

CHURCH/STATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Questionnaire regarding the Academy's lease or contract arrangement with a religious organization.

Name of Academy: _____

Address of School Building: _____

Name of Lessor: _____

Please answer the following questions using as much detail as possible. If the question is not applicable, please indicate in your response the reason that the question does not apply.

1. Is there a religious organization connected to the school building?
2. What proportion of the members of the Academy's Board of Directors are also officers, board members or employees of the religious organization? Also, what proportion of the Academy Board of Directors are members of the religious organization?
3. Will there be any shared time programs with the religious organization?
4. If the religious organization is connected to the school building, does the school building have a separate entrance? Is the separate entrance clearly marked and identified?
5. Will there be any religious symbols, pictures or statues in the school building? Will there be any religious symbols, pictures or statues in the classrooms and common areas used by Academy students?
6. Does the religious organization conduct any programs in the building during school hours? If so, will those programs and the school share common areas in the building or at the building site (e.g., bathrooms, teacher's lounge, playground or lunchroom)?
7. Does the school have its own signage separate from the religious organization to indicate that it is not organized by or affiliated with the religious organization?

8. Are the religious organization and the school planning to share employees, textbooks or services (e.g., transportation, food service)?

9. Is the school parking lot separate from the religious organization's parking lot?

10. Is the Academy being operated or organized by the religious organization? Will the Academy have any organizational ties or affiliations with the religious organization that would be prohibited by state and federal constitutional laws?

11. Will there be any other tenants occupying the school building? If so, please list those additional tenants by name (including religious organization personnel).

12. Are there any provisions in the proposed lease agreement requiring the Academy to teach or promote religion?

13. Please describe how the Academy Board will notify the general public that the Academy is a public school and that it is not operated by or affiliated with the religious organization.

14. Please describe how the Academy will advertise that it is enrolling students and the procedures for applying for enrollment.

15. Is the agreed rental rate similar to the rate that is being charged for structures of similar size and in the same general location?

16. Did the Academy engage in a legitimate search for other potential sites?

17. Is the building used for any other public functions?

18. Does the lease contain any restrictions on the school's curriculum or activities?

The following questions apply only to applicants/academies requesting to convert a non-public school that was in operation at some point during the past 12 months.

- 19. Does the governing body of the non-public school plan to dissolve or discontinue the non-public school? If so, please disclose whether the non-public school has outstanding debts and how those outstanding debts will be retired.

- 20. How many students currently or formerly enrolled at the non-public school have applied to enroll in the Academy? How many currently or formerly enrolled non-public school students does the Academy anticipate will apply for Academy enrollment?

- 21. How many teachers formerly employed by the non-public school or other religious organization will become or are now employees of the Academy or an educational service provider that will contract or currently contracts with the Academy?

- 22. Please disclose the reasons for converting the existing non-public school into a public school academy. Please provide a copy of the resolution or other written approval from the governing body of the non-public school approving of the conversion to a public school academy.

These responses were prepared by: _____

Date: _____

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