judicially or non-judicially), appoint a receiver, specifically enforce any of the covenants hereof, or sell the Mortgaged Estate pursuant to the power of sale herein conferred and in a manner provided under Michigan law;
  - (d) Exercise any or all of the remedies available to a secured party under the UCC, including, but not limited to:
    - (i) Either personally or by means of a court appointed receiver, commissioner or other officer, take possession of all or any of the Fixtures and exclude therefrom Mortgagor and all others claiming under Mortgagor, and thereafter hold, store, use, operate, manage, maintain and control, make repairs, replacements, alterations, additions and improvements to and exercise all rights and powers of Mortgagor in respect of the Fixtures or any part thereof. In the event Mortgagee demands or attempts to take possession of the Fixtures in the exercise of any rights under the Trust Indenture, Mortgagor promises and agrees to promptly turn over and deliver complete possession thereof to Mortgagee;

- (ii) Without notice to or demand upon Mortgagor, make such payments and do such acts as Mortgagee may deem necessary to protect its security interest in the Fixtures, including, without limitation, paying, purchasing, contesting or compromising any encumbrance, charge or lien which is prior to or superior to the security interest granted hereunder and, in exercising any such powers or authority, to pay all expenses incurred in connection therewith;
- (iii) Require Mortgagor to assemble the Fixtures or any portion thereof, at a place designated by Mortgagee and reasonably convenient to both parties, and promptly to deliver such Fixtures to Mortgagee, or an agent or representative designated by it. Mortgagee, and its agents and representatives, shall have the right to enter upon any or all of Mortgagor's premises and property to exercise Mortgagee's rights hereunder;
- (iv) Sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the Fixtures at public sale, with or without having the Fixtures at the place of sale, and upon such terms and in such manner as Mortgagee may determine. Mortgagee may be a purchaser at any such sale; and
- (v) Unless the Fixtures are perishable or threaten to decline speedily in value or are of a type customarily sold on a recognized market, Mortgagee shall give Mortgagor at least 10 days' prior written notice of the time and place of any public sale of the Fixtures or other intended disposition thereof. Such notice may be mailed to Mortgagor at the address set forth in Section 6.05 of herein and shall be deemed to be given on the date of mailing thereof; and
- (vi) Any sale made pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deemed to have been a public sale conducted in a commercially reasonable manner if held contemporaneously with the sale of all or a portion of the remainder of the Mortgaged Estate under power of sale as provided herein upongiving the same notice with respect to the sale of the Personal Property hereunder as is required for such sale of the remainder of the Mortgaged Estate under power of sale, and such sale shall be deemed to be pursuant to a security agreement covering both real and personal property under the UCC.
- (e) Exercise any other rights or remedies which may now or hereafter be available to Mortgagee under this Mortgage or the Trust Indenture or pursuant to applicable law or in equity; or
- (f) If held by Mortgagee, surrender the insurance policies maintained pursuant to Section 1.05, collect the unearned insurance premiums and apply such sums as a credit on the Secured Obligations in such priority and proportion as Mortgagee in its sole discretion shall deem proper, and in connection therewith, Mortgagor hereby appoints Mortgagee as agent and attorney-in-fact (which is coupled with an interest and is therefore irrevocable) for Mortgagee to collect such insurance premiums.

THIS MORTGAGE CONTAINS A POWER OF SALE AND UPON THE OCCURRENCE OF AN EVENT OF DEFAULT MAY BE FORECLOSED BY ADVERTISEMENT. IN FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT AND THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED ESTATE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, NO HEARING IS REQUIRED AND THE ONLY NOTICE REQUIRED IS THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND THE POSTING OF A COPY OF THE NOTICE ON THE PREMISES. THE MORTGAGOR HERBY WAIVES ALL RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE TO A HEARING PRIOR TO SALE IN CONNECTION WITH FORECLOSURE OF THIS MORTGAGE BY ADVERTISEMENT AND ALL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THE MICHIGAN STATUTE PROVIDING FOR FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.

### Section 5.03. [Reserved].

Section 5.04. Appointment of Receiver. If an Event of Default (which is not cured within any applicable cure period) shall have occurred, Mortgagee, as a matter of right and without notice to Mortgagor or anyone claiming under Mortgagor, and without regard to the value of the Mortgaged Estate or the interest of Mortgagor therein, shall have the right to apply to any court having jurisdiction to appoint a receiver or receivers of the Mortgaged Estate and Mortgagor hereby irrevocably consents to such appointment and waives notice of any application therefor. Any such receiver or receivers shall have all the usual powers and duties of receivers in like or similar cases in accordance with Michigan law and all the powers and duties of Mortgagee in case of entry as provided in Section 5.02(b) and shall continue as such and exercise all such powers until the date of confirmation of sale of the Mortgaged Estate unless such receivership is sooner terminated. Mortgagee shall, in addition to and not in limitation of any of the foregoing or any other remedies provided in this Mortgage or otherwise available under applicable law, have all of the rights provided under the laws of the State.

Section 5.05. Remedies Not Exclusive. Mortgagee shall be entitled to enforce payment and performance of any Secured Obligation hereby and to exercise all rights and powers under this Mortgage or under the Trust Indenture or other agreement or any laws now or hereafter in force. Neither the acceptance of this Mortgage nor its enforcement, whether by court action or pursuant to the power of sale or other powers herein contained, shall prejudice or in any manner affect Mortgagee's right to realize upon or enforce any other security now or hereafter held by Mortgagee, it being agreed that Mortgagee shall be entitled to enforce this Mortgage and any other security now or hereafter held by Mortgagee in such order and manner as it may in its absolute discretion determine. No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to Mortgagee is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute. Every power or remedy given by the Trust Indenture to Mortgagee, or to which Mortgagee may be otherwise entitled, may be exercised, concurrently or independently, from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient by Mortgagee. Mortgagee may pursue inconsistent remedies.

The acceptance by Mortgagee of any sum after the same is due shall not constitute a waiver of the right either to require prompt payment, when due, of all other sums hereby secured or to declare a default as herein provided. The acceptance by Mortgagee of any sum in an amount less than the sum then due shall be deemed an acceptance on account only and upon

condition that it shall not constitute a waiver of the obligation of Mortgagor to pay the entire sum then due, and failure of Mortgagor to pay such entire sum then due shall be and continue to be an Event of Default notwithstanding such acceptance of such amount on account, as aforesaid. Mortgagee or Trustee shall be, at all times thereafter and until the entire sum then due shall have been paid, and notwithstanding the acceptance by Mortgagee thereafter of further sums on account, or otherwise, entitled to exercise all rights in this instrument conferred upon it, and the right to proceed with a sale under any notice of default, or an election to sell, or the right to exercise any other rights or remedies hereunder, shall in no way be impaired, whether any of such amounts are received prior or subsequent to such proceeding, election or exercise. Consent by Mortgagee to any action or inaction of Mortgagor which is subject to consent or approval of Mortgagee hereunder shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to require such consent or approval to future or successive actions or inactions.

Section 5.06. Possession of Mortgaged Estate. In the event of a trustee's sale or foreclosure sale hereunder and after the time of such sale, and Mortgagor occupies the portion of the Mortgaged Estate so sold, or any part thereof, Mortgagor shall immediately become the tenant of the purchaser at such sale, which tenancy shall be a tenancy from day to day, terminable at the will of either tenant or landlord, at a reasonable rental per day based upon the value of the portion of the Mortgaged Estate so occupied, such rental to be due and payable daily to the purchaser. An action of unlawful detainer shall lie if the tenant holds over after a demand in writing for possession of such Mortgaged Estate and premises; and this agreement and a trustee's deed shall constitute a lease and agreement under which the tenant's possession arose and continued. Nothing contained in this Mortgage shall be construed to constitute Mortgagee as a "mortgagee in possession" in the absence of its taking actual possession of the Mortgaged Estate pursuant to the powers granted herein.

Section 5.07. Relief from Stay. In the event that Mortgagor commences a case under the Bankruptcy Code or is the subject of an involuntary case that results in an order for relief under the Bankruptcy Code, subject to court approval, Mortgagee shall thereupon be entitled and Mortgagor irrevocably consents to relief from any stay imposed by Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code on or against the exercise of the rights and remedies otherwise available to Mortgagee as provided in the Trust Indenture and Mortgagor hereby irrevocably waives its rights to object to such relief. In the event Mortgagor shall commence a case under the Bankruptcy Code or is the subject of an involuntary case that results in an order for relief under the Bankruptcy Code, Mortgagor hereby agrees that no injunctive relief against Mortgagee shall be sought under Section 105 or other provisions of the Bankruptcy Code by Mortgagor or other person or entity claiming through Mortgagor, nor shall any extension be sought of the stay provided by Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Section 5.08. Cash Collateral. To the fullest extent allowed by applicable law, Mortgagor hereby acknowledges and agrees that in the event that Mortgagor commences a case under the Bankruptcy Code or is the subject of an involuntary case that results in an order for relief under the Bankruptcy Code: (i) that all of the Revenues are, and shall for purposes be deemed to be, "proceeds, product, offspring, rents, or profits" of the Project covered by the lien of the Mortgage, as such quoted terms are used in Section 552(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) that in no event shall Mortgagor assert, claim or contend that any portion of the Revenues are, or should be deemed to be, "accounts" or "accounts receivable" within the meaning of the

Bankruptcy Code and/or applicable state law; (iii) that the Revenues are and shall be deemed to be in any such bankruptcy proceeding "cash collateral" of Mortgagee as that term is defined in Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code; and (iv) that Mortgagee has valid, effective, perfected, enforceable and matured rights in and to the Revenues without any further action required on the part of Mortgagee to enforce or perfect its rights in and to such cash collateral, including, without limitation, providing notice to Mortgagor under Section 546(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### ARTICLE VI

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 6.01. Governing Law. This Mortgage shall be governed by the internal laws of the State without giving effect to its conflicts of law principles. In the event that any provision or clause of this Mortgage conflicts with applicable laws, such conflicts shall not affect other provisions of this Mortgage which can be given effect without the conflicting provision, and to this end the provisions of this Mortgage are declared to be severable. This instrument cannot be waived, changed, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument in writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of any waiver, change, discharge or termination is sought and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Trust Indenture. If any conflict shall arise between the terms of this Mortgage and the Trust Indenture, the terms of the Trust Indenture shall govern.

Section 6.02. Waiver of Rights. To the extent permitted by law, Mortgagor waives the benefit of all laws now existing or that hereafter may be enacted (i) providing for any appraisement before sale of any portion of the Mortgaged Estate, or (ii) in any way extending the time for the enforcement of the collection of the Secured Obligations or creating or extending a period of redemption from any sale made in collecting the Secured Obligations. To the full extent Mortgagor may do so under the laws of the State, Mortgagor agrees that Mortgagor will not at any time insist upon, plea, claim or take the benefit or advantage of any law now or hereafter in force providing for any appraisement, valuation, stay, extension, redemption or homestead exemption, and Mortgagor, for Mortgagor, Mortgagor's representatives, successors and assigns, and for any and all persons ever claiming any interest in the Mortgaged Estate, to the extent permitted by law, hereby waives and releases all rights of redemption, valuation, appraisement, stay of execution, homestead exemption, notice of election to mature or declare due the whole of the Secured Obligations and marshaling in the event of foreclosure of the liens hereby created. If any law referred to in this Section and now in force, of which Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, devisees, representatives, successors and assigns or other person might take advantage despite this Section, shall hereafter be repealed or cease to be in force, such law shall not thereafter be deemed to preclude the application of this Section. Mortgagor expressly waives and relinquishes any and all rights, remedies and defenses that Mortgagor may have or be able to assert by reason of the laws of the State pertaining to the rights, remedies and defenses of sureties. The waivers and agreements contained in this section and elsewhere in this Mortgage are given by Mortgagor knowingly and voluntarily and upon advice of counsel.

Section 6.03. Limitation of Interest. All agreements between Mortgagor and Mortgagee, whether now existing or hereafter arising and whether written or oral, are expressly limited so that in no contingency or event whatsoever shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid,

to Mortgagee for the use, forbearance, or detention of the money to be held pursuant to the Trust Indenture or otherwise, or for the performance or payment of any covenant or obligation contained herein, exceed the maximum amount permissible under applicable law. If from any circumstance whatsoever fulfillment of any provision hereof at the time performance of such provision shall be due shall involve transcending the limit of validity prescribed by law, then, ipso facto, the obligation to be fulfilled shall be reduced to the limit of such validity, and if from any such circumstance Mortgagee or holders of the Bonds shall ever receive as interest under the Bonds or this Mortgage or otherwise anything of value which would exceed interest at the highest lawful rate, such amount that would be excessive interest shall be applied to the reduction of the principal amount owing under the Bonds or on account of other Secured Obligations and not to the payment of interest, or if such excessive interest exceeds the unpaid balance of principal of the Bonds and such other Secured Obligations, such excess shall be refunded to Mortgagor. All sums paid or agreed to be paid to Mortgagee for the use, forbearance, or detention of the Secured Obligations shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be amortized, prorated, allocated and spread throughout the full term of such obligations until payment in full so that the rate of interest on account of Secured Obligations is uniform throughout the term thereof. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control all agreements between Mortgagor and Mortgagee.

### Section 6.04. [Reserved]

Section 6.05. Notices. Unless otherwise required by law, whenever Mortgagee or Mortgagor shall desire to give or serve any notice, demand, request or other communication with respect to this Mortgage, each such notice, demand, request or other communication shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given: (a) upon receipt if sent by hand delivery; (b) one day after deposit with overnight courier; or (c) two days after deposit in the case of certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the following mailing addresses:

If to Mortgagor:

FlexTech High School

7707 Conference Center Drive Brighton, Michigan 48114 Attention: Executive Director Telephone: (810) 844-3366 Facsimile: (810) 229-2331

If to Mortgagee:

U.S. Bank National Association

Global Corporate Trust Services (EP-MN-WS3C)

60 Livingston Avenue St. Paul, MN 55107

Attention: Corporate Trust Department

Telephone: (651) 466-6307 Facsimile: (651) 466-7429

Any party may at any time change its address for such notices by delivering to the other parties hereto, as aforesaid, a notice of such change.

Section 6.06. Captions. The captions or headings at the beginning of each Section hereof are for the convenience of the parties and are not a part of this Mortgage.

Section 6.07. Invalidity of Certain Provisions; Conflicting Provisions. If the lien of this Mortgage is invalid or unenforceable as to any part of the Secured Obligations, or if the lien is invalid or unenforceable as to any part of the Mortgaged Estate, the unsecured or partially secured portion of the Secured Obligations shall be completely paid prior to the payment of the remaining and secured portion of the Secured Obligations, and all payments made on such obligations, whether voluntary or under foreclosure or other enforcement action or procedure, shall be considered to have been first paid on and applied to the full payment of that portion of the Secured Obligations which is not secured or fully secured by the lien of this Mortgage.

Section 6.08. Subregation. To the extent that proceeds of the Bonds or advances under this Mortgage are used to pay any outstanding lien, charge or prior encumbrance against the Mortgaged Estate, such proceeds or advances have been or will be advanced by Mortgagee at Mortgagor's request, and Mortgagee shall be subrogated to any and all rights and liens held by any owner or holder of such outstanding liens, charges and prior encumbrances, irrespective of whether said liens, charges or encumbrances are released of record.

Section 6.09. Change in Ownership. If the ownership of the Mortgaged Estate or any part thereof or interest therein becomes vested in a person other than Mortgagor owning the same on the date hereof, Mortgagee may, without notice to Mortgagor, deal with such successor or successors in interest with reference to this Mortgage and the Secured Obligations in the same manner as with Mortgagor without in any way vitiating or discharging Mortgagor's liability hereunder or upon the Secured Obligations. No sale of the Mortgaged Estate, and no forbearance on the part of Mortgagee, and no extension of the time for the payment of the Secured Obligations, given by Mortgagee, shall operate to release, discharge, modify, change or affect the original liability, if any, of Mortgagor or the liability of any guarantors or sureties of Mortgagor, either in whole or in part; provided that Mortgagor may be released from its original liability under this Mortgage upon transfer of the entire Mortgaged Estate with the written consent of Mortgagee and as permitted under the Trust Indenture.

Section 6.10. Assignment of Mortgagee's Interest. It is expressly agreed that any and all terms of this Mortgage, the Trust Indenture and all other agreements made or executed by Mortgagor or others in favor of Mortgagee, and all rights, powers, privileges, options and remedies conferred upon Mortgagee herein and therein, shall inure to and be for the benefit of, and may be exercised by, Mortgagee and its successors and assigns, and the words "Mortgagee" shall also mean and include the successor or successors and the assign or assigns of Mortgagee and its successors and assigns. Mortgagor hereby specifically grants unto Mortgagee the right and privilege, at Mortgagee's option, but subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Trust Indenture, to transfer and assign to any third person all or any part of Mortgagee's rights to receive funds or payments hereunder.

Section 6.11. Time Is of the Essence. Time is of the essence under this Mortgage and the Trust Indenture.

Section 6.12. Obligations of Mortgagor. The obligations of Mortgagor to make payments hereunder and under the Trust Indenture and to perform and observe all agreements on its part contained herein and therein shall be absolute and unconditional. Until this Mortgage is terminated or payment in full of all Bonds is made or is provided for in accordance with the Trust Indenture, Mortgagor (i) will not suspend or discontinue any payments under the Trust Indenture or neglect to perform any of its duties required thereunder or hereunder; (ii) will perform and observe all of its obligations set forth in the Trust Indenture, this Mortgage and the Bonds; and (iii) except as provided herein will not terminate the Trust Indenture or this Mortgage for any cause.

Section 6.13. Immunity of Individuals. No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds or for any claim based thereon or under the Trust Indenture, this Mortgage or the Bonds or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement herein against any past, present or future officer, director, trustee, member, employee or agent of Mortgagor, whether directly or indirectly and all such liability of any such individual as such is hereby expressly waived and released as a condition of and in consideration for the execution hereof and the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 6.14. Supplements; Amendments. This Mortgage may be supplemented or amended by written agreement between Mortgagor and Mortgagee in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Trust Indenture.

Section 6.15 Power of Attorney. Mortgagee may act as attorney-in-fact or otherwise on behalf of Mortgagor pursuant to Sections 1.22, 3.01 and 5.02(f) of this Mortgage. This power of attorney is coupled with an interest, is durable and is not affected by subsequent disability or incapacity of the principal or lapse of time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Mortgagor has caused this Mortgage to be duly executed on the day and year set forth in the acknowledgment attached hereto and effective on the date first written above.

FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL

Bv:

Iordan Genso

Its: President

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STATE OF MICHIGAN	)	
	)	ss:
COUNTY OF OAKLAND	)	

Personally came before me on June 21, 2016, the above named Jordan Genso, President of the FlexTech High School, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same on behalf of FlexTech High School.

Name: Kelly Fox
Notary Public, State of Michigan
My commission expires: 8-12-2018
Acting in County of: Livingstan

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County of Livingston
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### EXHIBIT A

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Land situated in the County of Livingston, Township of Genoa, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 2 North, Range 5 East, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 24; thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 54 seconds West along the East line of said Section and the Township line, 90.27 feet to the West 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 2 North, Range 6 East; thence continuing North 00 degrees 29 minutes 54 seconds West along the East line of said Section 24 and the Township line 566.06 feet to the South line of GRAND RAVINES SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 25 of Plats, Page 7, Livingston County Records; thence South 88 degrees 40 minutes 31 seconds West along the South line of said subdivision, 842.40 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 26 degrees 51 minutes 31 seconds West 399.92 feet to the North right of way line of I-96 Expressway (300 feet wide limited access right of way); thence along a non-tangent curve to the left along said Northerly right of way line, radius of 3061.79 feet, through a central angle of 06 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds, arc distance of 324.19 feet, chord bearing of North 85 degrees 34 minutes 51 seconds West 324.04 feet; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 28 seconds West 320.11 feet to the South line of said subdivision; thence North 88 degrees 40 minutes 31 seconds East, along said subdivision line 506.73 feet to the Point of Beginning.

### **EASEMENT PARCEL 1:**

Together with non-exclusive easements as created, limited and defined in instrument recorded in Liber 2026, page 835, Livingston County Records.

### **EASEMENT PARCEL 2:**

Together with a non-exclusive storm retention basin easement as created, limited and defined in instrument recorded in Liber 2026, page 871 and Liber 2119, page 4, Livingston County Records.

### **EASEMENT PARCEL 3:**

Together with a non-exclusive sign easement as created, limited and defined in instrument recorded in Liber 2026, page 819, Livingston County Records.

### EXHIBIT B

### PERMITTED EXCEPTIONS AS DISCLOSED IN TITLE INSURANCE POLICY

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### CERTIFICATE OF USE AND OCCUPANCY

### **PERMANENT**

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Construction Codes/Building Division P. O. Box 30254 Lansing, MI 48909 (517) 241-9317

Building Permit: B032218
Flex Tech High School
7707 Conference Center Drive
Genoa Township, Michigan
Livingston County

The above named building of Use Group E and Construction Type 2B is approved for use and occupancy.

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

Larry Lehman, Chief

Charles E. Curtis, Assistant Chief

**Building Division** 

February 14, 2012

### CERTIFICATE OF USE AND OCCUPANCY

### **PERMANENT**

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Construction Codes/Building Division P. O. Box 30254 Lansing, MI 48909 (517) 241-9317

> Building Permit No. B033805 Flex Tech High School 7707 Conference Center Drive Genoa Township, Michigan Livingston County

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

THIS APPROVAL IS GRANTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTIONS 13 OF ACT 230 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1972, AS AMENDED, BEING §125.1513 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 111.0 OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE. THIS SHALL SUPERSEDE AND VOID ANY PREVIOUS APPROVAL OF USE AND OCCUPANCY.

Larry Lehman, Chief

Charles E. Curtis, Assistant Chief

**Building Division** 

September 13, 2012

## CERTIFICATE OF USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMANENT

### Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Bureau of Construction Codes/Building Division
P.O. Box 30254
Lansing, MI 48909
Authority: 1972 PA 230
(517) 241-9317

**Building Permit No: BLDG16-00973** 

7707 CONFERENCE CENTER DR Brighton, MI 48114 COUNTY: Livingston

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

THIS APPROVAL IS GRANTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTIONS 13 OF ACT 230 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1972, AS AMENDED, BEING §125.1513 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 111.0 OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE. THIS SHALL SUPERSEDE AND VOID ANY PREVIOUS APPROVAL OF USE AND OCCUPANCY.

Print Date: 01/04/2017

Schedule 6-61 FlexTech High School

### **INSPECTION REPORT**

## DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION

FACILITY NAME	INSPECTION DATE	COUNTY	PROJECT	
Flex Tech High School	12/19/2016	Livingston	151927	
ADDRESS	FACILITY TYPE RULES/CODES		JOB/LIC/FAC. NO.	
7707 Conference Center Dr	School-Charter	School/College 1999		
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE	FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE		INSPECTION TYPE	
Brighton, MI 48114	Douglas Necci		Final	
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### Re: 2 story addition with basement at N end of existing high school

A final fire safety inspection was completed this date. Deficiencies noted in our prior inspection reports have been satisfactorily corrected. This report may be considered as final approval of this project.

12A doc. fees F/A: 12-21-16 F/S: project 152178

FIRE SAFETY CERTIFICATION	PROJECT STATUS	REVIEWED BY
Approved	Closed	Muly Duynn
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The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will not discriminate because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, need assistance with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the American	Authority: PA207 of 1941, as amended Completion: Required Penalty: Misdemeanor	

your needs known to this agency.

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### **CONTRACT SCHEDULE 7**

## REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

### **SCHEDULE 7**

### REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

<u>Required Information for a Public School Academy</u>. This Schedule contains information required by the Code and the Contract. The required information for the Academy is contained in this Schedule 7.

Section a.	Governance Structure.				The governance structure of				of	
	the	Academy	is	set	forth	in	Section	a	of th	is
	Sch	edule.								

Section b. <u>Educational Goal and Related Measures</u>. The educational goal and related measures of the Academy are set forth in Section b of this Schedule.

Section c. <u>Educational Programs</u>. The educational programs of the Academy are set forth in Section c of this Schedule.

Section d. <u>Curriculum.</u> The curriculum of the Academy is set forth in Section d of this Schedule.

Section e. <u>Methods of Pupil Assessment.</u> The methods of pupil assessment of the Academy are set forth in Section e of this Schedule.

Section f. <u>Application and Enrollment of Students</u>. The Academy's criteria for the application and enrollment of students is set forth in Section f of this Schedule.

Section g. <u>School Calendar and School Day Schedule</u>. The school calendar and school day schedule procedures are set forth in Section g of this Schedule.

Section h. <u>Age or Grade Range of Pupils</u>. The age or grade range of pupils to be enrolled by the Academy is set forth in Section h of this Schedule.

# SECTION A GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

### **GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

The People of Michigan through their Constitution have provided that schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged and have authorized the Legislature to maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools. All public schools are subject to the leadership and general supervision of the State Board of Education and the Legislature has authorized an alternative form of public school designated a "public school academy" to be created to serve the educational needs of pupils and has provided that pupils attending these schools shall be eligible for support from the State School Aid Fund. The Legislature has delegated to the governing boards of state public universities, community college boards, intermediate school district boards and local school district boards, the responsibility for authorizing the establishment of public school academies. The University Board has approved the issuance of a contract conferring certain rights, franchises, privileges, and obligations of a public school academy to the Academy Board.

The Academy is incorporated as a Michigan nonprofit corporation, organized on a non-stock, directorship basis for the purpose of operating as a Michigan public school academy. The Academy shall conduct its affairs as a governmental entity exempt from federal income taxes under Section 115 of the United States Internal Revenue Code or any successor law. The Academy is a body corporate and is not a division or part of Central Michigan University. The relationship between the Academy and the University Board is based solely on the applicable provisions of the Code and the terms of this Contract.

The Academy Board shall have at least five (5), but no more than nine (9) members, as determined by the University Board. Academy Board members shall be appointed according to the terms of the Method of Selection, Appointment and Removal Resolution adopted by the University Board. The Academy Board has all the powers and duties permitted by law to manage the business, property and affairs of the Academy and for adopting policies by which the Academy shall be governed. The Academy Board is responsible for assuring that the Academy operates according to the Terms and Conditions of this Contract and Applicable Law. Contract Schedule 2: Amended Bylaws, set forth a further description of the Academy Board's governance structure.

Academy Board members shall serve in their individual capacity, and not as a representative or designee of any other person or entity. The Academy Board shall ensure compliance with Applicable Law relating to conflicts of interest and prohibited familial relationships, including Article IV, Sections 4.4 and 4.5 of the Terms and Conditions of this Contract.

Pursuant to applicable law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, including Article III, Section 3.6, the Academy Board may employ or contract for personnel according to the position information outlined in Schedule 5. Before entering into an agreement with an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company to provide services or to provide personnel to perform services or work at the Academy, the Academy Board must first comply with the Educational Service Provider Policies issued by the Center.

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# SECTION B <u>EDUCATIONAL GOAL AND RELATED MEASURES</u>

### EDUCATIONAL GOAL AND RELATED MEASURES

Pursuant to Applicable Law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, including Article VI, Section 6.2, the Academy shall achieve or demonstrate measurable progress for all groups of pupils toward the achievement of the educational goal identified in this schedule. Although an increase in academic achievement for all groups of pupils as measured by assessments and other objective criteria is the most important factor in determining the Academy's progress toward the achievement of the educational goal, the Center also considers other factors. Upon request, the Academy shall provide the Center with a written report, along with supporting data, assessing the Academy's progress toward achieving this goal. In addition, the University expects the Academy will meet the State of Michigan's accreditation standards pursuant to state and federal law.

### **Educational Goal to be Achieved**

Prepare students academically for success in college, work and life.

### Measures to Assist In Determining Measurable Progress Toward Goal Achievement

To assist in determining whether the Academy is achieving measurable progress toward the achievement of this goal, the Center will annually assess the Academy's performance using the following measures.

### **Measure 1: Post-Secondary Readiness: Grades 9-11**

The 'on-track' towards college readiness rates of all students in grades 9-11 will be assessed using the following measures and targets.

Indicator	Measure	Metric	Target
Career and	The percentage of full academic	For Math & EBRW, distribution (which will be in the form	EBRW: Current State
College	year students meeting or	of percentages):	Average
Readiness	surpassing the current career and	F 1 0/ CCD > 1 200/	Math: Current State
(CCR) Standard:	college readiness benchmarks on the SAT (grade 11) in Evidence-	Exceeds: % CCR > state average by 20% or more Meets: School % CCR – State Average $\geq$ 0% $\leq$ 20%	Average
Standard.	Based Reading and Writing	Approaching: School % CCR – State Average $\leq 0.00 \leq 20.000$	
	(EBRW) and Math.	Does Not Meet: School % CCR – State Average < -20%	
		falls below these required expectations, "measurable progres	ss towards the
Trend Over-	this goal" will be defined using the f	Trend score (which will be in the form of –x to +x):	3.0%
Time:	The percentage of full academic year students meeting or	Frend score (which will be in the form of –x to +x):	3.0%
111110	surpassing the current career and	Exceeds > 6.0%	
	college readiness benchmarks on	Meets $\geq 3.0\%$	
	the SAT (grade 11) in EBRW and	Approaching ≥ 1.0%	
	Math over time (CY-	Does not meet < 1.0%	
H. 1 C 1 1	AVG(PY1+PY2+PY3)).	E M d 0 EDDW 1' ( '1 ( ' / 1' 1 ''11 ' d C	500/
High School Growth:	The percentage of students meeting or surpassing the	For Math & EBRW, distribution (which will be in the form of percentages):	50%
Growth:	expected growth between College	of percentages):	
	Board (PSAT/SAT) assessments	Exceeds $\geq 70.0\%$	
	from spring to spring.	$Meets \ge 50.0\%$	
		Approaching $\geq 30.0\%$	
	_	Does not meet < 30.0%	
Comparative	The percentage of students	Portfolio Distribution (which will be in the form of –x to	+5%
Career & College	meeting or surpassing the current career & college readiness	+x):	
Readiness:	benchmarks on the SAT (grade	Exceeds ≥ 10.0%	
110441110551	11) will surpass the school's	$Meets \ge 5.0\%$	
	Composite Resident District	Approaching $\geq 0.0\%$	
	percentage.	Does not meet < 0.0%	
Comparative	The 4-year graduation rate for	Portfolio Distribution (which will be in the form of –x to	0%
Graduation	students at the academy will meet	+x):	
Rate:	or surpass the school's Composite Resident District's 4-year	Exceeds > 10.0%	
	graduation rate.	$Meets \ge 0.0\%$	
		Does not meet < 0.0%	

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# SECTION C <u>EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS</u>

#### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to Applicable Law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, including Article VI, Section 6.3, the Academy shall implement, deliver, and support the educational programs identified in this schedule.

### Mission

FlexTech High School ("Academy") will prepare each student for success in career, life and higher education by providing an opportunity to earn a high school diploma in an engaging program with flexible scheduling and authentic learning experiences. The Academy will provide a personal and caring environment where students become active participants in their learning and in their planning for the future.

### Vision

The Academy is committed to providing an environment that combines relationships, relevance and rigor where students can:

- take control of their education plan, allowing students to become proactive learners and encouraging personal growth;
- Receive the supports necessary for success through a strong mentor program; become critical thinkers who value learning as a lifelong process; and
- learn 21st Century skills to prepare for the workplace.

### Values

The Academy is committed to preparing students for the contemporary work world by creating a school where students build essential skills and integrate content knowledge into activities and projects, work collaboratively, both in person and remotely, and solve problems creatively.

### Students will be involved in:

- monitoring the individualized achievement plan that tracks project and standards (competency) completion;
- acquiring the social skills needed for academic and workplace success;
- developing personal responsibility through technology and project-based learning, which allows each student to advance through successful demonstration of content mastery;
- practicing the 21st Century skills of communication, collaboration, creative problem solving and critical thinking through the use of technology; and
- making the connections between effort and quality by participating in progress monitoring and goal setting with their mentor/advisor.

### At the Academy, teachers will:

- regard each student as a distinct learner with individual educational goals and needs;
- provide knowledgeable, skillful and compassionate guidance;
- mentor and guide advisory students to build 21st century skills and autonomy in managing and directing their education;
- reach out to families and guardians to support the student;

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- be engaged in continuous professional development in a collaborative and supportive work environment;
- model personal and social responsibility; and
- teach relevant and rigorous academic content.

Parents and guardians of Academy students will:

- commit to providing basic needs such as transportation;
- agree to the rules and expectations of the school and support its mission;
- proactively support students by participating in school functions or project presentations; and
- be welcomed in the Academy as a full and contributing member of the school community.

### **Program Delivery**

The Academy is committed to welcoming students into school in a way that starts with the student, not the classes. By acknowledging and recognizing the areas where students may have previously struggled in school and assisting the student in designing a program that addresses these needs, students can value themselves as learners and re-engage in the learning process. Students' need for meaningful, relevant work is central to the delivery model. According to the Hope Study, when students are empowered to advocate for projects and for themselves, or are encouraged to demonstrate learning in alternative ways, the students build internal motivation and a sense of self-efficacy. This not only supports engagement but also begins to develop an academic self, a student who believes in his or herself as academically capable and viable. This can transform a student from one who may have believed that high school completion was out of reach to one who now imagines a college future.

### **Intake Process**

Upon enrollment each student meets with a member of the administrative team to discuss the student's academic past, review transcripts, and develop a personalized learning plan that includes the following:

- credits and course work currently completed;
- credits and courses needed for graduation;
- credits, coursework, extracurricular activities and test scores necessary for college acceptance;
- individual schedule development designating times in school, including online course
- individual learning profile detailing where students have been successful in and out of school, and how to be successful at the Academy.

In the course of this interview, the student is introduced to the Academy's philosophy and provided with a description of the program including the expectations for work in and out of the school, what constitutes satisfaction of credit, the process of earning competencies and graduation requirements. At the conclusion of the meeting, students commit to their own success and to the accountability standards of attendance and progress.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Newell, R. J., & Van Ryzin, M.J. (2007, February). *Growing hope as a determinant of school effectiveness*. Phi Delta Kappan, 88(6), 465-471.

The competencies are the cornerstone of the Academy's curriculum. The competencies meet the requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum ("MMC") and integrate the Michigan Academic Standards ("MAS"). By breaking each course down to essential competencies that are published goals for all, students can choose to work through the curriculum in a variety of ways. The competency-based approach necessitates an instructional design where teachers act as consultants to students in translating learning goals and standards and exploring and expressing content.

The Academy's model is based on using feedback from formative assessments specific to the task or process, or related to self-regulation, which has been shown to have a positive effect on student achievement<sup>2</sup>. The model is applied in conjunction with mastery-based grading, the benefits of which allow a student to test out of an area where they are already proficient, but not necessarily a whole course. The use of a mastery- and competency-based curriculum "map" helps remove the guesswork for students, and the advisor relationship provides the scaffolding to continuously redesign the pathway toward the goal as necessary. The "map" also allows the student to see progress in school in a visual, highly understandable way. According to Robert Marzano's meta-analysis, simply establishing and communicating learning goals in ways that allow students to track progress and set goals results in increased student achievement.<sup>3</sup>

The Academy will borrow concepts from Big Picture Schools, one of the first schools to advocate for a personalized, advisory-driven and project-based approach to learning. The Academy and Big Picture Schools share the common understanding that adolescent students, in particular struggling students who may be lacking support at home, need the right balance of support, intervention, clear instructions, explicit guidance and freedom to take their time or to find an appropriate avenue by which to approach the content or the skill. Therefore, the delivery of content in a combination of projects that are developed at the school with the close supervision of the teacher-advisor, supplemented with online work, allows students to make rapid progress and feel successful.

The curriculum design supports a "truly personalized school." As Littky & Grabelle (2004)<sup>4</sup> from Big Picture Schools point out, "a truly personalized school is ultimately flexible in its student groupings, schedules, curriculum, activities, and assessment tools." All students' educational programs are designed by the people who know them best: the student, his or her parent(s), and his or her teachers. Central to the advisory program is a robust and comprehensive Educational Development Plan ("EDP") each student develops under the guidance of an advisor. The EDPs are reviewed and updated annually by the student, creating a dynamic document to assist students in planning for their future through reflection on their current performance and goal attainment.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Marzano, R.J. (2010. Formative Assessment and Standards Based Grading. Bloomington, IN: Marzano Research Laboratory.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Marzano, R.J. (2007). *The Art and Science of Teaching. Alexandria, VA:* Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Littky, D., Grabelle, S., (2004). *The Big Picture: Education Is Everyone's Business*. Alexandra, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

### **Instructional Approaches**

The Academy believes strongly that the school must address the non-cognitive factors that affect student learning in a very deliberate fashion, which is achieved in two key ways. The first is through the advisory program and the second is through the project-based learning approach, both of which are held together by maintaining a focus on the Academy's academic and social expectations.

The program uses advisory to conduct explicit instruction in mindset, or the power of our own thinking about our abilities, as well as structure academic work in ways that build academic perseverance. As cited in a University of Chicago study:<sup>5</sup>

There is clear research evidence that students' mindsets have strong effects on their demonstration of perseverant behaviors such as persistence at difficult tasks. When students value the work they are doing, feel a sense of belonging in the classroom context in which they are working, feel capable of succeeding, and believe they will master challenging material with effort, they are much more likely to engage in difficult work and see it through to completion. Dweck, Walton, and Cohen (2011) explicitly suggest that the ways to improve academic tenacity are through interventions aimed at changing students' mindsets directly or by establishing classroom conditions that support the development of positive mindsets. When teachers can present tasks in ways that make success seem attainable, and when they provide students with the support and tools to be successful, students are more likely to engage and persist in those tasks (Dweck, Walton, & Cohen, 2011).

During the advisory class, students receive this explicit instruction to reframe beliefs about their brain and their ability to learn, to demonstrate the relationship between effort and achievement and to study the academic behaviors that lead to future success. In addition to studying mindset, students and staff also study choice theory through William Glasser and others who teach students about what can be controlled and the factors that the students cannot control. This type of instruction helps to build a common language in the school that can be used when students are struggling in course work or projects. It also provides a framework within which teachers can work comfortably and can change the dynamic of the conversations with students, shifting the conversations from authoritative, and often punitive control, to conversations about choices, consequences, plans and goal-setting. Additionally, students examine personal life experiences and how these experiences have led the students to the current place in life, as well as making plans for the future, utilizing tools like Project Wayfinder.

The advisory program is the foundation upon which the personal and caring environment is built. The advisory program provides a model to any public school in recognizing the importance of the whole child and social-emotional learning. Recently proclaimed by contributors to the *ASCD Express* publication of August 2, 2012,<sup>6</sup> as the "next Superman," schools across the country are discovering that carefully designed advisory programs that focus on the social-emotional welfare

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Farrington, C., Roderick, C., et al., (2012, June). *Teaching Adolescents to Become Learners*. The University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Chaffee, R., Landa, J., & Marchesi, S. (2012, August 2). Is Advisory the New Superman? *ASCD Express, v 7* (22). Retrieved from http://www.ascd.org/ascd-express/vol7/722-chaffee.aspx.

of students, goal setting and progress monitoring are seeing improvement in student attendance and achievement.

Project-based learning ("PBL") is also essential to engagement. PBL is not only complementary to the strong advisory program, because advisory has the consultation time necessary for PBL already built in, but is also the best pedagogical approach for the acquisition of 21st century skills; for mirroring the contemporary workforce and workplace; and for creating relevance by having students understand why school is important through discovery. This is the key to engagement. In an analysis of literature about PBL effectiveness, the Buck Institute for Education concludes that PBL can:<sup>8</sup>

- be more effective than traditional instruction in increasing academic achievement on annual state-administered assessment tests;
- be more effective than traditional instruction for teaching mathematics, economics, science, social science, clinical medical skills and for careers in the allied health occupations and teaching;
- be more effective than traditional instruction for long-term retention, skill development and satisfaction of students and teachers;
- be more effective than traditional instruction for preparing students to integrate and explain concepts;
- improve students' mastery of 21st-century skills;
- be especially effective with lower-achieving students; and
- provide an effective model for whole school reform

Successful PBL requires the development of a school culture and establishment of relationships. Therefore, the Academy guides students into the PBL process gradually. Students spend a considerable amount of time learning about the process involved in developing a project, in establishing rubrics of quality to reflect traits like critical thinking, and in using time well. The school spends time counseling students in how a seat time waiver works to support student learning. That is, the quality and quantity of work is not changed as students are still responsible for the demonstration of mastery of the MMC, but are navigating through it in an atypical fashion.

Although freedom and choice are important to both the school and the students, the PBL process is standardized to resemble processes that look much like project management in the modern workplace. Students have templates to justify the project, pitch it, manage it through Google Docs, and provide updates on the project. In combination with project guidelines and progress in Google Docs, students, parents and teachers also have access to student progress and mastery levels through the student information system Alma, which is updated weekly to provide accurate and timely feedback to all stakeholders.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ravitz, J., Hixson, N., English, M., & Mergendoller, J. (2012). Paper presented at American Educational Research Association. *Using project based learning to teach 21st century skills: Findings from a statewide initiative*. Vancouver, BC. Retrieved from http://www.bie.org/research/study/PBL\_21CS\_WV

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Buck Institute for Education. (2009). *Does PBL Work?* Retrieved from http://www.bie.org/research/study/does\_pbl\_work

Technology plays an important part in the development of student skills. The Academy may use online providers such as Google Classroom and Khan Academy, and some students may use Michigan Virtual School ("MVS") and dual enrollment opportunities to earn full course credit as well. Technology may range from the student's smart phone to tablets, from Chromebooks that are provided to every student to high-powered desktops that students might use to create games, applications, movies or instructional tools. The use of technology is not a goal in and of itself; instead, discovering how technology can assist in solving problems and can be a tool for collaboration is the focus and the format of technology integration.

The Academy shares The Partnership for 21st Century Skill's ("P21") vision for education, which involves using the standards, assessments and accountability measures set by the State of Michigan and aligning them with the 21st Century skills that follow:

- Emphasize core subjects: expand beyond basic competency to understanding at much higher levels.
- Emphasize learning skills: keep learning continually throughout student lives; information and communication skills, thinking and problem-solving skills, interpersonal and self-directional skills.
- Use 21st Century tools to develop learning skills: access, manage, integrate and evaluate information; construct new knowledge; and communicate with others.
- Teach and learn in a 21st Century context: real-world examples, applications and experiences both inside and outside of school; relevant, engaging and meaningful learning.
- Teach and learn 21st Century content: global awareness; financial, economic and business literacy; and civic literacy.
- Use 21st Century assessments that measure 21st century skills: sophisticated assessment at all levels using new information technologies to increase efficiency and timeliness.

P21 provides resources in developing lessons and units that meet the goals of the MAS and focus on relevance. The intentional focus helps teachers and students work with content in a way that makes its application to real-world scenarios genuine, while simultaneously building the skills of communication, collaboration and use of technology to demonstrate the qualities we seek to build in students.

Academy teachers and administration are involved in an ongoing professional development program that employs the same model as the school improvement cycle: research and plan, do the work, evaluate and adjust. The Academy's leadership has planned the calendar so that teachers are provided a minimum of two-weeks of professional learning. Furthermore, teachers study the language and behaviors of high expectations. These studies are conducted in ways that are applied to the classroom and advising activities, used to inform the construction of the school schedule and individual student's schedule, and applied directly to teachers' own practice. The school provides time every Friday afternoon for collaborative planning and professional development and training from skilled professionals in numerous areas, including, but not limited to, social emotional learning, project-based learning, using technology to enhance instruction and increase engagement,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Partnership for 21st Century Education. Washington DC, 2011. Available: http://www.p21.org/tools-andresources/publications

as well as in using and applying Marzano's (2007) Unit Design questions from *The Art and Science of Teaching* in conjunction with Wiggins & McTighe's (2005) *Understanding by Design*.

#### **Curriculum Flexibility**

#### Special Education

When making educational placement decisions for students with disabilities, the Academy will ensure that parents are contributing members of the IEP team and together the team is making decisions that are subject to requirements regarding provision of the least-restrictive environment. When determining how services will be delivered to students with disabilities, the Academy will follow all Special Education Rules as issued by the Michigan Department of Education. If a child with a current IEP enrolls in the Academy, the Academy will implement the existing IEP to the extent possible, or will provide an interim IEP agreed to by parents until a new IEP can be developed. IEPs will be developed, revised and implemented in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act ("IDEIA") and state law and regulations.

The Academy will fully comply with federal laws and regulations governing children with disabilities as follows:

- 1. The Academy is responsible for providing a free appropriate public education to children with disabilities enrolled in the Academy that have been determined through an IEP to require Special Education programs and services.
- 2. The Academy will ensure that children who are suspected of having disabilities are properly evaluated by a multidisciplinary team, as defined in the Michigan Special Education Rules, and that children who have already been identified are re-evaluated by the multidisciplinary team at least every three years.
- 3. When a multidisciplinary team determines that a special education student requires Special Education programs and services, the Academy will ensure that the IEP is fully implemented in accordance with IDEIA, and reviewed on an annual basis or more frequently as determined by the IEP team.

In addition to being compliant to all laws regarding students who need special education services, 504 plans, or English Language Learners ("ELL") services, the Academy also uses the Response to Intervention ("RTI") model to identify struggling students and put in assistive plans that may include recommendations for social work, counseling or curriculum accommodations that are monitored for success.

#### RTI Model

The RTI is a specialized program embedded within the classroom to serve students who have special learning challenges. RTI screens all students to identify those who are at-risk for learning failure. Through regular opportunities to consult with the RTI, classroom teachers gain specific knowledge and skills to use with their students through proactive, focused interventions. Intensive intervention delivered by a specially trained instructional faculty is provided to identify students early in the school program to prevent failure. Teachers trained in special education provide individual support to students identified through the IEP process. The RTI model includes special education services provided by appropriately certified faculty.

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In addition to providing services for special education students, the Academy's project-based learning instructional approach lends itself to meeting the needs of all learners (e.g. below grade level and gifted and talented). In conjunction with the advisor, a student may create a project that may be differentiated based on the student's specific skill level and interest. The student can demonstrate differentiated projects through content, process, product and learning environment. The Academy's infusion of differentiation and project-based learning serve as a flexible method to accommodate students' different learning needs and preferences.

#### Assessment

The Academy intends to use assessment not only as a guide to instruction, but also as an instructional tool. Students who perform well on a multitude of assessment types such as multiple choice standardized tests, written response assessments, projects and performances are prepared to solve problems as adults. The Academy's assessment plan describes student learning targets and prepares students for different types of assessment. In any class, students may do an assessment prescribed by the teacher, or select an alternative method of assessment that not only prepares the student for the types of assessments that may be encountered post-high school, but also builds critical thinking skills.

The Academy uses performance evaluations to set annual targets based on progress towards meeting measurable goals. These annual targets are re-evaluated each year to ensure relevance and attainability. The Academy communicates progress towards targets and goals to students and parents through multiple means including progress reports, parent-teacher conferences, teacher office hours and informational meetings following the receipt of standardized testing results. Annual reports are generated at the end of each school year.

However, students are the primary drivers in evaluating individual performance. Through the advisory program as well as through classroom instruction, students are engaged in regular progress monitoring and in goal setting aligned with the accrual of credits. Students understand how many and which credits must be earned to fulfill a minimum of one year's learning in one year's time, and log this progress and submit to the teacher-advisor. The Academy uses this information to communicate progress to parents appropriately and also uses this to identify weaknesses in the curriculum or implementation of the curriculum.

The Academy uses numerous summative data like the SAT®, PSAT™ and state assessment to provide individual information on targeting specific deficiencies as well as guiding the overall program toward the reading and critical thinking skills required to do well on state standardized tests, as well as to prepare students for college and career. Formative assessment happens daily in any skilled teacher's classroom. Because of the highly personalized nature of the program, teachers use conversations and written student reflections to guide the understanding of student ability and learning and make adjustments to classroom instruction. The essential piece behind formative assessment is the clear understanding and communication of learning goals on the part of the teacher. Teachers construct units that communicate the whys of learning what is being taught, while also describing some of the ways students could engage in the content or skill and demonstrate mastery. Through the RTI system and collaborative planning time, teachers are supported and guided in developing these units. Teachers use formative classroom data—responses to questions, short quizzes, exit tickets, journals, rates of turn-in and participation to constantly evaluate their

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pedagogy as well as the content in these forums and use the expertise of peers, leaders, trainers and support staff to guide teaching practice.

The assessments administered at the Academy (see table below) are comprised of the required assessments (highlighted) as well as Academy created or chosen assessments. These assessments do not reflect the whole of assessments at the Academy; rather, these are the assured assessments students in these grades are required to take. The Academy also uses summative assessments, which provide a means for students to "test out" of certain units. As students enter the Academy and progress in their studies, students demonstrate mastery of these skills and "check off" the appropriate standards in the standards map. Similarly, students who do not do well on the assessments are placed in units of study to address needs.

<u>Assessment</u>	<b>Grades Assessed</b>
PSAT <sup>™</sup> 8/9 for grade 9: paper/pencil assessment	9
PSAT <sup>™</sup> 10 for grade 10: paper/pencil assessment	10
Michigan Merit Exam ("MME") (SAT w/ Essay)	11
<ul> <li>Reading</li> </ul>	9-11
Writing and Language	
<ul><li>Math (with calculator)</li></ul>	
<ul><li>Math (no calculator)</li></ul>	
ACT WorkKeys®: paper/pencil assessment	11
<ul> <li>Workplace Documents</li> </ul>	
Applied Math	
Graphic Literacy	
M-STEP Science Field Test	11
M-STEP Social Studies	11

#### **Transition**

Students who enter the Academy are seeking a learning environment unlike a typical traditional school. The unique qualities of the Academy inherent in PBL, advisory, flexible scheduling and an emphasis on 21st Century Learning requires training in order to smoothly and successfully transition new students into the Academy. Through an initial orientation, along with follow-up and supporting activities in advisory, new students are transitioned to this environment. Continual close mentoring through the advisory program supports these transitional activities. Similarly, when students prepare to leave, the Academy engages in a yearlong senior portfolio project that showcases the ability to apply the skills of time-management, self-advocacy, organization and problem solving to the student's next work or learning environment. This involves reflection on the student's part as well as an exit interview in which the student articulates the way that they have been learning and how to transfer and apply this learning to new situations.

#### **Advisory Check-Ins**

All students at the Academy grades 9-12 receive check-ins in the advisory class. Each check-in serves to build relationships between the advisor and each advisee, and also serves to purposefully assess each student's current progress toward graduation, post-high school plans, career ideas or hopes, the pathway to get there, personal information, assessment results and learning targets. Students receive check-ins from the advisor consistently through the advisory class, allowing

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opportunities for personally reflecting on the progress and the struggles, and celebrating the successes.

#### **Graduation Requirements**

The Academy understands the main reason for the implementation of the MMC is to safeguard the quality of the high school education students receive and to prepare all students for success in college and career. Further, the Academy understands that the MME/SAT were adopted as measures of this quality. The Academy is committed to establishing mastery of the MMC and MAS by using skills such as reading complex texts; drawing and defending conclusions; generating and testing hypotheses; and employing analogous thinking and other critical thinking skills across the curriculum. Ultimately, the measures for meeting this goal are steadily rising scores and proficiency ranking on the MME/SAT.

The Academy closely monitors student success in course work and uses a balanced assessment system to determine mastery and maintain rigor. Although projects are central to the Academy's mission, there is a place for more traditional assessment methods. This strategy is regarded as essential for preparing students for the many ways they are asked to manipulate and process information in college or the workplace. The Academy uses the data to direct students to specific projects, courses or components of courses. The Academy may also design skill-based workshops for groups of students who need remediation in areas (e.g. math facts or reading comprehension). In these cases, mini-courses, using high engagement strategies from Marzano's *The Art and Science of Teaching*, <sup>10</sup> are utilized to get quick results and build students' sense of efficacy.

#### Michigan Merit High School Graduation Requirement Overview

The Academy is in compliance with Michigan in requiring students to meet all parts of the MMC to graduate as is evidenced in the current course offerings:

Michigan Merit Curriculum

Advisory (.5 required per year of enrollment)

Electives

5 - 2.0 credits

5 - 4.0 credit

**Total Academic Credits Required for Graduation: 20 credits** 

#### MICHIGAN MERIT CURRICULUM & ACADEMY REQUIRED CREDITS

Content Area	Credits	Description
English	4.0	English Language Arts 1, English Language Arts 2 English Language Arts 3 English Language Arts 4
Mathematics	4.0	Either the integrated Math 1, Math 2 and Math 3 or the traditional Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and one additional math course.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Marzano, R. J. (2007) *The Art and Science of Teaching. Alexandria, VA:* Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Content Area	Credits	Description
Science	3.0	Either the integrated STEM 1, 2, and 3, or the traditional Biology; Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, or Agricultural Science; and one additional science credit
Social Students	3.0	.5 credit in Civics, .5 credit in Economics, U.S. History and Geography, and World History and Geography
Visual Arts	1.0	Visual Arts or Digital Arts
Physical Education/Health	1.0	Physical Education and Health course
Foreign Language*	2.0	Students may receive credit if they have had a similar learning experience in grades K-12.
Electives	.5-4.0	Courses will vary
Advisory	.5-2.0	Must pass advisory each semester

<sup>\*</sup>Can be substituted for formal coursework or an equivalent learning experience in Grades K-12 (1 credit) and completion of a department approved formal CTE program or an additional visual, performing, and applied arts credit (1 credit).

#### **Program Evaluation**

The Academy evaluates the Educational Program by monitoring progress toward mission specific measures. The goals include achievement targets that are measured with standardized assessment scores; percentages of standards/competency completion; attendance data; work completion; quality of projects; feedback from community sponsors and mentors; perception data gathered from surveys of students, parents and staff; and enrollment and retention data. Ultimately, the success of the program rests upon academic achievement that translates into success in college, career and life. The Academy endeavors to follow its students post-graduation to measure its program over the long-term.

The Academy's mission specific measures are delineated through student achievement, student progress and post-secondary plans. Student achievement is measured as follows:

- 1. All students who have been enrolled for three or more years at the Academy on average will demonstrate academic achievement in Reading, Writing and Language, and Math as measured by the SAT test each spring that is equal to or greater than the achievement targets established by College Board
- 2. The Academy will demonstrate improved academic achievement for all groups of pupils in science and social studies as measured by the M-STEP test that is equal to or greater than the growth targets established by the Michigan Department of Education ("MDE").

Regarding student progress, all students will make adequate progress in core competency attainment each school year. Lastly, post-secondary plans are measured through the creation of the Academy Portfolio and presentation of a Senior Chronicle that demonstrates completion of an internship or a career study as well as successful mastery of the advisory curriculum.

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The Academy gathers data to monitor progress toward these measures and establishes a reporting timeline, ideally twice per year—at the midpoint and at the end of the academic year. The Academy will share data with all stakeholders to determine areas for improvement and adjustments to the curriculum, to the instructional delivery models, to the advisory component, or to the counseling component.

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### SECTION D

### **CURRICULUM**

#### **CURRICULUM**

Pursuant to Applicable Law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, including Article VI, Section 6.4, the Academy shall implement, deliver, and support the curriculum identified in this schedule.

The Academy has adopted Academy written, competency based curriculum, as well as courses available through Michigan Virtual School. The curriculum for all core subjects has been received, reviewed and approved by the Center.

• Schoology <a href="https://flextech.schoology.com/login?&school=9538367">https://flextech.schoology.com/login?&school=9538367</a>

• Michigan Virtual School <a href="https://michiganvirtual.org/courses/">https://michiganvirtual.org/courses/</a>

#### **Secondary**

The following subjects/courses are offered at the Academy\*.

Course Name	Grade**
English (minimum 4)	
English 9	9
English 10	10
English 11	11
English 12	12
Mathematics (minimum 4)	
Math 1 (Alg 1A, Geom A)	Any
Math 2 (Alg 1B, Geom B)	Any
Math 3 (Alg 2)	Any
Personal Finance	Any
Statistics	Any
Science (minimum 3)	
STEM 1 (Bio A, Earth Science)	Any
STEM 2 (Bio B, Chem/Phys A)	Any
STEM 3 (Chem/Phys B)	Any
Social Studies (minimum 3)	
US History & Geography	Any
World History & Geography	Any
Civics	Any
Economics	Any

Course Name	Grade**
World Language (minimum 2)	
Spanish 1	Any
Spanish 2	Any
Visual, Performing & Applied Arts (minimum 1)	
Art	Any
Other	
Advisory (.5 credit per year)	9-12
Virtual Courses***	
Michigan Virtual Courses	Any

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Physical Education & Health	
Physical Education	Any
Health	Any

Off Campus Courses	

<sup>\*</sup> The Academy updates course offerings each school year based on the needs and interests of students as well as teacher certification. As a result some courses are rotated and are not offered each year. All core subjects are taught every year and high school students are required to meet the requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>If students are not required to take a course at a specific grade level, "any" is used for the grade indication.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Virtual Courses are defined as any course(s) that are delivered using the internet.

# SECTION E METHODS OF PUPIL ASSESSMENT

#### METHODS OF PUPIL ASSESSMENT

Pursuant to Applicable Law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, including Article VI, Section 6.5, the Academy shall properly administer all state-mandated academic assessments identified in the Code, as applicable, and all academic assessments identified in the Public School Academy Chartering Policies adopted by the University Board, as applicable, in accordance with the requirements detailed in the Master Calendar annually issued by the Center.

The Academy shall authorize the Center to have access to the Academy's Student/School Data Applications through the Center for Educational Performance and Information and to the electronic reporting system administered by the Michigan Department of Education to access the Academy's state assessment results, as applicable. The Academy shall ensure that those involved with the administration of these assessments are properly trained and adhere to the ethical standards and testing procedures associated with these assessments.

#### **Academic Assessments to Be Administered:**

Assessments as identified in Schedule 7b of this Contract and all state-mandated assessments.

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# SECTION F <u>APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS</u>

#### APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS

Pursuant to Applicable Law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, including Article VI, Sections 6.6 and 6.16, the Academy shall comply with the application and enrollment requirements identified in this Schedule.

#### **Enrollment Limits**

The Academy will offer ninth through twelfth grade. The maximum building capacity is 563 students. The Academy's program is delivered through a stratified schedule that would allow for a maximum enrollment of 400 students with not more than 300 students attending any one block of time. The Academy Board will annually adopt maximum enrollment figures prior to its application and enrollment period.

#### Requirements

Section 504 of the Code provides that public school academies shall not charge tuition and shall not discriminate in its pupil admissions policies or practices on the basis of intellectual or athletic ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, status as a student with a disability, or any other basis that would be illegal if used by a Michigan school district. However, a public school academy may limit admission to pupils who are within a particular range of age or grade level or on any other basis that would be legal if used by a Michigan school district and may give enrollment priority as provided below.

- Academy enrollment shall be open to all individuals who reside in Michigan. Except for a foreign exchange student who is not a United States citizen, a public school academy shall not enroll a pupil who is not a Michigan resident.
- Academy admissions may be limited to pupils within a particular age range/grade level or on any other basis that would be legal if used by a Michigan school district.
- The Academy shall allow any pupil who was enrolled in the Academy in the immediately preceding school year to enroll in the Academy unless the appropriate grade is not offered.
- No student may be denied participation in the application process due to lack of student records.
- If the Academy receives more applications for enrollment than there are spaces available, pupils shall be selected for enrollment through a random selection drawing.

The Academy may give enrollment priority to one (1) or more of the following:

- A sibling of a pupil enrolled in the Academy.
- A pupil who transfers to the Academy from another public school pursuant to a matriculation agreement between the Academy and other public school that provides for this enrollment priority, if all of the following requirements are met:
  - 1. Each public school that enters into the matriculation agreement remains a separate and independent public school.
  - 2. The Academy shall select at least 5% of its pupils for enrollment using a random selection process.
  - 3. The matriculation agreement allows any pupil who was enrolled at any time during elementary school in a public school that is party to the matriculation agreement and who was not expelled from the public school to enroll in the public school academy giving enrollment priority under the matriculation agreement.

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• A child, including an adopted child or legal ward, of a person who is employed by or at the Academy or who is on the Academy Board.

#### **Matriculation Agreement**

- The Academy Board may enter into a matriculation agreement with another public school pursuant to section 504(4) of the Code.
- However, before the Academy Board approves a matriculation agreement, the Academy shall provide a draft copy of the agreement to the Center for review.
- Any matriculation agreement entered into by the Academy shall be added to this Schedule 7f through a contract amendment approved in accordance with Article IX in the Terms and Conditions of this Contract.

#### **Application Process**

- The Academy shall make reasonable effort to advertise its enrollment openings.
- The Academy's open enrollment period shall be a minimum of two weeks (14 calendar days) in duration and shall include evening and weekend times.
- The Academy shall accept applications all year. If openings occur during the academic year, students shall be enrolled. If openings do not exist, applicants shall be placed on the official waiting list. The waiting list shall cease to exist at the beginning of the Academy's next open enrollment period.
- In the event there are openings in the class for which students have applied, students shall be admitted according to the official waiting list. The position on the waiting list shall be determined by the random selection drawing. If there is no waiting list, students shall be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The Academy may neither close the application period nor hold a random selection drawing for unauthorized grades prior to receipt of written approval from the Center.

#### **Legal Notice or Advertisement**

- The Academy shall provide legal notice or advertisement of the application and enrollment process in a local newspaper of general circulation. A copy of the legal notice or advertisement shall be forwarded to the Center.
- At a minimum, the legal notice or advertisement must include:
  - 1. The process and/or location(s) for requesting and submitting applications.
  - 2. The beginning date and the ending date of the application period.
  - 3. The date, time, and place the random selection drawing(s) will be held, if needed.
- The legal notice or advertisement of the application period shall be designed to inform individuals that are most likely to be interested in attending the Academy.
- The Academy, being an equal opportunity educational institution, shall be committed to good-faith affirmative action efforts to seek out, create and serve a diverse student body.

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#### **Re-enrolling Students**

- The Academy shall notify parents or guardians of all enrolled students of the deadline for notifying the Academy that they wish to re-enroll their child.
- If the Academy Board has a sibling preference policy, the re-enrollment notice must also request that the parent or guardian indicate whether a sibling(s) seeks to enroll for the upcoming academic year.
- An enrolled student who does not re-enroll by the specified date can only apply to the Academy during the application period for new students.
- An applicant on the waiting list at the time a new application period begins must reapply as a new student.
- After collecting the parent or guardian responses, the Academy must determine the following:
  - 1. The number of students who have re-enrolled per grade or grouping level.
  - 2. The number of siblings seeking admission for the upcoming academic year per grade.
  - 3. If space is unavailable, the Academy must develop a waiting list for siblings of re-enrolled students.
  - 4. The number of spaces remaining, per grade, after enrollment of current students and siblings.

#### **Random Selection Drawing**

A random selection drawing is required if the number of applications exceeds the number of available spaces. Prior to the application period, the Academy shall:

- Establish written procedures for conducting a random selection drawing.
- Establish the maximum number of spaces available per grade or age grouping level.
- Establish the date, time, place and person to conduct the random selection drawing.
- Notify the Center of both the application period and the date of the random selection drawing, if needed. The Center may have a representative on-site to monitor the random selection drawing process.

The Academy shall use a credible, impartial individual who is not employed by, under contract with, a member of the Board of, or otherwise affiliated with the Academy to conduct the random selection drawing. Further, the Academy shall:

- Conduct the random selection drawing in a manner that is open to parents, community members and members of the public who want to observe the process.
- Use numbers, letters, or another system that guarantees fairness and does not give an advantage to any applicant.

The Academy shall notify applicants not chosen in the random selection drawing that they were not selected and that their name has been placed on the Academy's official waiting list for openings that may occur during the academic year. Students shall appear on the official waiting list in the order they were selected in the random selection drawing.

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#### **Matriculation Agreement**

This Matriculation Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of the 9th day of August, 2017, between FlexTech High School, a body corporate and public school academy ("Receiving School") and Canton Charter Academy, a body corporate and public school academy ("Sending School")(both parties referred to as "Schools").

Both the Sending School and the Receiving School are separate and independent public school academies, organized as such under the Michigan Revised School Code (the "Code"). Both schools hold separate charters from valid authorizing bodies, pursuant to their respective charter contracts. Both schools operate independent of the other.

Because the Sending School does not offer an educational program for high school students and the Receiving School desires to provide an enrollment preference for students entering its high school program, the parties desire to establish this arrangement for matriculation of qualifying students from the Sending School to the Receiving School.

Michigan law permits any pupil who was enrolled at any time during elementary school in the Sending School and who was not expelled from the Sending School to have an enrollment priority in the Receiving School provided the Schools have a matriculation agreement. MCL 380.504(4)(b).

Therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, it is mutually agreed as follows:

- 1. **Term.** This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2017, provided that it has been approved by each School's governing board and by Central Michigan University. This shall be a perpetual Contract unless rescinded by either party by adopting a board resolution.
- 2. **Qualifying Students.** Students who meet all of the following requirements are deemed to be "Qualifying Students" for enrollment priority under this Agreement:
  - a. the student was enrolled in and attended the Sending School at any time during elementary school;
  - b. the student was not expelled from the Sending School;
  - c. the student has completed 8th grade from any school, including home school; and
  - d. the student is eligible to enroll in a public school academy in Michigan.
- 3. Application for matriculation. Qualifying Students who desire an enrollment priority in the Receiving School must complete the Receiving School's application for the applicable school year and submit it to the Receiving School during its Open Enrollment Period as set forth in the Receiving School's Admission and Enrollment Practices and Procedures incorporated as Exhibit A to this Agreement.

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- 4. **Enrollment Priority.** The enrollment priority of Qualifying Students shall be determined according to the Receiving School's Admission and Enrollment Policy and the Admission and Enrollment Practices and Procedures set forth in Exhibit A, which is incorporated by reference into this Agreement. If these are modified, notice will be given to the Sending School.
- 5. **Enrollment.** Qualifying Students must attend school at the Receiving School on the first day of school in order to be enrolled. Any Qualifying Student who does not attend the first day of school and who does not obtain an excused absence from the Receiving School before the end of that school day, shall forfeit his or her priority to enroll in the Receiving School.
- 6. Record Transfer. Upon receipt of a properly completed records release form from the Receiving School and parent of the student, the Sending School shall transfer all student records of Qualifying Students to the Receiving School no later than 30 days after receipt of the request for transfer of records from the Receiving School.
- 7. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time for any reason upon providing ninety (90) days' written notice. If such notice is given more than ninety (90) days before the end of the Open Enrollment Period, there shall be no enrollment priority for Qualifying Students for the subsequent school year. If the notice is given any time thereafter, the Qualifying Students who applied for enrollment priority at the Receiving School shall receive the priority for the subsequent school year pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be terminated automatically if the Charter Contract for either the Sending School or the Receiving School is terminated or revoked.
- 8. **Effective Date.** As to each School, this Agreement shall be effective on the date this Agreement is incorporated into the School's Charter Contract by amendment.
- 9. Conditional Upon Approval by Central Michigan University. This Agreement shall become effective only if it is incorporated into the Charter Contracts with both the Receiving and Sending Schools by the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees.
- 10. **Notices.** All notices and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement will be in writing and will be deemed given when delivered personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows (or any other address that is specified in writing by either party):

If to Sending School: Board President Canton Charter Academy 49100 Ford Road Canton, Michigan 48187 If to Receiving School: Board President FlexTech High School 7707 Conference Center Drive Brighton, MI 48114

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- 11. **No Waiver.** A party's failure to exercise a right or remedy will not operate as a waiver of any of that party's rights or remedies under this Agreement and will not constitute a waiver of the party's right to declare an immediate or a subsequent default.
- 12. Severability. If one or more provisions of this Agreement shall be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect under any applicable law or decision, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected or impaired in any way. Each party shall, in any such event, execute such additional documents as the other party may reasonably request to give valid, legal, and enforceable effect to any provision of this Agreement that is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable as written in this Agreement.
- 13. Amendments. This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by an agreement in writing approved by the respective Boards and signed by an authorized representative of each party.
- 14. **Assignment.** No party may assign any of its rights or delegate any of its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other parties. Any purported assignment in violation of this Section shall be void.
- 15. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail, or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.
- 16. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer on any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.
- 17. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties and there are no other promises, assurances or terms of agreement among the parties other than those written herein. Nothing in this Agreement shall give rights to any other person. This agreement shall not be modified except in writing and signed by each of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date shown below.

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Date:  $\frac{8/8}{}$ , 201

Sending School: Canton Charter Academy

Date: [ ] Hagus T., 2017

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## EXHIBIT A RECEIVING SCHOOL'S ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

The Academy complies with application and enrollment requirements pursuant to applicable Federal and State law and the terms and conditions of their charter contract.

Public School Academies have Federal and State obligations to report certain data including the race and ethnicity of their student populations. Academies cannot use the acquired data to discriminate against students. In addition, the parent/guardian's refusal to respond to such a request cannot lead to the denial of their student's enrollment.

Academy enrollment is open to all individuals who reside in Michigan. Copies of phone and water bills or lease agreements may be requested to establish residency requirements. The Academy's requirements to establish residency must be applied in the same way to all students. The Academy may not ask about a student's citizenship or immigration status (or the status of their parents/guardians) in determining residency. In addition, a homeless student (including an undocumented homeless student) cannot be denied enrollment because he/she cannot provide required documents to establish residency.

A certified copy of a birth certificate or other reliable proof of identity must be provided. If the person enrolling the student does not comply, local law enforcement agency will be contacted to investigate. The Academy has the authority to determine the type of "other reliable proof" of student's identity and age. The Academy will not deny enrollment because the parent or legal guardian did not provide a birth certificate or other reliable proof of identity.

The person enrolling the student must also provide proof of parentage (birth certificate is sufficient), custody paperwork, legal guardianship or other legal paperwork indicating a right to enroll.

Academy admissions may be limited to students within a particular age range/grade level or on any other basis that would be legal if used by a Michigan public school district. The Academy may not prevent a student from enrolling because the student has a foreign birth certificate.

No student may be denied participation in the application process due to lack of student records.

The Board of Directors shall establish the enrollment calendar prior to each enrollment period, including the dates for the following:

- 1. Re-enrollment period for current students
- 2. Open enrollment for new applicants
- 3. Legal notice in a local newspaper of general circulation that includes:
  - the process for requesting and submitting applications,
  - the beginning date and the ending date of the application period,
  - the date, time, and place the random selection drawing will be held, if needed Note: The Academy must forward a copy of the legal notice or advertisement to the authorizer.
- 4. Lottery: random selection drawing

The Board of Directors shall establish the maximum enrollment numbers prior to the date for the lottery, as stated on the enrollment calendar. The Board of Directors shall also confirm the grades to be

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offered for that enrollment. If the Board chooses to offer a different grade range for the next school year, a contract amendment and authorizer approval must first occur.

The Academy reserves the right not to accept an applicant for enrollment due to the applicant's expulsion or suspension from a previous school for any reason, or conviction of a felony, under state law. In those cases, an administrative review of the applicant's disciplinary record must occur prior to Academy requesting the student's CA-60. The student's enrollment will be contingent upon receiving and reviewing the student's entire educational record, including all special education and disciplinary records, prior to granting enrollment in the Academy.

The student's enrollment will be contingent upon the accuracy of the student's entire educational record, including all special education and disciplinary records, being received in a timely manner prior to granting enrollment in the Academy.

#### Re-enrollment

- 1. The Academy shall notify parents/guardians of all enrolled students of the deadline for reenrollment. The re-enrollment notice must also request that the parent/guardian indicate whether a sibling(s) seeks to enroll for the upcoming academic year.
- 2. After collecting the parent/guardian responses, the Academy must determine the following:
  - The number of students who have re-enrolled per grade.
  - The number of siblings seeking admission for the upcoming academic year per grade.
  - The number of spaces remaining, per grade, after enrollment of current students and siblings.
  - If there is not enough space at a particular grade for all the siblings, then the Academy must develop a waiting list for siblings of re-enrolled students as determined by the random selection drawing.
- 3. Any student who was enrolled in the immediately preceding academic year is guaranteed admission for the following year, as long as an enrollment form for that student (or other adequate substitute) was received prior to the re-enrollment deadline and that particular grade is offered by the Academy.
- 4. An enrolled student who does not re-enroll by the specified date will be contacted. If no response is received within the stated timeline, then the student can only apply to the Academy during the application period for new students and must complete a Student Enrollment Application to be considered for a seat.

#### **Application Process**

- 1. The application period shall be a minimum of two weeks in duration, with evening and weekend times available. Applications are accepted via fax, scanned e-mail, mail and personal delivery.
- 2. The Academy accepts applications all year. If openings occur during the academic year, students shall be enrolled. If openings do not exist, applicant shall be placed on the official waiting list. The waiting list shall cease to exist at the beginning of the next application period.
- 3. In the event there are openings in the class for which students have applied, students shall be admitted according to the official waiting list. The position on the waiting list shall be determined at the lottery by random selection drawing. If there is no waiting list, students shall be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 4. After the students have been selected to fill the maximum number of spaces allowed by the Board, no more space will be deemed available. In the event that space becomes available,

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- students shall be admitted according to the official waiting list or if no waiting list, on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 5. The Academy may neither close the application period nor hold a random selection drawing for unauthorized grades prior to receipt of written approval from the authorizer.

#### **Enrollment preferences**

Enrollment preference is first given to currently enrolled students. Here is the order of preference for all categories of applicants:

- Current FTB enrolled students
- Siblings of currently enrolled FTB students
- Qualifying Students pursuant to matriculation agreements
- Siblings of Qualifying Students pursuant to matriculation agreements
- Child, including adopted child or legal ward, of a person who is staff member at the Academy or on the Academy Board
- Students selected in the random selection process
- Siblings of students selected in the random selection process
- All remaining applicants

#### **Random Selection Drawing**

- 1. A random selection drawing will be conducted if the number of applications exceeds the number of available spaces. The Academy shall:
  - Establish written procedures for conducting a random selection drawing.
  - Use a credible, neutral "third party" such as an ISD representative, CPA firm, or government official, to conduct the random selection drawing.
  - Establish the maximum number of spaces available per grade or grouping level.
  - Establish the date, time, place and person to conduct the random selection drawing.
  - Notify the authorizer of the both the application period and the date of the random selection drawing, if needed. The authorizer may have a representative on-site to monitor the random selection drawing process.
  - Conduct the random selection drawing at a public meeting where parents, community members and the public may observe the process.
  - Use numbers, letters, or another system that guarantees fairness and does not give an advantage to any applicant.
  - Draw first the youngest grade for which a drawing is necessary.
  - Add the siblings of students that have been selected to the appropriate grade. If that grade
    is full, then the sibling(s) will be added to the bottom of the sibling part of the waiting list of
    that grade.
- 2. The Academy shall notify applicants of the results from the random selection drawing. Students shall appear on the official waiting list in the order they were selected in the random selection drawing. The Academy will notify applicants not chosen in the random selection drawing that they were not selected and their name has been placed on the Academy's official waiting list for openings that may occur during the academic year.

#### **Waiting List**

The position on the waiting list shall be determined by random selection drawing. After the drawing, slots on the waiting list are considered on a first come, first served basis. Siblings of a currently enrolled

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student are given preference on the waitlist; however this is not a guarantee that a seat will become available. Students who are on the waiting list as non-siblings and become a sibling, due to the acceptance and attendance of their brother/sister, will be given sibling status.

Students on the waiting list will be contacted with any offer of admission to the Academy. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the school with any change of contact information. Any student who is offered a seat at the Academy and declines admittance, will need to reapply.

The waiting list shall cease to exist at the beginning of the next application period. Students on the waiting list at that time will need to reapply.

#### **Disciplinary Record**

When the student enrollment application indicates that the prospective student has been suspended or expelled from any previous school, the Academy must conduct a disciplinary review of the prospective student's discipline record, before requesting the student's CA-60, to determine his/her eligibility for enrollment before a CA-60 is requested. The parent /guardian must complete and sign a Request for Discipline which would allow the Academy to obtain a copy of the disciplinary record.

The Academy administration will conduct an investigative review of the circumstances that led to the suspension and/or expulsion. Based on the findings, the Academy administration will contact the parents/guardians to discuss the prospective student's eligibility for enrollment. The Academy reserves the right to decline acceptance to a prospective student for enrollment and attendance if the student has been expelled or suspended from a previous school for any reason as allowed by Michigan law.

The Academy may refuse to enroll an applicant if the any of the following are met:

- 1. The applicant is or has been within the preceding two years suspended from another school.
- 2. The applicant at any time before enrolling has been expelled from another school.
- 3. The applicant at any time before enrolling has been convicted of a felony.

If the Academy has counted the student for purposes of State Aid funding during this enrollment process, the Academy cannot refuse to enroll or refuse to continue to enroll the student for a reason stated above. However, the Academy is not prohibited from expelling the student for disciplinary reasons.

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# SECTION G SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

Pursuant to Applicable Law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, including Article VI, Section 6.7, the Academy shall comply with the school calendar and school day schedule requirements identified in this Schedule.

#### School Calendar

The Academy's school calendar shall comply with Sections 1175, 1284, and, if applicable, 1284a and 1284b, of the Code. The Academy's school calendar shall also comply with the minimum requirements set forth in Section 101 of the School Aid Act of 1979 (MCL 388.1701). The Academy Board must submit a copy of the Academy's school calendar to the Center in accordance with the Master Calendar.

#### School Day Schedule

The Academy Board must structure the Academy's school day schedule to meet the required number of instructional days and hours. The Academy Board must submit the school day schedule to the Center prior to the commencement of each academic year.

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# SECTION H AGE OR GRADE RANGE OF PUPILS

#### AGE OR GRADE RANGE FOR PUPILS TO BE ENROLLED

Pursuant to Applicable Law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, including Article VI, Section 6.8, the Academy shall comply with the age or grade ranges as stated in this Schedule.

The Academy will enroll students in ninth through twelfth grade. The Academy may add grades with the prior written approval of the authorizing body.

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#### **CONTRACT SCHEDULE 8**

INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND THE CENTER

#### INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND THE CENTER

Pursuant to Applicable Law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, including Article XI, Section 11.9, the Academy shall comply with this Schedule.

#### **Information Available to the Public and the Center**

The Code provides that the board of directors of a public school academy shall make information concerning its operation and management available to the public and to the Center in the same manner as is required by state law for school districts.

The Code provides that the board of directors of a public school academy shall collect, maintain, and make available to the public and the Center, in accordance with Applicable Law and the Contract, at least all of the following information concerning the operation and management of the Academy:

- 1. A copy of the Academy's Charter Contract.
- 2. A list of currently serving members of the Academy Board, including name, address, and term of office.
- 3. Copies of policies approved by the Academy Board.
- 4. The Academy Board meeting agendas and minutes.
- 5. The budget approved by the Academy Board and of any amendments to the budget.
- 6. Copies of bills paid for amounts of \$10,000.00 or more, as submitted to the Academy Board.
- 7. Quarterly financial reports submitted to the Center.
- 8. A current list of teachers and administrators working at the Academy that includes individual salaries as submitted to the Registry of Educational Personnel.
- 9. Copies of the teaching or administrator's certificates or permits of current teaching and administrative staff.
- 10. Evidence of compliance with the criminal background and records checks and unprofessional conduct check required under sections 1230, 1230a, and 1230b of the Code for all teachers and administrators working at the Academy.
- 11. Curriculum documents and materials given to the Center.
- 12. Proof of insurance as required by the Contract.
- 13. Copies of facility leases or deeds, or both.
- 14. Copies of any equipment leases.
- 15. Copies of any management contracts or services contracts approved by the Academy Board.
- 16. All health and safety reports and certificates, including those relating to fire safety, environmental matters, asbestos inspection, boiler inspection, and food service.
- 17. Annual financial audits and any management letters issued as part of the Academy's annual financial audit, required under Article VI, Section 6.11 of the Terms and Conditions of this Contract.
- 18. Any other information specifically required under the Code.

#### Information to be Provided by the Academy's Educational Service Provider (if any)

Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, including Article III, Section 3.6, the University Board authorizes the Academy Board to employ or contract for personnel according to the position information outlined in Schedule 5. Any Educational Service Provider Management Agreement entered into by the Academy must contain a provision requiring the Educational Service Provider to provide to the Academy Board information concerning the operation and management of the Academy (including without limitation, but not limited to, the items identified above and annually the information that a school district is required to disclose under Section 18(2) of the State School Aid Act of 1979, MCL 388.1618) available to the Academy Board in order to enable the Academy to fully satisfy its obligations under Section 11.9(a) of the Terms and Conditions of Contract.

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### AMENDMENT NO. 1

to the
July 1, 2024 Contract to Charter
A Public School Academy and Related Documents

Issued To

FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL (A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY)

By

THE CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (AUTHORIZING BODY)

#### CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. I

#### FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL

In accordance with Article IX of the Terms and Conditions of the Contract (the "Contract"), dated July 1, 2024, issued by the CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (the "University Board") to FLEXTECH HIGH SCHOOL (the "Academy"), the parties agree to amend the Contract as follows:

- 1.) Amend the Terms and Conditions of Contract by replacing the language contained within Article IV, Section 4.5. Prohibition of Identified Family Relationships, subsection (b), with the language attached as Tab 1.
- 2.) Further amend the Terms and Conditions of Contract by inserting at the end of Article XII: General Terms, the language attached as Tab 2.
- 3.) Amend Schedule 2: Amended Bylaws, by replacing the language contained within Article XIII, Section 6. Contracts Between Corporation and Related Persons and Article IX: Indemnification, with the corresponding language attached as Tab 3.
- 4.) Amend Schedule 4: Oversight, Compliance and Reporting Agreement, by inserting at the end of Article II, Section 2.2. Compliance and Reporting Duties, the language attached as Tab 4.

This entire amendment is hereby approved by the University Board and the Academy Board through their authorized designees, and shall become effective upon execution by the Designee of the University Board.

By: Corey R. Northrop, Executive Director

The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools

Designee of the University Board

Dated: 4/17/2025

Dated:

04/21/2025

By: Vice- President FlexTech High School

Designee of the Academy Board

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# Tab 1

#### Terms and Conditions: Article IV, Section 4.5(b)

(b) The Academy Board shall require each individual who works at the Academy to annually disclose any familial relationship with any other individual who works at, or provides services to, the Academy. If an Academy Board member discloses any prohibited familial relationships in the annual disclosure, or if the University finds that an Academy Board member has failed to disclose a prohibited familial relationship, that Academy Board member shall be removed from office, in accordance with the removal provisions found in the Resolution or Schedule 2: Amended Bylaws. For purposes of this subsection, familial relationship means a person's mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, spouse or domestic partner.

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# Tab 2

#### Terms and Conditions: Article XII, Section 12.24

Section 12.24. <u>Required Statutory Disclosures</u>. The Academy shall ensure that the names of Central Michigan University Board of Trustees and the primary educational management organization, if applicable, must appear and be verbally provided, as applicable, on all of the following:

- (a) Unless prohibited by a local ordinance or local zoning authority, signage that is on the Academy's property and is erected, repaired, or installed on or after April 2, 2025;
- (b) Promotional material that is created, modified, or distributed on or after April 2, 2025;
- (c) The footer of the Academy's website pages; and
- (d) The student application that is required to be enrolled in the Academy.

For purposes of this section, "primary educational management organization" shall have the same meaning as defined in MCL 380.503.

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# Tab 3

#### Amended Bylaws: Article VIII, Section 6

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

The University Board authorizes the Academy Board to employ or contract for personnel according to the position information outlined in Schedule 5. However, the Academy Board shall prohibit any individual from being employed by the Academy, an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company involved in the operation of the Academy, in more than one (1) full-time position and simultaneously being compensated at a full-time rate for each of these positions. An employee hired by the Academy Board shall be an employee of the Academy for all purposes and not an employee of the University for any purpose. With respect to Academy Board employees, the Academy shall have the power and responsibility to (i) select and engage employees; (ii) pay their wages, benefits, and applicable taxes; (iii) dismiss employees; and (iv) control the employees' conduct, including the method by which the employee carries out his or her work. The Academy Board shall be responsible for carrying workers' compensation insurance and unemployment insurance for its employees. The Academy Board may contract with an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company to provide services or to provide personnel to perform services or work at the Academy. Before entering into an agreement with an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company to perform services or to provide personnel to perform services or work at the Academy, the Academy Board must first comply with the Educational Service Provider Policies issued by the Center. A copy of the agreement between the Academy Board and the Educational Service Provider or employee leasing company shall be included as part of Schedule 5.

The Academy shall comply with the Incompatible Public Offices statute, Act No. 566 of the Public Acts of 1978, of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and the Contracts of Public Servants With Public Entities statute, Act No. 371 of the Public Acts of 1968, of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The Academy Board shall ensure compliance with Applicable Law relating to conflicts of interest. Language in this Section controls over section 1203 of the Code. The following shall be deemed prohibited conflicts of interest:

- (a) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an owner, officer, director, employee or consultant of an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company, or a subcontractor to an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company that has an ESP Agreement with the Academy;
- (b) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an Academy Board employee;
- (c) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an independent contractor to the Academy;
- (d) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and a member of the governing board of another public school;
- (e) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and a University official, employee, or paid consultant, as a representative of the University; and

(f) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and having an ownership or financial interest in any real or personal property leased or subleased to the Academy.

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

- (a) Is employed by the Academy Board;
- (b) Works at or is assigned to work at the Academy;
- (c) Has an ownership, officer, policymaking, managerial, administrative non-clerical or other significant role with the Academy's Educational Service Provider or employee leasing company; and
- (d) Has an ownership or financial interest in any school building lease or sublease agreement with the Academy.
- (e) Is a current Academy Board member.

The Academy Board shall require each individual who works at the Academy to annually disclose any familial relationship with any other individual who works at, or provides services to, the Academy. If an Academy Board member discloses any prohibited familial relationships in the annual disclosure, or if the University finds that an Academy Board member has failed to disclose a prohibited familial relationship, that Academy Board member shall be removed from office, in accordance with the removal provisions found in the Resolution or these Amended Bylaws. For purposes of this sub-section, familial relationship means a person's mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, spouse or domestic partner.

Amended Bylaws: Article IX

# ARTICLE IX INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, each person who is or was a Director, officer or member of a committee of the Academy and each person who serves or has served at the request of the Academy as a trustee, director, officer, partner, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, may be indemnified by the Academy. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any such person against any liability asserted against and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have power to indemnify such person against such liability under the preceding sentence. The corporation may, to the extent authorized from time to time by the Academy Board, grant rights to indemnification to any employee or agent of the corporation. The indemnification shall not include any circumstances in which a person who is or was a director, officer or member of a committee of the Academy and each person who serves or has served at the request of the Academy as a trustee, director, officer, partner, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise is grossly negligent or criminally liable for the indemnified act.

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#### Oversight, Compliance and Reporting Agreement: Section 2.2(m)

- m. The Academy shall ensure that the names of Central Michigan University Board of Trustees and the primary educational management organization, if applicable, must appear and be verbally provided, as applicable, on all of the following:
  - i. Unless prohibited by a local ordinance or local zoning authority, signage that is on the Academy's property and is erected, repaired, or installed on or after April 2, 2025:
  - ii. Promotional material that is created, modified, or distributed on or after April 2, 2025:
  - iii. The footer of the Academy's website pages; and
  - iv. The school application that a student must submit to enroll in the Academy.

For purposes of this section, "primary educational management organization" shall have the same meaning as defined in MCL 380.503.