Regular Board Meeting (Tuesday, September 22, 2026)
Generated by Tammy Turner on Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Meeting started at 2:05 PM

1. Call To Order

Procedural: 1:01 Roll Call

Procedural: 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mike Sander, Pat Dubbs, Isaac Seevers, Christy Even
Absent: Larry Hook

2. Visitors to the Board

Kelly Brown from Charter School Specialties was in attendance.

3. Treasurer

Action, Minutes: 3.01 Minutes
Recommended Action: Treasurer recommends the approval of minutes as presented.

Action: 3.02 Treasurer's Financial Reports
Recommended Action: Treasurer recommends approval of financial reports as presented.

Action: 3.03 Monthly Financial Report
Recommended Action: Treasurer recommends financial report as presented.

4. Executive Director

Discussion: 4.01 Update on Enrollment/Graduate/Documented Hours/Student & Family Engagement Events

Justin Smith updated the Board that enrollment is 402 which is approximately 100 students lower than last year.
Loss of 7th & 8th grades has hurt enrollment.
He also informed the Board engagement is approximately 70%.

Discussion: 4.02 Update of School Improvement Plan / One Plan

Discussion: 4.03 Legislative Update

Action: 4.04 Personnel
Recommended Action: Executive Director recommends approval of Personnel as presented.

Action: 4.05 IRS 403(b) Plan
Recommended Action: Executive Director recommends approval of IRS 403(b) Plan as presented.

5. October Board Meeting

Action: 5.01 Choose new October Board Meeting Date.

After discussion it was the consensus to conduct the next Board Meeting date on October 13, 2026 at 2:00 PM.

6. Sponsor Representative

Discussion: 6.01 Kelly Brown Reviewed the sponsor connection.

7. Agenda Approval

Action: 7:01 Motion to approve all agenda items.

Recommended Action: Executive Director recommends approval of all agenda items as presented in one motion.

Motion: Isaac Seevers
Second: Pat Dubbs

Patt Dubbs, Aye; Christy Even, Aye; Isaac Seevers, Aye; Mike Sander, Aye

Motion Carried 4-0

8. Adjournment

Action: 8.01 Adjourn

Recommended Action: Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Isaac Seevers
Second: Christy Even

Patt Dubbs, Aye; Christy Even, Aye; Isaac Seevers, Aye; Mike Sander, Aye.

Motion carries: 4- 0

Meeting ended at 2:27 PM

Cary Furniss, Treasurer

Dr. Mike Sander, President

Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Regular Board Meeting

Sept. 22, 2026 (Tues)

1. Call To Order

Subject	**1.01 Roll Call**
Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	1. Call To Order
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Subject	**1.02 Pledge of Allegiance**
Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	1. Call To Order
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

2. Visitors to the Board

Subject	**2.01 Public comments to discuss non-agenda items**
Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	2. Visitors to the Board
Access	Public
Type	

Subject	**2.02 Public Comments on Agenda Items**
Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	2. Visitors to the Board
Access	Public
Type	

3. Treasurer

Subject	**3.01 Minutes**
Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	3. Treasurer
Access	Public
Type	Action, Minutes
Recommended Action	Treasurer recommends the approval of minutes as presented.
Minutes	View Minutes for Aug 18, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Subject	**3.02 Treasurer's Financial Reports**
Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	3. Treasurer
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Treasurer recommends approval of financial reports as presented.

Subject	**3.03 Monthly Financial Report**
Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	3. Treasurer
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Treasurer recommends financial report as presented.

File Attachments
2026.08.31 Investment Detail.pdf (1,412 KB)
2026.08.31 Financial Report.pdf (657 KB)
Cash Flow August 2027.pdf (621 KB)

4. Executive Director

Subject	**4.01 Update on Enrollment/Graduate/Documented Hours/Student & Family Engagement Events**
Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Category 4. Executive Director

Access Public

Type Discussion

Subject **4.02 Update of School Improvement Plan / One Plan**

Meeting Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Category 4. Executive Director

Access Public

Type Discussion

Subject **4.03 Legislative Update**

Meeting Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Category 4. Executive Director

Access Public

Type Discussion

Subject **4.04 Personnel**

Meeting Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Category 4. Executive Director

Access Public

Type Action

Last	First	Job	Salary	Contract Days	Board Agenda	Hire/Resignation Date
Zach	Cook	Teacher	$5.15/lesson	As Needed	Agenda Correction	8/10/2026
Hines	Sarah	Intervention Specialist- Part Time	$40/hour	As Needed	New Hire	9/23/2026

Subject **4.05 IRS 403(b) Plan**

Meeting Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Category 4. Executive Director

Access Public

Type

File Attachments
403(b) Restatement-Plan Document-GREATER OHIO VIRTUAL SCHOOL PSOH49044 - signed.pdf (1,887 KB)

5. October Board Meeting

Subject	**5.01 Choose new October Board Meeting date**
Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	5. October Board Meeting
Access	Public
Type	

6. Sponsor Representative

Subject	**6.01 Discussion and Updates**
Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	6. Sponsor Representative
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

File Attachments
Sponsor Connection - September 2026 (1).pdf (559 KB)
Greater Ohio Virtual School - September 2026 - At-A-Glance Report (1).pdf (638 KB)

7. Agenda Approval

Subject	**7.01 Motion to approve all agenda items**
Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	7. Agenda Approval
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Executive Director recommends approval of all agenda items as presented in one motion.

8. Adjournment

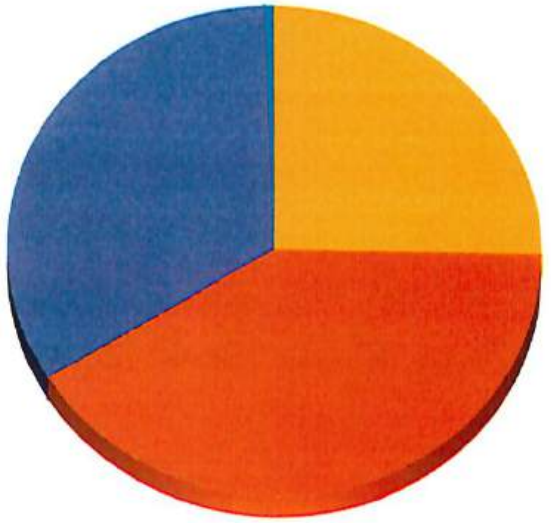
Subject	**8.01 Adjourn**
Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	8. Adjournment
Access	Public

Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn.

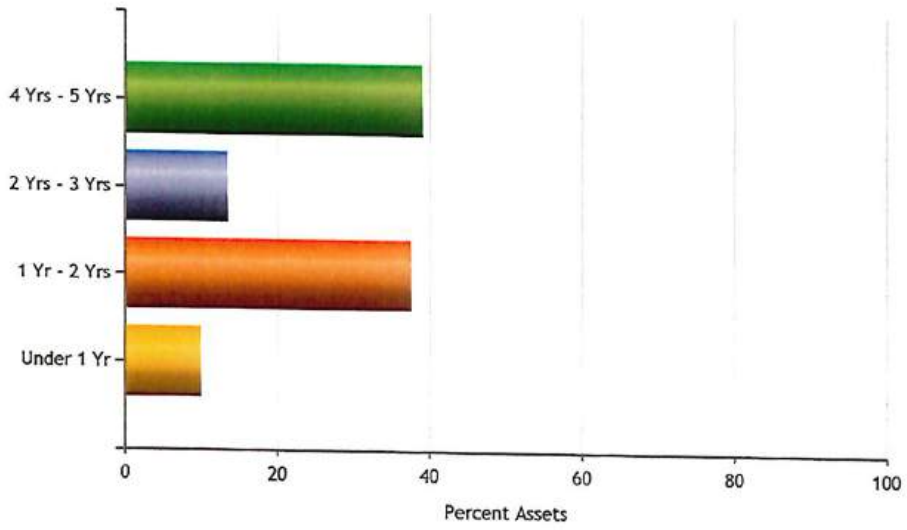
Monthly Activity Summary

	Since 8/1/2026
Beginning Book Value	**1,494,763.31**
Contributions	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Prior Month Management Fees	-124.94
Prior Month Custody Fees	-7.16
Realized Gains/Losses	0.00
Gross Interest Earnings	4,726.26
Ending Book Value	**1,499,357.47**

Portfolio Allocation as of 8/31/2026



Distribution by Maturity



Allocation Information

Security Type	Market Value	% Assets	Yield	WAM
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY NOTES	377,370.16	25.1	4.15	1.46
U.S. TREASURY NOTES	616,956.02	41.0	4.26	3.67
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	501,786.23	33.3	4.35	2.13
MONEY MARKET FUNDS	8,611.42	0.6	3.56	0.00
Total	**1,504,723.83**	**100.0**	**4.26**	**2.58**

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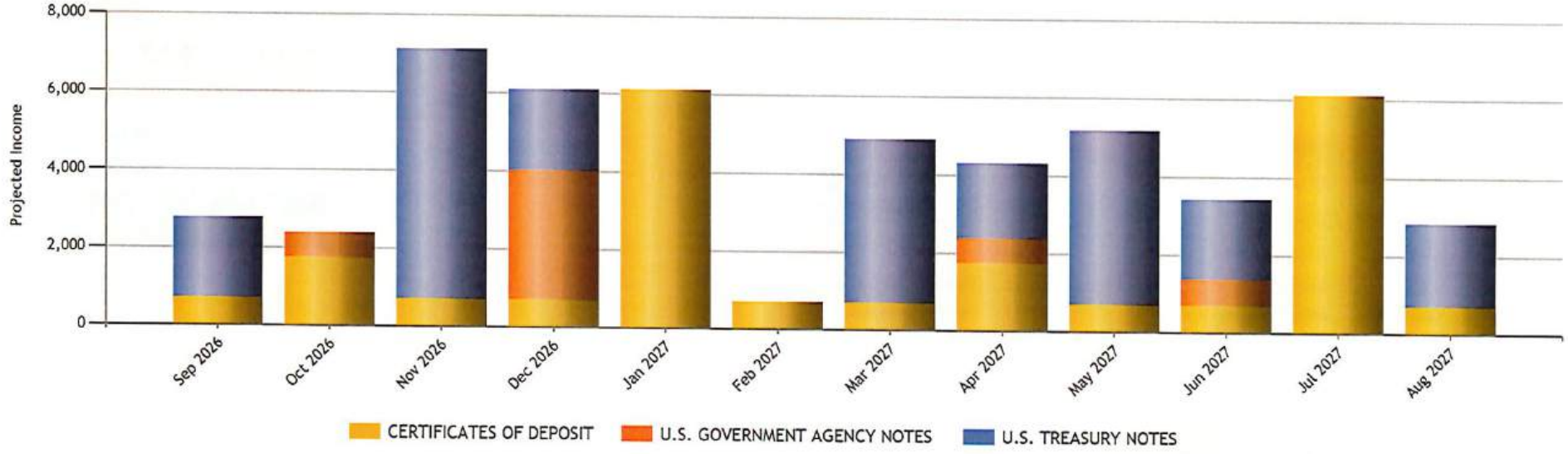
Greater Ohio Virtual School - Operating Funds
US Bank Custodian Acct Ending x18691
Attn: Cary Furniss

Estimated Gross Income Projection

9/1/2026 - 8/31/2027



		Sep 2026	Oct 2026	Nov 2026	Dec 2026	Jan 2027	Feb 2027	Mar 2027	Apr 2027	May 2027	Jun 2027	Jul 2027	Aug 2027
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT		708	1,758	708	708	6,108	708	708	1,758	708	708	6,108	708
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY NOTES		0	624	0	3,320	0	0	0	624	0	665	0	0
U.S. TREASURY NOTES		2,063	0	6,400	2,063	0	0	4,188	1,938	4,463	2,063	0	2,125
Total		**2,771**	**2,382**	**7,108**	**6,090**	**6,108**	**708**	**4,896**	**4,319**	**5,171**	**3,436**	**6,108**	**2,833**
Grand Total	**51,932**												

Gross Monthly Income

Negative Amounts Represent Paid Accrued Interest

8/1/2026 - 8/31/2026

Pay-Date	CUSIP	Security	Amount
U.S. TREASURY NOTES			
8/31/2026	91282CKC4	US Treasury Note 4.250% Due 2/28/2031	2,125.00
			2,125.00
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT			
8/14/2026	949764YZ1	Wells Fargo Bank, SD 4.250% Due 7/14/2028	360.96
8/21/2026	59013LQL1	Merrick Bank, UT 4.250% Due 7/21/2028	360.96
			721.92
MONEY MARKET FUNDS			
8/3/2026	USBMMF	First American Treasury Obligations Fund	1,879.34
			1,879.34
TOTAL INCOME			**4,726.26**

Realized Gains and Losses

8/1/2026 - 8/31/2026

Purchase Date	Close Date	Quantity	CUSIP	Security	Cost Basis	Proceeds	Total Gain/Loss
							0.00
Total Gains							0.00
Total Losses							0.00
Total					0.00	0.00	0.00

Quantity	Cusip	Security Description	Moody's	S&P	Call Date	Cost Basis	Market Value	Yield at Cost	Wtd Maturity	FDIC Number	Purchase Date
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY NOTES											
150,000	3133ENHA1	Federal Farm Credit Bank 1.500% Due 12/14/2026	Aa1	AA+	9/7/2026	148,470.45	148,991.43	4.02	0.29		7/16/2026
145,000	3133EMBX9	Federal Farm Credit Bank 0.860% Due 10/5/2027	Aa1	AA+	9/7/2026	139,410.25	139,706.69	4.16	1.07		7/20/2026
100,000	3135GABD2	Federal Natl Mtg Assoc 1.330% Due 12/16/2030	Aa1	AA+	12/16/2026	87,996.60	87,407.99	4.34	4.07		7/13/2026
	Accrued Interest						1,264.06				
						375,877.30	377,370.16	4.15	1.46		
U.S. TREASURY NOTES											
120,000	91282CQS3	US Treasury Note 4.000% Due 5/31/2028	Aa1	AA+		119,695.31	119,315.63	4.14	1.65		7/20/2026
100,000	91282CKC4	US Treasury Note 4.250% Due 2/28/2031	Aa1	AA+		99,832.03	99,011.72	4.29	4.05		7/9/2026
100,000	91282CKF7	US Treasury Note 4.125% Due 3/31/2031	Aa1	AA+		99,261.72	98,453.13	4.30	4.06		7/9/2026
100,000	91282CQK0	US Treasury Note 3.875% Due 4/30/2031	Aa1	AA+		98,191.41	97,398.44	4.29	4.16		7/9/2026
100,000	91282CQU8	US Treasury Note 4.125% Due 5/31/2031	Aa1	AA+		99,246.09	98,390.63	4.30	4.22		7/9/2026
100,000	91282CQX2	US Treasury Note 4.125% Due 6/30/2031	Aa1	AA+		99,242.19	98,359.38	4.30	4.30		7/9/2026
	Accrued Interest						6,027.11				
						615,468.75	616,956.02	4.26	3.67		
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT											
100,000	73317AFW7	Popular Bank, NY 4.200% Due 7/14/2028				99,900.00	99,942.58	4.28	1.76	34967	7/15/2026
100,000	949764YZ1	Wells Fargo Bank, SD 4.250% Due 7/14/2028				99,900.00	100,034.31	4.34	1.76	3511	7/14/2026
100,000	59013LQL1	Merrick Bank, UT 4.250% Due 7/21/2028				99,900.00	100,027.85	4.34	1.78	34519	7/21/2026
100,000	61778EA35	Morgan Stanley Bank, UT 4.350% Due 7/16/2029				99,850.00	99,873.69	4.40	2.66	32992	7/15/2026
100,000	61781BEB4	Morgan Stanley Private Bank, NY 4.350% Due 7/16/2029				99,850.00	99,873.69	4.40	2.66	34221	7/15/2026
	Accrued Interest						2,034.11				
						499,400.00	501,786.23	4.35	2.13		

Portfolio Holdings

8/31/2026

Quantity	Cusip	Security Description	Moody's	S&P	Call Date	Cost Basis	Market Value	Yield at Cost	Wtd Maturity	FDIC Number	Purchase Date
MONEY MARKET FUNDS											
	USBMMF	First American Treasury Obligations Fund				8,611.42	8,611.42	3.56	0.00		
						8,611.42	8,611.42	3.56	0.00		
Total Portfolio						1,499,357.47	1,504,723.83	4.26	2.58		

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Greater Ohio Virtual School

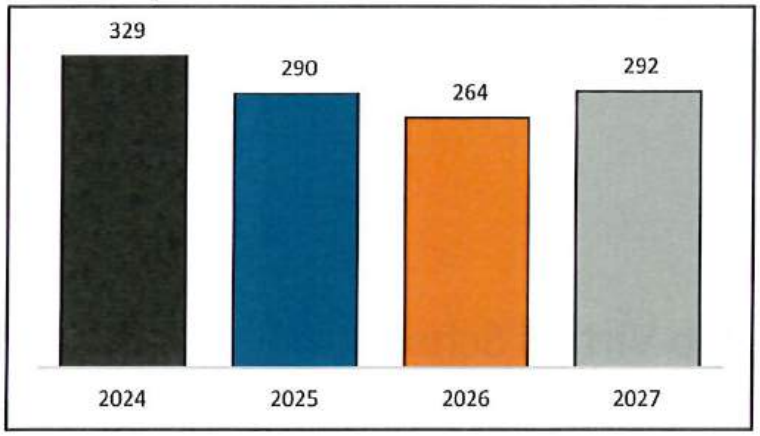
Monthly Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2027 - July to August

Cash Balance Analysis

Monthly cash flow helps explain the timing of revenue and expenditures in the current fiscal year and over several fiscal years. This snapshot is designed to demonstrate three key cash balance indicators - 1) Days of cash on-hand at year end, 2) Cash balance as % of Revenue, 3) Monthly cash balances. The data reflected is as of August 31st for each respective year.

Calendar Days of Cash on Hand



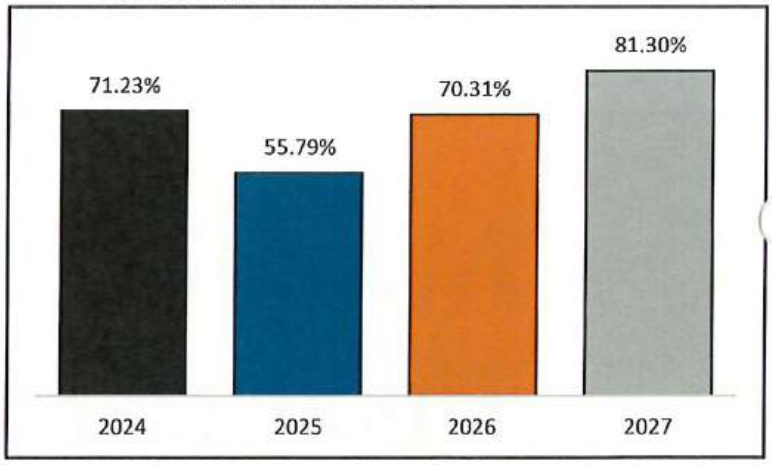
The graph reflects Cash on Hand at August 31st of each of the fiscal years indicated.

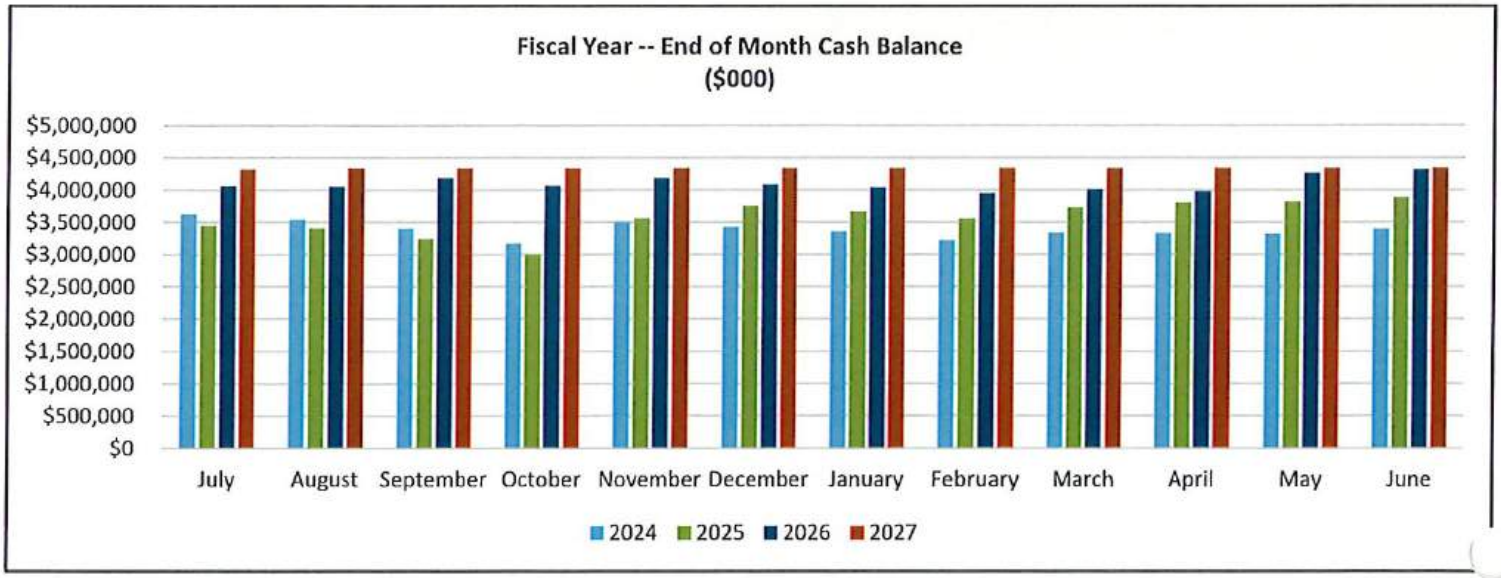
Ending Cash Balance at End of the Month

2024	$3,542,095
2025	$3,408,486
2026	$4,049,469
2027	$4,334,224

Cash balance as a % of revenue can help the organization to understand the amount of revenue change that could be buffered by one-time cash balance reserves.

Cash Balance as % of Revenue





Cash balances can fluctuate significantly within a fiscal year. The **lowest cash balance of $1,296,240 occurred in February 2021.** The **highest cash balance position was $4,317,861 and that occurred at August 31, 2026.**

ACTUAL REVENUE RECEIVED THROUGH AUGUST COMPARED TO THE PRIOR YEAR

	Actual Revenue Collections For July to August	Prior Year Revenue For July to August	Actual Compared to Last Year
Local Revenue	(3,368)	(10,948)	7,580
Interest	17,707	29,743	(12,036)
State Revenue	685,969	678,007	7,962
Federal Revenue	61,640	105,547	(43,907)
All Other Revenue	8,166	8,787	(621)
Total Revenue	770,114	811,136	(41,022)

Compared to the same period, total revenue are
$(41,022)
Lower than the previous year

After two (2) months of the fiscal year, revenues are ($41,022) less than last fiscal year. Lower interest income and federal subsidy advances were the primary reasons for the negative variance.

ACTUAL EXPENSES THROUGH AUGUST COMPARED TO THE PRIOR YEAR

	Actual Expenses For July to August	Prior Year Expenditures For July to August	Actual Compared to Last Year
Salaries and Benefits	397,305	376,711	**20,594**
Purchased Services	210,711	210,424	**287**
Supplies	118,083	29,419	**88,664**
Capital	-	-	-
All Other Expenses	27,652	32,140	**(4,488)**
Total Expenditures	753,751	648,694	**105,057**

Compared to the same period, total expenditures are
$105,057
Higher than the previous year

Expenditures were $105,057 more than last year, due to the purchase of chromebooks this July.

FISCAL YEAR 2027 FORECAST TO ACTUAL COMPARISON FOR REVENUE

	Annual Forecast Estimate	Projected Annual Cash Estimate	Actual Compared to Cash Flow
Local Revenue	-	(3,368)	(3,368)
Interest	150,000	145,207	(4,793)
State Revenue	5,020,000	5,022,636	2,636
Federal Revenue	595,000	561,640	(33,360)
All Other Revenue	25,134	29,111	3,977
Total Revenue	5,790,134	5,755,226	(34,908)

Compared to forecast, revenue cash flows are

$(34,908)

Lower than forecasted

Data is compared to the August forecast and revenues are ($34,908) lower than projected. Federal subsidy advances have been lower than in the prior fiscal year and projected.

FISCAL YEAR 2027 FORECAST TO ACTUAL COMPARISON FOR EXPENSES

	Annual Forecast Estimate	Projected Annual Cash Estimate	Actual Compared to Cash Flow
Salaries and Benefits	3,377,251	3,368,055	**(9,196)**
Purchased Services	1,877,611	1,868,049	**(9,562)**
Supplies	204,997	216,415	**11,418**
Capital	-	-	**-**
All Other Expenses	82,485	79,597	**(2,888)**
Total Expenditures	5,542,344	5,532,117	**(10,227)**

Compared to forecast, expenditure cash flows are

$(10,227)

Lower than forecasted

Spending is $10,227 less than forecasted in the August update.

Greater Oh[illegible]/irtual School
Cash Flow Statement - All Funds
FY 2027
As of August 31, 2027

Month	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Beginning Cash on Hand	4,317,862	4,317,414	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226
Revenue												
1200 - tuition	-2,970	-2,978										
1400 - interest	3,906	13,801										
1700 - student fees	0	0										
1800 - charges for services	0	0										
1900 - other student fees	2,260	320										
3100 - state unrestricted	312,702	326,859										
3200 - state restricted	23,000	23,408										
4200 - federal	43,974	17,666										
5300 - refund prior yr	0	8,166										
Sub-total Revenue	382,872	387,242	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5100 - transfers												
5200 - advance												
Sub-total Advances / Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	382,872	387,242	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Available Cash	4,700,733	4,704,656	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226
Expenses												
100 - salary	122,684	162,797										
200 - benefits	54,678	57,146										
400 - purchased services	74,353	136,358										
500 - supplies	108,098	9,985										
600 - equipment	0	0										
800 - other	23,507	1,223										
Sub-total Expenses	383,319	367,508	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
900 - transfers/advances/Refunds		2,922										
Sub-total Advances / Transfers	0	2,922	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	383,319	370,430	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Cash Balance	4,317,414	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226	4,334,226
Variance Month to Month	-447	16,812	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Variance Fiscal Year	-447	16,364	16,364	16,364	16,364	16,364	16,364	16,364	16,364	16,364	16,364	16,364

Difference from Beginning Cash	16,364

GREATER OHIO VIRTUAL SCHOOL
FY 2027
PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS

9/1/2026

FUND	SCC	DESCRIPTION	Initial	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL ACCOUNT
001	0000	GENERAL FUND	$ 5,500,000.00							$ 5,500,000.00
001	915X	CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION	$ -							
001	917X	ENGLISH LEARNER FUNDING	$ -							
001	918X	STUDENT WELLNESS AND SUCCESS FUNDING	$ -							
516	9926	IDEA FY26 FUND	$ 30,000.00	$ 3,176.93						$ 33,176.93
516	9927	IDEA FY27 FUND	$ 165,033.16							$ 165,033.16
536	9926	TITLE I NON COMPETITIVE FY26	$ 97,600.00	$ 507.01						$ 98,107.01
536	9927	TITLE I NON COMPETITIVE FY27	$ -	$ 150,000.00						$ 150,000.00
551	9926	TITLE III CONSORTIUM FY26	$ -							$ -
551	9927	TITLE III CONSORTIUM FY27	$ -	$ 1,583.57						$ 1,583.57
572	9026	TITLE I EOEC NON COMPETITIVE FY26	$ 4,000.00	$ 969.06						$ 4,969.06
572	9027	TITLE I EOEC NON COMPETITIVE FY27	$ -	$ 110,956.70	$ (10,886.11)					$ 100,070.59
572	9926	TITLE I FY26 FUND	$ 4,200.00	$ (4,200.00)						$ -
572	9927	TITLE I FY27 FUND	$ 71,995.74							$ 71,995.74
584	9926	TITLE IV-A FY26 FUND	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,003.70						$ 2,003.70
584	9927	TITLE IV-A FY27 FUND	$ 10,214.54							$ 10,214.54
590	9926	TITLE II-A FY26 FUND	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,178.94						$ 2,178.94
590	9927	TITLE II-A FY27 FUND	$ 11,919.83							$ 11,919.83
		Monthly Appropriation Changes								
SUB-TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS - ALL FUNDS			$5,896,963.27							**$ 6,151,253.07**

Greater Ohio Virtual School

Disbursement Summary Report

Check Number	Date	Name	Amount	Status	Reconcile Date	Void Date	Reference Number
0	8/31/2026	MEMO REDTREE	$ 132.10	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14499
0	8/31/2026	MEMO Ohio Dept of Education	2,921.91	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14500
0	8/31/2026	MEMO-PNC BANK	0.08	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14501
0	8/28/2026	LEBANON-CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK	2,868.00	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14490
0	8/28/2026	STATE TEACHERS RETIRE. SYSTEM	22,564.00	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14491
0	8/28/2026	School Employees Ret. System	4,108.00	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14492
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0	8/28/2026	MEMO FRANKLIN CITY	1.50	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14497
0	8/28/2026	STATE TEACHERS RET. SYSTEM	897.75	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14498
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901446	8/27/2026	Justin Smith	40.00	RECONCILED	8/27/2026		14489
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901440	8/20/2026	AMERICAN FIDELITY	1,044.28	OUTSTANDING			14481
901442	8/20/2026	US Bank Equipment Finance	1,416.68	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14482
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901439	8/14/2026	Amazon Capital Services	363.67	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14476
901437	8/14/2026	VERIZON WIRELESS	7,270.64	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14477
0	8/12/2026	MEMO-PNC BANK	4,945.43	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14472
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901434	8/6/2026	Amazon Capital Services	1,094.62	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14466
901436	8/6/2026	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC.	152.62	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14467

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Cash Summary Report

FUND-SCC	Description	Initial Cash	MTD Received	FYTD Received	MTD Expended	FYTD Expended	Fund Balance	Encumbrance	Unencumbered Balance
001-0000	GREATER OHIO VIRTUAL SCHOOL	$ 4,368,857.71	$ 346,168.02	$ 662,066.24	$ 347,415.00	$ 713,068.24	$ 4,317,855.71	$ 1,803,045.13	$ 2,514,810.58
001-915X	CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION	0.00	7,723.73	15,447.46	0.00	0.00	15,447.46	0.00	15,447.46
001-917X	ENGLISH LEARNER FUNDING	0.00	1,151.86	2,303.71	0.00	0.00	2,303.71	0.00	2,303.71
001-918X	STUDENT WELLNESS AND SUCCESS FUNDING	0.00	14,532.46	28,657.04	0.00	0.00	28,657.04	0.00	28,657.04
516-9926	IDEA-B FY26	(18,984.88)	17,666.03	36,650.91	8,769.58	26,435.61	(8,769.58)	0.00	(8,769.58)
516-9927	IDEA-B FY27	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,154.81	5,154.81	(5,154.81)	0.00	(5,154.81)
536-9926	Title I Non COMPETITIVE FY26	(14,988.67)	0.00	14,988.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
572-9026	EOEC Non Competitive FY26	(10,000.00)	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
572-9027	EOEC Non Competitive FY27	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,090.91	9,090.91	(9,090.91)	90,909.09	(100,000.00)
572-9926	TITLE I FY26	(7,022.65)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(7,022.65)	0.00	(7,022.65)
Grand Total		**$ 4,317,861.51**	**$ 387,242.10**	**$ 770,114.03**	**$ 370,430.30**	**$ 753,749.57**	**$ 4,334,225.97**	**$ 1,893,954.22**	**$ 2,440,271.75**

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Disbursement Summary Report

Check Number	Date	Name	Amount	Status	Reconcile Date	Void Date	Reference Number
901432	8/6/2026	PLATTENBURG CERTIFIED	$ 950.00	RECONCILED	8/31/2026		14468
901435	8/6/2026	Raptor Technologies, LLC Dept 141	2,400.00	RECONCILED	8/6/2026		14469
901433	8/6/2026	Neola, Inc.	795.00	RECONCILED	8/6/2026		14470
Grand Total			**$ 208,326.49**				

Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Sep 22, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
Category	4. Executive Director
Subject	4.04 Personnel
Access	Public
Type	Action

Public Content

Last	First	Job	Salary	Contract Days	Board Agenda	Hire/Resignation Date
Zach	Cook	Teacher	$5.15/lesson	As Needed	Agenda Correction	8/10/2026
Hines	Sarah	Intervention Specialist- Part Time	$40/hour	As Needed	New Hire	9/23/2026

Administrative Content

Executive Content

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Hello,

AFPlanServ® is pleased to provide a restated Internal Revenue Service (IRS) pre-approved 403(b) Plan Document designed specifically for public school governmental plans. To keep your Plan Document current and compliant, your organization will need to adopt this restated version by **December 31, 2026**.

Why This Update Matters

Using an IRS pre-approved 403(b) Plan Document can help:

- Maintain compliance with current IRS requirements.
- Provide a Plan Document tailored to public school governmental employers.
- Offer additional protection in the event of an IRS review or audit.

This restated document does not yet include SECURE 2.0 amendments, since those Plan Document updates are not required until **December 31, 2029.** Those amendments are scheduled to be made in the next IRS document review cycle expected in 2028. AFPlanServ will continue administering the SECURE 2.0 provisions based on the elections your organization made in 2023. If you have questions about these provisions, please contact us at info@afplanserv.com or by calling 1-866-560-6415.

Next Steps

You should amend and restate your existing 403(b) Plan by adopting the updated pre-approved version. Attached are the following documents for your review:

1. AFPlanServ Non-Standardized Pre-Approved 403(b) Plan Document
2. Adoption Agreement
3. IRS Determination Letter

We recommend you have these documents reviewed by your legal counsel prior to execution. After any required board approval has been obtained, please sign and date the Adoption Agreement and return it using the provided Adobe Sign link.

Important Reminder

To maintain compliance with IRS requirements, the Adoption Agreement must be executed by **December 31, 2026**. Please retain a copy of the signed Adoption Agreement, Plan Document, and IRS Determination Letter with your organization's permanent 403(b) Plan records.

Thank you for your partnership and assistance in completing this update. If you have any questions, please contact us at **info@afplanserv.com** or **1-866-560-6415**. We're happy to help.

Sincerely,
AFPlanServ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
1111 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20224

Date:
11/29/2024
Employer ID number:
73-0714500
Case number:
202300101
File folder number:
FFN: 31702760001-001
Letter Serial number:
Q706133a
Plan number:
01-001
Plan description:
Non-Standardized Pre-Approved 403(b) Plan
Date of submission:
05/01/2023
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Dear Applicant:

Why you're receiving this letter

In our opinion, we found the form of the plan shown above is acceptable for use by eligible employers for the benefit of their employees under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 403(b).

What you need to do

You must provide to each eligible employer who adopts this plan:
. A copy of this letter.
. A copy of the approved plan.
. Copies of later amendments including their dates of adoption.
. The plan provider's contact information including their address and telephone number.

What you should know

Our opinion relates only to the satisfaction of the plan's form with the requirements of IRC Section 403(b) contained in the 2022 Cumulative List of Notice 2022-8, 2022-7 Internal Revenue Bulletin (IRB) 491, and certain other requirements of IRC Section 403(b) as detailed in Section 13 of Revenue Procedure (Rev. Proc.) 2021-37, 2021-38 IRB 385. We didn't consider the effect of other federal or local statutes.

Our opinion on the acceptability of the form of the plan isn't a determination of an eligible employer's plan satisfying the requirements of IRC Section 403(b). An eligible employer that adopts this plan can generally rely on this letter as described and outlined below.

An eligible employer that adopts an IRC Section 403(b) nonstandardized plan may rely on this letter that the form of the plan satisfies the requirements of IRC Section 403(b) if the employer has not amended the plan other than to choose options provided under the plan or to make amendments that are described in Section 9.03 of Rev. Proc. 2021-37 relating to employer amendments that will not affect reliance.

The IRS doesn't issue a determination letter to an eligible employer who adopts this plan, except as noted in Section 25 of Rev. Proc. 2023-37, 2023-51 IRB 1491. For example, an adopting employer of a nonstandardized plan that makes amendments to the plan that are not extensive may obtain reliance that the form of the plan, as amended, satisfies the requirements of IRC Section 403(b) by requesting a determination letter using Form 5307, Application for Determination for Adopters of Modified Nonstandardized Pre-Approved Plans.

Additionally, see Section 8.02(1) - (3) of Rev. Proc. 2021-37 for exceptions with respect to IRC Sections 401(a)(4), 410(b) 414(s), and 415.

For other rules and procedures related to an IRC Section 403(b) pre-approved plan submitted for the second remedial amendment cycle, generally see Rev. Proc. 2021-37.

As stated in the plan, the provisions of this plan override any conflicting provision contained in any investment arrangements under the plan or any other documents that may be incorporated by reference into an adopting eligible employer's plan. This opinion letter doesn't cover any provisions contained in the investment arrangements or any other documents incorporated by reference outside the plan or adoption agreement, such as a collective bargaining agreement.

An eligible employer who adopts this plan may not rely on this letter when the employer:

. Uses the plan to amend or restate a plan which didn't previously meet the requirements of IRC Section 403(b).

. Adopts the plan before the opinion letter is issued.

. Doesn't correctly complete the adoption agreement or other elective provisions in the plan.

. Has any investment arrangement under the plan or any other document that may be incorporated by reference that provides that they govern if there's a conflict between their terms and the terms of the plan.

. Amends the plan other than by choosing options provided under the plan or by making amendments other than those that are described in Section 9.03 of Rev. Proc. 2021- 37 (relating to employer amendments that will not affect reliance).

Our opinion doesn't:

. Consider issues which the Department of Labor administers under Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

. Constitute a determination that the plan is an IRC Section 414(d) governmental plan.

. Constitute a determination that the adopting employer is a church within the meaning of IRC Section 3121(w)(3)(A) or a qualified church-controlled organization within the meaning of IRC Section 3121(w)(3)(B) (QCCO).

If this plan is not a Retirement Income Account plan described under IRC Section 403(b)(9), the adopting employer must be an eligible employer within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.403(b)-2(b)(8).

If this plan is a Retirement Income Account plan described under IRC Section 403(b)(9), the plan must either be established or maintained by a church, or a convention or association of churches, including an organization described in IRC Section 414(e)(3)(A). For a Retirement Income Account plan, the adopting employer may be a church, QCCO, non-QCCO, or minister; however, if the plan is not established by a church, or a convention or association of churches, including an organization described in IRC Section 414(e)(3)(A), the plan must be maintained by a church, or a convention or association of churches, including an organization described in IRC Section 414(e)(3)(A).

This is not a determination regarding language in the plan that reflects Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, Pub. L. 104199, 110 Stat. 2419 (DOMA) or U.S. v. Windsor, 570 U.S. 12 (2013), which invalidated Section 3 of DOMA, except to the extent that the definition of spouse is relevant for purposes of required minimum distributions under IRC Section 401(a)(9) and spousal rollover rights under IRC Section 402(c)(9).

This letter doesn't rule on whether this plan meets any requirements that apply due to a plan's coverage of multiple employers that are not in a single controlled group.

A pre-approved plan restatement that generally is effective as of a certain date should not be treated as superseding a

previously adopted interim plan amendment that is effective before or after the restatement's effective date and that has not been incorporated or reflected in the restatement, provided that the pre-approved plan is operated in a manner consistent with the interim plan amendment. A plan is presumed to be operating in compliance with an interim plan amendment in any case in which the operation of the plan cannot be determined.

Who can you contact

If you, the pre-approved plan provider, have questions, you can call the telephone number at the top of the first page of this letter. This number is only for the provider's use. Individual participants or adopting eligible employers with questions about the plan should contact you.

If you prefer, you can write to the address at the top of the first page of this letter. When you write, include a copy of this letter, your telephone number and the hours we can reach you.

Let us know if you change or stop sponsorship of this plan.

Keep this letter for your records.

Sincerely,

Daniel Dragoo
Director, EP Rulings & Agreements

AFPlanServ 403(b)

Nonstandardized Pre-approved

Plan Document

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SECTION 1
DEFINITIONS

As used in this Plan, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth herein unless a different meaning is clearly required by the context:

1.1 Account

"Account" means the account maintained for the benefit of any Participant or Beneficiary under an Investment Arrangement.

1.2 Account Balance

"Account Balance" means the total benefit to which a Participant or Beneficiary is entitled under an Investment Arrangement, taking into account all contributions made to the Investment Arrangement and all earnings or losses (including expenses) that are allocable to the Participant's Account, any rollover contributions or transfers held under the Participant's Account, and any distribution made to the Participant, the Participant's Beneficiary, or any Alternate Payee. The Account Balance includes any part of the Participant's Account that is treated under the Plan as a separate contract to which section 403(c) (or another applicable provision of the Internal Revenue Code) applies.

1.3 Accumulated Benefit

"Accumulated Benefit" means the sum of Participant's or Beneficiary's Account Balance's under all Investment Arrangements under the Plan.

1.4 Administrator

"Administrator" means the person, committee, or organization selected in the Adoption Agreement to administer the Plan. If no Administrator is identified in the Adoption Agreement, then the Employer is the Administrator. Functions of the Administrator, including those described in the Plan, may be performed by Vendors, designated agents of the Administrator, or others (including Employees a substantial portion of whose duties is administration of the Plan) pursuant to the terms of Investment Arrangements, written service agreements or other documents under the Plan. For this purpose, an Employee is treated as having a substantial portion of his or her duties devoted to administration of the Plan if the Employee's duties with respect to administration of the Plan are a regular part of the Employee's duties and the Employee's duties relate to Participants and Beneficiaries generally (and the Employee only performs those duties for himself or herself as a consequence of being a Participant or Beneficiary).

1.5 Annuity Contract

"Annuity Contract" means a non-transferable group or individual contract as defined in section 403(b)(1) and 401(g) of the Internal Revenue Code, established for each Participant by the Employer or by each Participant individually, that is issued by an insurance company qualified to issue annuities in a State and that includes payment in the form of an annuity.

1.6 Beneficiary

"Beneficiary" means the designated person(s) or entity(ies) entitled to receive benefits under the Plan after the death of a Participant, as identified under the terms governing each Investment Arrangement or in other records maintained under the Plan.

1.7 Custodial Account

"Custodial Account" means the group or individual custodial account or accounts, as defined in section 403(b)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, established for each Participant by the Employer, or by each Participant individually, to hold assets of the Plan.

1.8 Compensation

"Compensation" means all of each Participant's wages, tips, and other compensation as reported on the Form W-2. Except as provided elsewhere in this Plan, Compensation shall include only that compensation which is actually paid to the Participant during the Plan Year.

A. Notwithstanding the above, Compensation shall not include any amount which is contributed by the Participant and which is not includible in the gross income of the Participant under section 125, 132(f)(4), 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), or 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

B. Except as provided in section 1.401(a)(17)-1(d)(4)(ii) of the Treasury Regulations with respect to eligible Participants in governmental plans, the annual compensation of each Participant taken into account in determining allocations shall not exceed $305,000, as adjusted for cost-of-living increases in accordance with section 401(a)(17)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code for periods after January 1, 2022.

C. Solely for purposes of Section 5, "Compensation" includes "differential wage payments" as that term is defined in Section 3401(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, for a payment made after December 31, 2008. These amounts must be treated as compensation under section 415(c)(3) but are not required to be treated as Compensation for purposes of determining contributions and benefits under a plan.

1.9 Disabled

"Disabled" means unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or to be of long continued and indefinite duration. The permanence and degree of such impairment shall be supported by medical evidence.

For purposes of annuity contracts distributing amounts not attributable to elective deferrals, "Disabled" shall have the same meaning as above unless an alternative definition is provided in the Investment Arrangement.

1.10 Effective Date

"Effective Date" means the date this Plan, including any restatement or amendment of this Plan, is effective, as indicated in the Adoption Agreement, unless a specific Plan provision indicates a later Effective Date. If this is a restatement or amendment of a prior plan document, and the provisions of this Plan are different from the provisions of the Employer's prior plan document and, after the Effective Date of this Plan, the Employer operated in compliance with the provisions of the prior plan, the provisions of such prior plan are incorporated into this Plan for purposes of determining whether the Employer operated the Plan in compliance with its terms, provided operation in compliance with the terms of the prior plan do not violate any qualification requirements under the Code, Regulations, or other IRS guidance.

1.10 Elective Deferral

"Elective Deferral" means the Employer contributions made to the Plan at the election of the Participant in lieu of receiving cash compensation. The term "Elective Deferral" includes Roth Elective Deferrals if permitted under the Plan.

1.11 Eligibility Computation Period

"Eligibility Computation Period" means a computation period during which an Employee completes at least 1,000 Hours of Service. Furthermore:

A. For eligibility purposes, the initial computation period is the 12-consecutive month period beginning on the date the Employee first performs an Hour of Service for the Employer (the employment commencement date). The succeeding computation periods are the 12-consecutive month periods commencing with the first day of the Plan Year, beginning with the first Plan Year which commences prior to the first anniversary of the Employee's employment commencement date regardless of whether the Employee is entitled to be credited with 1,000 Hours of Service during the initial computation period. An Employee who is credited with 1,000 Hours of Service in both the initial computation period and the first Plan Year which

commences prior to the first anniversary of the Employee's employment commencement date will be credited with two Years of Service.

B. For purposes of computing an Employee's nonforfeitable right to the account balance derived from Employer contributions, the Eligibility Computation Period is the 12-consecutive month period beginning on the Employee's employment commencement date with the Employer or any Related Employer. Each subsequent 12-consecutive month period will commence on the anniversary of such date.

1.12 Employee

"Employee" means each individual who is a common law employee of the State performing services for a Public School of the State which has adopted this Plan or any other Related Employer, including an individual who is appointed or elected. This definition is not applicable unless the Employee's compensation for performing services for a Public School is paid by the State. Further, a person occupying an elective or appointive public office is not an Employee performing services for a Public School unless such office is one to which an individual is elected or appointed only if the individual has received training, or is experienced, in the field of education. A public office includes any elective or appointive office of a State.

1.13 Employer

"Employer" means the Public School named in the Adoption Agreement that has adopted the Plan. For purposes of eligibility to participate in and make contributions to the Plan, "Employer" also includes any Related Employer that is an eligible employer within the meaning of section 1.403(b)-2(b)(8)(i) of the Treasury Regulations and that is designated in the Adoption Agreement.

1.14 Employer Contributions

"Employer Contributions" means Non-elective Contributions and Matching Contributions, if any, the Employer elects to contribute to the Plan as designated in the Adoption Agreement and in accordance with Sections 4.3 and 4.4 of the Plan, subject to the age and service requirements, if any, designated in the Adoption Agreement.

1.15 Entry Date

"Entry Date" means the date designated in the Adoption Agreement on which an Employee's election of Elective Deferrals or eligibility to participate in Employer Contributions, if any, is effective, subject to the provisions of Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the Plan.

1.16 Hour of Service

"Hour of Service" means each hour for which an Employee is paid, or entitled to payment, for the performance of duties for the Employer. These hours will be credited to the Employee for the computation period in which the duties are performed.

1.17 Investment Arrangement

"Investment Arrangement" means an Annuity Contract or Custodial Account that satisfies the requirements of section 1.403(b)-3 of the Treasury Regulations and that is issued or established for funding amounts held under the Plan. A list of Vendors of Investment Arrangements approved for use under the Plan, including sufficient information to identify the approved Investment Arrangements, shall be maintained in an appendix to the Plan. The terms governing each Investment Arrangement under the Plan, excluding those terms that are inconsistent with the Plan or section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, are hereby incorporated by reference in the Plan.

1.18 Matching Contributions

"Matching Contributions" means Employer contributions described in Plan Section 4.4 which are based on a Participant's Elective Deferrals.

1.19 Non-Elective Contributions

"Non-elective Contributions" means the Employer's contributions to the Plan in accordance with Plan Section 4.3A, other than Elective Deferrals, Matching Contributions, and Qualified Non-elective Contributions.

1.20 Participant

"Participant" means an individual for whom contributions are currently being made, or for whom such contributions have previously been made under the Plan and who has not received a distribution of his or her entire Benefit under the Plan. All Employees of the Employer will be eligible to participate in the Plan except for those Employees excluded in the Adoption Agreement.

1.21 Plan

"Plan" means the Plan identified in the Adoption Agreement, consisting of the provisions elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement and the terms of this pre-approved document.

1.22 Plan Year

"Plan Year" means the calendar year unless a different period is designated by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement. Unless a Short Plan Year is designated by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, the Plan Year will be a twelve consecutive month period.

1.23 Public School

"Public School" means a State-sponsored educational organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code (relating to educational organizations that normally maintain a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body or pupils or students in attendance at the place where educational activities are regularly carried out).

1.24 Qualified Non-elective Contributions

"Qualified Non-elective Contributions" means contributions (other than Non-elective Contributions and Matching Contributions) made by the Employer pursuant to Plan Section 4.3B and which are non-forfeitable when allocated to a Participant's Account and which are distributable only in accordance with the distribution provisions (other than for hardships) applicable to Elective Deferrals.

1.25 Related Employer

"Related Employer" means any entity which is aggregated with the Adopting Employer, determined in a manner consistent with IRS Notice 89-23, 1989-1 C.B. 654.

1.26 Severance from Employment

"Severance from Employment" occurs when the Employee ceases to be employed by the Employer maintaining the Plan or a Related Employer that is eligible to maintain a section 403(b) Plan under section 1.403(b)-2(b)(8) (an "eligible employer"), even if the Employee remains employed with another entity that is a Related Employer where either (a) such Related Employer is not an eligible employer or (b) the Employee is employed in a capacity that is not employment with an eligible employer.

1.27 Short Plan Year

"Short Plan Year" means, if specified in the Adoption Agreement, a Plan Year of less than a twelve month period.

1.28 State

"State" means a State, a political subdivision of a State, or any agency or instrumentality of a State. "State" includes the District of Columbia (pursuant to section 7701(a)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code). An Indian tribal government is treated as a State pursuant to section 7871(a)(6)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code for purposes of section 403(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code.

1.29 Vendor

"Vendor" means the provider of an Annuity Contract, Custodial Account, or a Retirement Income Account.

1.30 Year of Service

"Year of Service" means:

A. For purposes of determining Includible Compensation or Special Catch-Up Contributions, each full year during which an individual is a full-time Employee of the Employer, plus fractional credit for each part of a year during which the individual is either a full-time Employee of the Employer for a part of a year or part-time Employee of the Employer. The Employee must be credited with a full Year of Service for each year during which the Employee is a full-time Employee and a fraction of a year for each part of a work period during which the Employee is a full-time or part-time Employee of the Employer. An Employee's number of Years of Service equals the aggregate of the annual work periods during which the Employee is employed by the Employer. The work period is the Employer's annual work period.

B. For purposes of determining eligibility for Employer Non-elective Contributions, if any, an Eligibility Computation Period during which an Employee completes at least 1,000 Hours of Service. All Years of Service with the Employer are counted toward eligibility.

C. For purposes of determining Years of Service for computing an Employee's nonforfeitable right to the account balance derived from Employer contributions, an Eligibility Computation Period during which an Employee completes at least 1,000 Hours of Service. All of an Employee's Years of Service with the Employer and any Related Employer, including Years of Service with the Employer before the Employee became eligible for or covered by the Plan, are counted for vesting purposes. When the Employer maintains the plan of a predecessor employer, service with the predecessor employer is counted as service with the Employer.

SECTION 2
ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Plan Administration

A. Plan Administration.

The Plan shall be administered, and the provisions of the various documents comprising the Plan shall be coordinated, in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the requirements of section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. These provisions and requirements include but are not limited to:

1) Determining whether an employee is eligible to participate in the Plan;

2) Determining whether contributions comply with the applicable requirements and limitations;

3) Determining whether hardship withdrawals and loans comply with applicable requirements and limitations;

4) Determining that any transfers, rollovers, or purchases of service credit comply with applicable requirements and limitations;

5) Determining that the requirements of the Plan and section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code are properly applied, including whether the Employer is a member of a controlled group; and

6) Determining the status of domestic relations orders or qualified domestic relations orders.

Administrative function, including functions to comply with section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code and other tax requirements, may be allocated among various persons pursuant to service agreements or other written documents. Any administrative functions not allocated to other persons are reserved to the Administrator. However, in no case shall administrative functions be allocated to Participants (other than permitting Participants to make investment elections for self-directed accounts).

B. Administrative Appendix.

Persons to whom administrative functions have been allocated and the specific functions allocated to such persons shall be identified in an administrative appendix to the Plan. Service agreements and other records or information pertaining to the administration of the Plan may be included or incorporated by reference in the appendix. The appendix will also include a list of all the Vendors of Investment Arrangements approved for use under the Plan, including sufficient information to

identify the approved Investment Arrangements. The appendix may be modified from time to time. A modification of the appendix is not an amendment of the Plan. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the basic Plan document and Adoption Agreement and the terms of the Investment Arrangement (or of any other documents incorporated by reference into the Plan), the terms of the basic Plan document and Adoption Agreement Plan shall govern.

SECTION 3
ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

3.1 Eligibility of Employees

Each Employee who is not excluded under the Elective Deferral Eligibility section of the Adoption Agreement may elect to have Elective Deferrals made on his or her behalf hereunder immediately upon becoming employed by the Employer.

3.2 Compensation Reduction Election

An Employee elects to participate by executing an election to reduce his or her Compensation (and have that amount contributed as an Elective Deferral on his or her behalf to one or more Investment Arrangements) and filing it with the Administrator or its designated agent. The Employee's elections with respect to Investment Arrangements and allocations (and reallocations) among Accounts, if not included in the Compensation Reduction Election, shall be included in other records maintained under the Plan. This Compensation reduction election shall be made through an agreement provided by the Administrator or its designated agent under which the Employee agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Plan. The Administrator may establish an annual minimum deferral amount no higher than $200 as specified in the Adoption Agreement, and may change such minimum to a different amount (but not in excess of $200 or such lower amount as specified in the Adoption Agreement) from time to time. The participation election shall also include designation of the Vendor. Any such election shall remain in effect until a new election is filed with the Plan Sponsor, or the Plan Sponsor's designated Plan service provider.

The Administrator may establish reasonable administrative procedures for making elective deferrals, including a reasonable period for providing an Employee with notice of his or her right to defer and a reasonable election period, provided that §1.403(b)-5(b)(2) of the Treasury Regulations is satisfied. These procedures shall require the provision to employees of the notice of right to defer no later than 30 days after commencement of employment and shall include the designation of an Entry Date on the Adoption Agreement. An Employee's compensation reduction election shall take effect on the designated Entry Date or as soon as administratively feasible after the properly completed Compensation Reduction Election is received by the Administrator, which shall in any case not be later than 30 days after the date of Administrator's receipt.

3.3 Information Provided by the Employee

Each Participant shall provide at the time of initial enrollment, and later if there are any changes, any information necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan, including any information required under the terms governing the Investment Arrangement.

3.4 Change in Compensation Reduction Election

Subject to the terms governing the applicable Investment Arrangement and at least once each plan year, a Participant may change his or her Compensation Reduction Election, choice of Investment Arrangements, and designated Beneficiary and such change shall take effect as of the date provided on a uniform basis for all Employees.

3.5 Timing of Contributions

Contributions to the Plan under this Article III must be transferred to the Vendor as soon as administratively possible, but no later than 15 business days following the month in which the amounts would have been paid to the Employee.

3.6 Leave of Absence

Unless a Compensation Reduction Election is otherwise revised, if an Employee is absent from work by leave of absence, Elective Deferrals under the Plan shall continue to the extent that Compensation continues.

SECTION 4
CONTRIBUTIONS

4.1 Elective Deferrals

A. Limitations on Elective Deferrals

Except as provided in sections 4.1(B) and 4.1(C) below, the maximum amount of the Elective Deferral under the Plan for any calendar year shall not exceed $20,500, which is the applicable dollar amount established under section 402(g)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code and adjusted for cost-of-living to the extent provided under section 402(g)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code for periods after 2022.

B. Special Section 403(b) Catch-Up Limitation for Employees With 15 Includible Years of Service.

If the employer is a qualified organization (within the meaning of section 1.403(b)-4(c)(3)(ii) of the Treasury Regulations) and if elected in the Adoption Agreement, the applicable dollar amount under section 4.1(A) for any "Qualified Employee" is increased by the least of:

1) $3,000;

2) The excess of:

   a) $15,000, over

   b) The total special section 403(b) catch-up elective deferrals made for the qualified employee by the qualified organization for prior years; or

3) The excess of:

   a) $5,000 multiplied by the number of Years of Service of the Employee with the qualified organization, over

   b) The total Elective Deferrals made for the Employees by the qualified organization for prior years.

4) For purposes of section 4.1(B), a "Qualified Employee" means an Employee who has completed at least 15 Years of Service taking into account only employment with the Employer .

C. Age 50 Catch-Up Contributions.

If elected in the Adoption Agreement, an Employee who is a Participant who will attain age 50 or more by the end of the calendar year is permitted to elect an additional amount of Elective Deferrals, up to the maximum age 50 catch-up Elective Deferrals for the year. The maximum dollar amount of the age 50 catch-up Elective Deferrals for a year is $6,500, and is adjusted for cost-of-living to the extent provided under the Internal Revenue Code for periods after 2022.

D. Coordination.

Amounts in excess of the limitation set forth in section 4.1(A) shall be allocated first to the Special Section 403(b) catch-up under section 4.1(B) and next as an age 50 catch-up contribution under section 4.1(C). However, in no event can the amount of the Elective Deferrals and, if applicable, Roth 403(b) Contributions for a year be more than the Participant's Compensation for the year.

E. Special Rule for a Participant Covered by Another Section 403(b) Plan.

For purposes of this Section 4, if the Participant is or has been a Participant in one or more other plans under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code (and any other plan that permits elective deferrals under section 402(g) of the Internal Revenue Code), then this Plan and all such other plans shall be considered as one plan for purposes of applying the limitation in this section 4. For this purpose, the Administrator shall take into account any other such plan maintained by any Related Employer and shall also take into account any other such plan for which the Administrator receives from the Participant sufficient information concerning his or her participation in such other plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, another plan maintained by a Related Employer shall be taken into account for purposes of section 4.1(B) only if the other plan is a §403(b) Plan.

F. Correction of Excess Elective Deferrals.

If the Elective Deferral on behalf of a Participant for any calendar year exceeds the limitations described above, or the Elective Deferral on behalf of a Participant for any calendar year exceeds the limitations described above when combined with other amounts deferred by the Participant under another plan of the employer under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code (and any other plan that permits elective deferrals under section 402(g) of the Internal Revenue Code for which the Participant provides information is accepted by the Administrator), then the Elective Deferrals, to the extent in excess of the applicable limitation (adjusted for any income or loss in value, if any, allocable thereto through the end of the applicable calendar year), shall be distributed to the Participant no later than April 15 of the following calendar year. Distribution of a Participant's excess Elective Deferrals shall be made first from a Participant's Roth Elective Deferrals, and second from a Participant's pre-tax Elective Deferrals, unless the Participant

designates a different order of distribution before the distribution is made. Participants who claim Excess Elective Deferrals for the preceding year from this Plan and one or more plans of another employer must submit their request for a distribution of the Excess Elective Deferrals to the Administrator in writing on or before March 1 of the calendar year after the applicable calendar year.

4.2 Roth Contributions

A. General application.

If elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement and permitted under the terms of the applicable Investment Arrangement, a Participant may designate all or a portion of the Participant's Elective Deferrals as Roth Elective Deferrals. Any Roth Elective Deferrals under an Investment Arrangement shall be allocated to a separate Account maintained under the Investment Arrangement for a Participant's Roth Elective Deferrals. Unless specifically stated otherwise, Roth Elective Deferrals shall be treated as Elective Deferrals for all purposes under the Plan.

B. Separate Accounting.

1) Contributions and withdrawals of Roth Elective Deferrals shall be credited and debited to the Roth Elective Deferral Account maintained for the Participant under the Investment Arrangement.

2) A record of the amount of Roth Elective Deferrals in each Roth Elective Deferral Account shall be maintained.

3) Gains, losses, and other credits or charges must be separately allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis to each Participant's Roth elective Deferral Account and the Participant's other Accounts.

4) No contributions other than Roth Elective Deferrals and properly attributable earnings shall be credited to a Participant's Roth Elective Deferral Account.

C. Definition of Roth Elective Deferrals. A "Roth Elective Deferral" means an Elective Deferral that is:

1) Designated irrevocably by the Participant at the time of the Compensation Reduction Election as a Roth Elective Deferral that is being made in lieu of all or a portion of the pre-tax Elective Deferrals the Participant is otherwise eligible to make under the Plan; and

2) Treated by the Employer as includible in the Participant's income at the time the Participant would have received that amount in cash if the Participant had not made a Compensation Reduction Election.

4.3 Non-elective Contributions

A. Non-elective Contributions. If elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer may make discretionary Non-elective Contributions for each eligible Employee who satisfies the age and service requirements, if any, elected in the Adoption Agreement, in an amount or according to a formula determined by the Employer, or in accordance with a collective bargaining agreement or other written document, which is hereby incorporated by reference into the Plan.

B. Qualified Non-elective Contributions. The Employer may make Qualified Non-elective Contributions under the Plan on behalf of all eligible Employees. If made, Qualified Non-elective Contributions will be allocated to all Participants in the ratio which each such Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year bears to the total Compensation of all such Participants for such Plan Year, or in accordance with a collective bargaining agreement or other written document, which is hereby incorporated by reference into the Plan.

4.4. Matching Contributions

The Employer may elect to make Matching Contributions under the Plan on behalf of qualifying contributing participants as provided in the terms of a collective bargaining agreement or other written document, provided that those terms are incorporated by reference and made a part of the Plan. Matching Contributions will be allocated to eligible Participants who have contributed Elective Deferrals during the Plan Year in the manner elected in the Adoption Agreement. Matching Contributions will be applied each payroll period, except that for discretionary matching contributions, the Employer will determine the methodology at the time the Matching Contribution is determined.

4.5 Non-elective Contribution for Disabled and Former Employees

If elected in the Adoption Agreement, former Employees will share in Non-elective Contributions made by the Employer until the end of the Participant's fifth taxable year following the year in which the Participant has a Severance from Employment. For purposes of this Section 4.5, a Participant is deemed to have monthly Compensation for the period through the end of the taxable year in which he or she ceases to be an Employee and through the end of the next five (5) taxable years. Except as provided in section 1.403(b)-4(d) of the Treasury Regulations, the amount of the monthly Includible Compensation is equal to one-twelfth of the Participant's Compensation during his or her most recent Year of Service. No contribution shall be made after the end of the Participant's fifth taxable year following the year in which the Participant has a Severance from Employment.

If elected in the Adoption Agreement, Participants who are permanently and totally disabled (as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 22(e)(3)) will share in Non-elective Contributions made by the Employer for the period following the disability elected by the

Employer in the Adoption Agreement. The Compensation of a disabled Participant used to allocate such Non-elective Contributions shall be the Compensation such Participant would have received for the Plan Year if the Participant had been paid at the rate of compensation paid immediately before becoming permanently and totally disabled.

4.6 Vesting

The portion of a Participant's Account attributable to Elective Deferrals, Roth Elective Deferrals, and rollover contributions shall be 100% vested at all times. Employer Matching Contributions and Non-elective Contributions will be subject to the Vesting Schedule elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement. Employer Matching Contributions and Non-elective Contributions made on behalf of a Participant, to the extent not vested, will be credited to a separate account and treated as made to a contract to which section 403(c) (or another applicable provision of the Internal Revenue Code) applies.

On or after the date on which the Participant's interest in the separate account becomes non-forfeitable, the contract shall be treated as a section 403(b) Annuity Contract if:

1) No election has been made under section 83(b) with respect to the contract;

2) The Participant's interest in the separate account has been subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture before becoming non-forfeitable;

3) Contributions subject to different vesting schedules have been maintained in separated accounts; and

4) The separate account at all times satisfied the requirements of section 403(b) except for the non-forfeitability requirement in section 403(b)(1)(C).

If only a portion of the Participant's interest in a separate account becomes non-forfeitable in a year, then that portion of the contract will be considered a section 403(b) Annuity Contract and the remaining forfeitable portion will be considered a separate contract to which section 403(c) (or another applicable provision of the Internal Revenue Code) applies. Each contribution (and earning thereon) that is subject to a different vesting schedule must be maintained in a separate account for the Participant.

4.7 Forfeitures

On or before the last day of each Plan Year, any amounts which became forfeitures since the last day of the prior Plan Year may be allocated as additional Non-elective or Matching contributions or used to reduce any Non-elective or Matching Contribution, reinstate previously forfeited account balances of Participants, or to pay eligible Plan expenses, as determined by the Employer; provided, however, that all forfeitures shall be allocated no later than the end of the Plan Year after the Plan Year in which they occurred.

In the event forfeitures are used to reduce a Non-elective Contribution and the forfeitures exceed such contribution, then the remaining forfeitures will be allocated as an additional discretionary contribution. Forfeitures may not be used to reduce Qualified Non-elective Contributions, which are required by the Code to be fully vested when contributed to the Plan. Regardless of the preceding sentences, in the event the allocation of forfeitures provided herein shall cause the Annual Additions (as defined in Section 5.1(B)(1)) to any Participant's Account to exceed the amount allowable by the Code, an adjustment shall be made in accordance with Section 5.1(A)(8).

Before determining that a Participant or beneficiary cannot be found, the Plan fiduciary should take the following steps:

1) Send a notice using certified mail.

2) Check the records of the employer or any related plans of the employer.

3) Send an inquiry to the designated beneficiary of the missing participant.

4) Use free electronic search tools.

If, after completing these steps, the Plan fiduciary determines that the Participant or beneficiary cannot be found, then the Participant's or beneficiary's benefit shall be forfeited. Such benefit will be reinstated if a claim is made by the Participant or beneficiary.

SECTION 5
LIMITATIONS ON ANNUAL ADDITIONS

5.1 Limitations on Annual Additions

A. Limitations on Aggregate Annual Additions.

1) General Limitation on Annual Additions. A Participant's Annual Additions under the Plan for a Limitation Year may not exceed the Maximum Annual Addition as set forth in section 5.1(E) below.

2) Aggregation of section 403(b) Plans of the Employer. If Annual Additions are credited to a Participant under any section 403(b) plans of the Employer in addition to this Plan for a Limitation Year, the sum of the Participant's Annual Additions for the Limitation Year under this Plan and such other section 403(b) plans may not exceed the Maximum Annual Addition as set forth in section 5.1(E) below.

3) Aggregation Where Participant is in Control of Any Employer. If a Participant is in control of any Employer for a Limitation Year, the sum of the Participant's Annual Additions for the Limitation Year under this Plan, any other section 403(b) plans of the Employer, any defined contribution plans maintained by controlled employers, and any section 403(b) plans of any other employers may not exceed the Maximum Annual Addition as set forth in section 5.1(E) below. For purposes of this paragraph, a Participant is in control of an employer based upon the rules of Code sections 414(b), 414(c), and 415(h), and a defined contribution plan means a defined contribution plan that is qualified under section 401(a) or 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, a section 403(b) plan, or a simplified employee pension within the meaning of section 408(k) of the Internal Revenue Code.

4) Annual Notice to Participants. The Administrator will provide written or electronic notice to Participants that explains the limitation in section 5.1(A)(3) in a manner calculated to be understood by the average Participant and informs Participants of their responsibility to provide information to the Administrator that is necessary to satisfy section 5.1(A)(3). The notice will advise Participants that the applications of the limitations in section 5.1(A)(3) will take into account information supplied by the Participant and that failure to provide necessary and correct information to the Administrator could result in adverse tax consequences to the Participant, including the inability to exclude contributions to the Plan under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. The notice will be provided annually, beginning no later than the year in which the Employee becomes a Participant or the year following the year in which the Employer adopts this plan, whichever is later.

5) Coordination of Limitation on Annual Additions Where Employer Has another Section 403(b) Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plan. The Annual Additions which may be credited to a Participant under this Plan for any Limitation Year will not exceed the Maximum Annual Addition under section 5.1(E), reduced by the Annual Additions credited to the Participant under any other Section 403(b) Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plans of the Employer in addition to this Plan. Contributions to the Participant's Accounts under this Plan will be reduced to the extent necessary to prevent this limitation from being exceeded.

6) Excess Annual Additions

   a) If, notwithstanding section 5.1(A)(1) through 5.1(A)(5), a Participant's Annual Additions under this Plan, or under the Plan and plans aggregated with this Plan under sections 5.1(A)(2), result in an Excess Annual Addition for a Limitation Year, the Excess Annual Addition will be deemed to consist of the Annual Additions last credited, except Annual Additions to a defined contribution plan qualified under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code will be deemed to have been credited first.

   b) If an Excess Annual Addition is credited to Participant under this Plan and another Section 403(b) Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plan of the Employer on the same date, the Excess Annual Addition attributable to this Plan will be the product of:

      (i) the total Excess Annual Addition credited as of such date, times

      (ii) the ratio of (i) the Annual Additions credited to the Participant for the Limitation Year as of such date under this Plan to (ii) the total Annual additions credited to the Participant for the Limitation Year as of such date under this Plan and all other Section 403(b) Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plans of the Employer.

   c) Any Excess Annual Addition attributable to this Plan will be corrected in the manner described in section 5.1(A)(7).

7) Coordination of Limitation on Annual Additions Where Employer Has Another Section 403(b) Plan that is not a Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plan. If Annual Additions are credited to the Participant for the Limitation Year under another section 403(b) plan of the Employer which is not a Section 403(b) Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plan, the Annual Additions which may be credited to the Participant under this Plan for the Limitation Year will be limited in accordance with section 5.1(A)(5) as though the

other plan were a Section 403(b) Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plan unless the Employer provides other limitations in the Adoption Agreement.

8) Correction of Excess Annual Additions. A Participant's Excess Annual Additions for a taxable year are includible in the Participant's gross income for that taxable year. A Participant's Excess Annual Additions attributable to this Plan will be credited in the year of the excess to a separated account under the Plan for such Excess Annual Additions which will be maintained by the Vendor until the Excess Annual Additions are distributed. This separated account will be treated as a separate contract to which section 403(c) (or another applicable provision of the Internal Revenue Code) applies. Amounts in the separate account may be distributed at any time, notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan.

B. Definitions.

1) "Annual Additions" means the following amounts credited to a Participant under the Plan, or any other plan aggregated with the Plan under section 5.1(A)(2):

a) Employer contributions, including Elective Deferrals (other than age 50 catch-up contributions described in section 414(v) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions that have been distributed to the Participant as Excess Elective Deferrals);

b) After-tax Employee contribution;

c) forfeitures allocated to the Participant's Account; and

d) amounts allocated to an individual medical account, as defined in section 415(l)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, which is part of a pension or annuity plan and amounts derived from contributions paid or accrued which are attributable to post-retirement medical benefits, allocated to the separate account of a key employee, as defined in section 419A(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, under a welfare benefit fund, as defined in section 419(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

e) allocations under a simplified employee pension.

Amounts described in (a), (b), (c), and (e) are annual additions for purposes of both the dollar limitation under Section 5.1(E)(1) and the percentage of compensation limitation under Section 5.1(E)(2). Amounts described in (d) are annual additions solely for purposes of the dollar limitation under Section 5.1(E)(1).

C. Includible Compensation.

1) "Includible Compensation" means an Employee's compensation received from the Employer that is includible in the Participant's gross income for Federal income tax purposes (computed without regard to section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code, relating to United States citizens or residents living abroad), including differential wage payments under section 3401(h) of the Internal Revenue Code for the most recent period that is a Year of Service. Includible Compensation also includes any Elective Deferral or other amount contributed or deferred by the Employer at the election of the Employee that would be includible in gross income but for the rules of sections 125, 132(f)(4), 402(e)(3), 402(h)(l)(B), 402(k), 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. Includible Compensation does not include any compensation received during a period when the Employer was not an eligible employer within the meaning of section 1.403(b)-2(b)(8) of the Treasury Regulations or any difficulty of care payments pursuant to sections 131 and 415(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. The amount of Includible Compensation is determined without regard to any community property laws. Except as provided in section 1.401(a)(17)-1(d)(4)(ii) of the Treasury Regulations with respect to eligible Participants in governmental plans, the amount of Includible Compensation of each Participant taken into account in determining contributions shall not exceed $305,000, as adjusted for cost-of-living increases in accordance with section 401(a)(17)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code for periods after 2022.

2) For purposes of applying the limitations on Annual Additions to Non-elective Employer contributions pursuant to section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code, Includible Compensation for a Participant who is permanently and totally disabled (as defined in section 22(e)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) is the compensation such Participant would have received for the Limitation Year if the Participant had been paid at the rate of compensation paid immediately before becoming permanently and totally disabled.

3) Post-severance compensation. Payments made within 2 1/2 months after Severance from Employment will be included in Includible Compensation if they are payments that, absent a Severance from Employment, would have been paid to the Employee while the Employee continued in employment with the Employer and are regular compensation for services during the Employee's regular working hours, compensation for services outside the Employee's regular working hours (such as overtime or shift differential), commissions, bonuses, or other similar compensation, and payments for accrued bona fide sick, vacation or other leave, but only if the Employee would have been able to use the leave if employment had continued. Any payments not described above are not considered

compensation if paid after severance from employment, even if they are paid within 2 1/2 months following severance from employment, except for payments to an individual who does not currently perform services for the Employer by reason of qualified military service (within the meaning of Code Section 414(u)(1)) to the extent these payments do not exceed the amounts the individual would have received if the individual had continued to perform services for the Employer rather than entering qualified military service.

4) Former Employees. For purposes of this Section 5, a Participant is deemed to have monthly Includible Compensation for the period through the end of the taxable year in which he or she ceases to be an Employee and through the end of the next five (5) taxable years. Except as provided in section 1.403(b)-4(d) of the Treasury Regulations, the amount of the monthly Includible Compensation is equal to one-twelfth of the Participant's Includible Compensation during his or her most recent Year of Service.

5) Disabled Employees. For purposes of applying the limitations of this Section 5 to Non-elective Employer Contributions pursuant to Code section 415, Includible Compensation for Participants who are permanently and totally disabled (as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 22(e)(3)) is the compensation such Participant would have received for the Limitation Year if the Participant had been paid at the rate of compensation paid immediately before becoming permanently and totally disabled.

D. Limitation Year.

"Limitation Year" means the Calendar Year. However, if the Participant is in control of an Employer pursuant to Section 5.1(A)(3) above, the Limitation Year shall be the Limitation Year in the defined contribution plan controlled by the Participant.

E. Maximum Annual Addition

The Annual Addition that may be contributed or allocated to a Participant's account under the Plan for any Limitation Year shall not exceed the lesser of:

1) $61,000, as adjusted for increases in the cost-of-living under section 415(d) of the Internal Revenue Code for periods after 2022, or

2) 100 percent of the Participant's Includible Compensation for the limitation Year.

F. Contributions for Medical Benefits after Separation from Service. The Includible Compensation limit referred to in 5.1(E) shall not apply to any contribution for medical benefits after separation from service (within the meaning of section

401(h) or section 419A(f)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code) which is otherwise treated as an Annual Addition.

G. Section 403(b) Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plan.

A Section 403(b) Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plan means a section 403(b) plan the form of which is the subject of a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service.

H. Employer.

Solely for purposes of section 5.1(A) through 5.1(H), "Employer" means the employer that has adopted the Plan and any employer required to be aggregated with that employer under section 414(b) and (c) (taking into account section 415(h)), (m), (o), of the Internal Revenue Code and section 1.414(c)-5 of the Treasury Regulations.

I. Excess Annual Addition.

"Excess Annual Addition" means the excess of the Annual Additions created to the Participant for the Limitation Year under the Plan and plans aggregated with the Plan under section 5.1(A)(2) over the Maximum Annual Addition for the limitation Year under section 5.1(E).

SECTION 6
DISTRIBUTION PROVISIONS

6.1 Distribution Limitations for Elective Deferrals

A. General Limitations

Except as permitted in the case of excess Elective Deferrals, pre-1989 Elective Deferral contributions (excluding earnings thereon) to an Annuity Contract that are separately accounted for, amounts rolled over into the Plan, a distribution made in the event of hardship, a qualified reservist distribution as defined in section 72(t)(2)(G) of the Internal Revenue Code, termination of the Plan, a payment pursuant to section 12.1 or 12.2 of the Plan, lifetime income investments which may no longer be held as an investment in the Plan, or as may otherwise be provided by law and in regulations or other rules of general applicability published by the Department of the Treasury or the Internal Revenue Service, distributions of Elective Deferrals from a Participant's Account may not be made earlier than the date on which the Participant has Severance from Employment, dies, becomes disabled, or attains age 59½. Effective for Plan years beginning after December 31, 2019, amounts invested in a lifetime income investment (as defined in subsection 401(a)(38)(B)(ii)) may be distributed within the 90-day period ending on the date that such lifetime income investment may no longer be held as an investment option under the Plan. This distribution must be in the form of an annuity contract purchased for a Participant and distributed by the Plan to a Participant. For purposes of this paragraph, a Participant shall be treated as having a severance from employment during any period the Participant is performing service in the uniformed services described in section 3401(h)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code. A Participant who elects to receive a distribution pursuant to the preceding sentence may not make an Elective Deferral or receive a Non-elective Employee Contribution during the 6-month period beginning on the date of the distribution. The available forms of distribution will be based on the terms governing the applicable Investment Arrangement.

B. Coronavirus-Related Distributions

If elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, and to the extent permitted under the Investment Arrangement, a Participant's Elective Deferrals may be distributed as a coronavirus-related distribution. A coronavirus-related distribution is any distribution made from the Plan on or after January 1, 2020, and before December 31, 2020, to a qualified individual, as defined in section 2202(a)(4)(A)(ii) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub L 116-136 (CARES Act) and Section 1B of Notice 2020-50, which does not exceed, in the aggregate, the amount specified in the Adoption Agreement under the Plan and all other retirement plans maintained by the Employer and Related Employers.

C. Federally Declared Disasters

If elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, and to the extent permitted under the Investment Arrangement, a Participant's Elective Deferrals may be distributed in the event of a federally declared disaster, where resulting legislation or guidance authorizes such a distribution to the Participant.

D. Qualified Birth or Adoption Distributions

Effective for distributions made after December 31, 2019, if elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, and to the extent permitted under the Investment Arrangement, a Participant's Elective Deferrals may be distributed on or after the date specified in the Adoption Agreement as a Qualified Birth or Adoption Distribution. A Qualified Birth or Adoption Distribution is any distribution of up to $5,000 (or lesser amount as provided in the Adoption Agreement) from the Plan to a Participant if made during the 1-year period beginning on the date the child of the Participant is born or the legal adoption by the Participant of an eligible adoptee is finalized. A distribution of up to $5,000 for each child can be made with respect to multiple births and adoptions if the distribution is made within the 1-year period following the date on which the children are born, or the adoptions are finalized. An eligible adoptee is defined as any individual who has not attained age 18 or is physically or mentally incapable of self-support. An individual is physically or mentally incapable of self-support if they are unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity.

6.2 Recontributions of Coronavirus-Related Distributions

A. Coronavirus-Related Distributions

If elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, and to the extent permitted under the Investment Arrangement, a Participant's Elective Deferrals may be distributed as a coronavirus-related distribution. A coronavirus-related distribution is any distribution made from the Plan on or after January 1, 2020, and before December 31, 2020, to a qualified individual, as defined in section 2202(a)(4)(A)(ii) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub L 116-136 (CARES Act) and Section 1B of Notice 2020-50, which does not exceed, in the aggregate, the amount specified in the Adoption Agreement under the Plan and all other retirement plans maintained by the Employer and Related Employers.

If elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, and to the extent permitted under the Investment Arrangement, a Participant who is a qualified individual under section 2202(a)(4)(A)(ii) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Pub L 116-136, and Section 1B of Notice 2020-50 and who receives a coronavirus-related distribution that is eligible for tax-free rollover treatment may recontribute all or a portion of the coronavirus-related distribution at any time during the 3-year period beginning the day after the date of a coronavirus-related distribution made under the Plan. The recontribution of a

coronavirus-related distribution that is eligible for tax-free rollover treatment and made within the 3-year period described above will be treated as a rollover contribution to the Plan.

B. Recontributions of Qualified Birth or Adoption Distributions

Effective for distributions after December 31, 2019, if the Employer elected in the Adoption Agreement to permit Qualified Birth or Adoption Distributions, the Plan must accept the recontribution of a Qualified Birth or Adoption Distribution (of an amount not to exceed the original distribution) that a Participant received from the Plan, if the Participant is eligible to make a rollover contribution at the time of the recontribution. A Participant who makes a recontribution to the Plan will be treated as having received the distributions in an eligible rollover distribution and as having transferred the amount to the Plan in a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer within 60 days of the distribution. The Plan will ensure that one or more Investment Arrangements are available to accept the recontribution.

6.3 Minimum Distribution Requirement

With respect to Participants who attain age 70 ½ after December 31, 2019 and for the distribution of the accumulated benefit of a Participant who dies after December 31, 2019, the Plan shall comply with the minimum distribution requirements of section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder in accordance with the terms governing each Investment Arrangement, unless and to the extent otherwise permitted by law and in regulations or other rules of general applicability published by the Department of Treasury or the Internal Revenue Service. For purposes of applying the distribution rules of section 401(a)(9) of the Code, each Investment Arrangement is treated as an individual retirement account (IRA) and distributions shall be made in accordance with the provisions of section 1.408-8 of the Treasury Regulations, except as provided in section 1.403(b)-6(e) of the Treasury Regulations.

6.4 Distributions of Amounts Held in a Rollover Account

If a Participant has a separate account attributable to rollover contributions to the Plan, then, to the extent permitted by the terms governing the applicable Investment Arrangement, the Participant may at any time elect to receive a distribution of all or any portion of the amount held in the rollover account.

6.5 Direct Rollovers

A. Direct Rollovers.

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary that would otherwise limit a Distributee's election, a Distributee may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Administrator, to have any portion of an Eligible Rollover

Distribution that is equal to at least $500 paid directly to an Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Distributee in a direct rollover, to the extent permitted by the terms governing the applicable Investment Arrangement. If an Eligible Rollover Distribution is less than $500, a Distributee may not make the election described in the preceding sentence to roll over only a portion of the Eligible Rollover Distribution.

B. Definitions.:

1) "Eligible Rollover Distribution" means an Eligible Rollover Distribution is any distribution of all or any portion of the balance to the credit of the Distributee, except that an Eligible Rollover Distribution does not include:

a) any distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) made for the life (or life expectancy) of the Distributee or the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of the Distributee and the Distributee's designated beneficiary, or for a period of 10 years or more;

b) any distribution to the extent such distribution is required under section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code (other than amounts that would have been required but for a statutory waiver of the section 401(a)(9) requirements);

c) any hardship distribution;

d) the portion of any other distribution(s) that is not includible in gross income (determined without regard to the exclusion for net unrealized appreciation with respect to employer securities);

e) any distribution(s) that is reasonably expected to total less than $200 during a year;

f) any corrective distribution of excess amounts under section 402(g) and/or 415(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and income allocable thereto;

g) any loans that are treated as deemed distributions pursuant to section 72(p) of the Internal Revenue Code;

h) dividends paid on employer securities as described in section 404(k) of the Internal Revenue Code;

i) the costs of life insurance coverage (P.S. 58 costs);

j) prohibited allocations that are treated as deemed distributions pursuant to section 409(p) of the Internal Revenue Code.

A portion of a distribution shall not fail to be an Eligible Rollover Distribution merely because the portion consists of after-tax employee contributions which are not includible in gross income. However, such portion may be transferred only to (i) an individual retirement account or annuity described in section 408(a) or 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, respectively, or (ii) a qualified plan described in section 401(a) or 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or a tax-sheltered annuity described in section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code that agrees to separately account for amounts so transferred, including separately accounting for the portion of such distribution which is includible in gross income and the portion of such distribution which is not so includible.

C. Eligible Retirement Plan.

An Eligible Retirement Plan is a qualified plan described in section 401(a), an annuity plan described in section 403(a), an annuity contract described in section 403(b), an individual retirement account or annuity described in section 408(a) or 408(b), or an eligible plan under section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code which is maintained by a State and which agrees to separately account for amounts transferred into such plan from this Plan, that accepts the Distributee's Eligible Rollover Distribution, and, effective for rollover distributions occurring after December 18, 2015, a SIMPLE IRA plan defined in 408(p) of the Internal Revenue Code; provided, however, that Eligible Retirement Plan includes a SIMPLE IRA plan only with respect to rollovers not made from Roth IRAs or designated Roth accounts and only for rollovers made after the two-year period beginning on the date the Participant first participated in their employer's SIMPLE IRA plan. The definition of Eligible Retirement Plan shall also apply in the case of distribution to a surviving spouse, or to a spouse or former spouse who is the Alternate Payee under a qualified domestic relations order as defined in section 414(p) of the Internal Revenue Code.

D. Distributee.

A Distributee includes an Employee or former Employee. In addition, the Employee's or former Employee's surviving spouse and the Employee's or former Employees' spouse or former spouse who is the Alternate Payee under a qualified domestic relations order, as defined in section 414(p) of the Internal Revenue Code, are Distributees with regard to the interest of the spouse or former spouse. A Distributee also includes the Participant's non-spouse designated Beneficiary. In the case of a non-spouse Beneficiary, the Direct Rollover may be made only to an individual retirement account or annuity described in section 408(a) or 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code that is established on behalf of the Beneficiary and that will be treated as an inherited IRA pursuant to the provision of section 402(c)(11)

of the Internal Revenue Code; Also, in this case, the determination of any required minimum distribution under section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code that is ineligible of rollover shall be made in accordance with IRS Notice 2007-7, Q&A-17 and 18, 2007 I.R.B. 395.

E. Direct Rollover.

A Direct Rollover is a payment by the Plan to the Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Distributee.

F. Written Explanation of Right to Direct Rollover.

The payor shall provide, within a reasonable time period before making an Eligible Rollover distribution, a written explanation to the Participant that satisfies the requirements of section 402(f) of the Internal Revenue Code.

G. Roth Elective Deferrals.

1) A Direct Rollover of a distribution from a Roth Elective Deferral Account under the Plan will only be made to another Roth elective Deferral Account under an applicable retirement plan described in section 402A(e)(1) or to a Roth IRA described in section 408A, and only to the extent the rollover is permitted under the rules of section 402(c).

2) The provisions of the Plan that allow a Participant to elect a Direct Rollover, but only if the amount rolled over is at least $500, is applied by treating any amount distributed from the Participant's Roth Elective Deferral Account as a separate distribution from any amount distributed from the Participant's other accounts in the Plan, even if the amounts are distributed at the same time.

3) The Plan will not provide for a Direct Rollover (including an automatic rollover) for distributions from a Participant's Roth Elective Deferral Account if the amounts of the distributions that are Eligible Rollover Distributions are reasonably expected to total less than $200 during a year. In addition, any distribution from a Participant's Roth Elective Deferral Account is not taken into account in determining whether distributions from a Participant's other Accounts are reasonably expected to total less than $200 during a year.

6.6 Distribution Limitations for Matching and Non-elective Employer Contributions

A. Custodial Account.

Except for a payment pursuant to section 12.1 or section 12.2 of the Plan, or as may otherwise be provided by law and in regulations or other rules of general applicability published by the Department of the Treasury or the Internal Revenue Service, Non-elective Employer contributions held in a Custodial Account may not be distributed earlier than the earliest of the date on which the Participant has a Severance from Employment, dies, becomes Disabled, or attains age 59½. The available forms of distribution will be based on the terms governing the applicable Investment Arrangements.

B. Annuity contract.

Except for a payment pursuant to section 12.1 or section 12.2 of the Plan, or as may otherwise be provided by law and in regulations or other rules of general applicability published by the Department of the Treasury or the Internal Revenue Service, Non-elective Employer contributions held in an Annuity Contract may not be distributed earlier than the earliest of the date on which the Participant has a Severance from Employment or upon the prior occurrence of an event as specified in the Adoption Agreement such as after a fixed number of years, attainment of a stated age, or after the Participant becomes Disabled. The available forms of distribution will be based on the terms governing the applicable Investment Arrangement.

6.7 Distributions on Death

On the death of a Participant, the Participant's vested account balance will be paid to the participant's surviving spouse, but if there is no surviving spouse, or if the surviving spouse has consented, then to the Participant's designated beneficiary. A Participant may designate his or her beneficiary on forms provided by and in the manner required by the Administrator.

6.8 Forms of Distribution

Distributions from the Plan from Custodial Accounts shall be as elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement. All distributions from an Annuity Contract shall be in a form permitted under the terms of the applicable Annuity Contract as selected by the Participant.

SECTION 7
HARDSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS

7.1 Hardship Distributions of Elective Deferrals

A. To the extent permitted by the terms governing the applicable Investment Arrangement, distribution of Elective Deferrals may be made to a Participant in the event of hardship as described in section 1.401(k)-1(d)(3)(iii)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. A hardship distribution may only be made on account of an immediate and heavy financial need of the Participant and where the distribution is necessary to satisfy the immediate and heavy financial need.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 7, hardship distributions may not exceed the aggregate dollar amount of the Participant's Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals under the Plan, excluding income thereon, reduced by the amount of distributions from those sources previously made to the Participant under the Plan.

Effective for hardship distributions made on or after January 1, 2020, the Plan will no longer permit or require a six-month suspension of elective deferrals and employer contributions as a condition of obtaining a hardship distribution.

B. Unless elected otherwise in the Adoption Agreement, the following are the only financial needs considered immediate and heavy:

a. Expenses which the Participant, any other recipient listed in Code section 213(a), or the primary beneficiary of the Participant under the Plan, incur (or are necessary to obtain) medical care that would qualify for a deduction under Code section 213(d), determined without regard to the limitations in Code Section 213(a) relating to the applicable percentage of adjusted gross income and the recipients of the medical care;

b. Costs directly related to the purchase of a principal residence for the Participant (excluding mortgage payments);

c. Payment of tuition, related educational fees, and room and board expenses for up to the next 12 months of post-secondary education for the Participant, the Participant's spouse, children, dependents (as defined in Code Section 152 without regard to Code sections 152(b)(1), (b)(2), and (d)(1)(B), or a primary beneficiary of the Participant under the Plan;

d. Payments necessary to prevent the eviction of the Participant from, or a foreclosure on the mortgage of, the Participant's principal residence;

e. Payments for funeral or burial expenses for the Participant deceased parent, spouse, child, dependent (as defined in Code section 152 without regard to

Code section 152(d)(1)(B), or a primary beneficiary of the Participant under the Plan;

f. Expenses for the repair of damage to the Participant's principal residence that would qualify for a casualty deduction under Code section 165 (determined without regard to Code section 165(h)(5) and whether the loss exceeds 10 percent of adjusted gross income); and

g. Expenses and losses (including loss of income) incurred by the Participant on account of a disaster declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 100-707, provided that the Participant's principal residence or principal place of employment at the time of the disaster was located in an area designated by FEMA for individual assistance with respect to the disaster.

For purposes of this Section, a primary beneficiary of the participant under the Plan is an individual who is named as a beneficiary under the Plan and has an unconditional right, upon the death of the Participant, to all or a portion of the Participant's account balance under the Plan.

C. A distribution will be considered as necessary to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need of the Participant only if:

1) The distribution is not in excess of the amount of the immediate and heavy financial need (including amounts necessary to pay any federal, state or local income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from the distribution);

2) The Participant has obtained all distributions, other than hardship distributions, available under all plans maintained by the Employer. If elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Participant must also obtain all non-taxable loans under all plans maintained by the Employer. Such distributions and, if applicable, tax-exempt loans need not be obtained to demonstrate immediate and heavy financial need if and to the extent such actions would be counter-productive to alleviating the financial need;

3) The Participant has provided the Employer a representation in writing (including by electronic media) that the Employee has insufficient cash or other liquid assets reasonably available to satisfy the need; and

4) The Employer does not have actual knowledge that is contrary to the representation provided in subsection C.3.

SECTION 8
PLAN LOANS

8.1 Loans to Participants

A. To the extent permitted under the terms of the applicable Investment Arrangement, Participants and Beneficiaries may obtain loans under the Plan.

B. No loan to any Participant or Beneficiary can be made to the extent that such loan when added to the outstanding balance of all other loans to the Participant or Beneficiary would exceed the lesser of (a) $50,000 reduced by the excess (if any) of the highest outstanding balance of loans during the one year period ending on the day before the loan is made, over the outstanding balance of loans from the Plan on the date the loan is made, or (b) one-half the present value of the non-forfeitable accrued benefit of the Participant or, if greater, the total accrued benefit up to $10,000. For the purpose of the above limitation, all loans from all plans of the Employer and Related Employers are aggregated.

C. Any loan shall by its terms require that repayment (principal and interest) be amortized in level payments, not less than quarterly, over a period not extending beyond five years from the date of the loan. If such loan is used to acquire a dwelling unit which within a reasonable time (determined at the time the loan is made) will be used as the principal residence of the Participant, the amortization period shall not extend beyond 15 years from the date of the loan.

D. An assignment or pledge of any portion of the Participant's interest in the Plan and a loan, pledge, or assignment with respect to any insurance contract purchased under the Plan, will be treated as a loan under this paragraph.

E. The terms governing the applicable Investment Arrangement shall determine the method of repayment of loans; provided, however, that the Administrator will ensure that repayment safeguards to which a prudent lender would adhere are observed, including but not limited to ensuring that the loan bears a reasonable rate of interest.

8.2 Coronavirus-Related Loans

If elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, and to the extent permitted under the Investment Arrangement, a loan to a Participant or Beneficiary may be treated as a coronavirus-related loan. A coronavirus-related loan is a loan made from the Plan on or after March 27, 2020, and before September 23, 2020, to a qualified individual, as defined in section 2202(a)(4)(A)(ii) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub L 116-136 (CARES Act) and Section 1B of Notice 2020-50, which does not exceed the lesser of (a) $100,000 (minus outstanding plan loans of the

individual), or (2) the individual's vested benefit under the Plan and other retirement plans maintained by the Employer and Related Employers.

If a loan is outstanding on or after March 27, 2020, and any repayment on the loan is due from March 27, 2020 to December 31, 2020, that due date may be delayed under the Plan for up to one year. Any payments after the suspension period must be adjusted to reflect the delay and any interest accruing during the delay, and the period of delay must be disregarded in determining the 5-year period and the term of the loan under Code sections 72(p)(2)(B) and (C).

SECTION 9
ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTIONS, TRANSFERS, EXCHANGES

9.1 Rollover Contributions to the Plan

A. Rollover Contributions.

If elected in the Adoption Agreement and to the extent permitted under the terms of the applicable Investment Arrangement, the Plan will accept rollover contributions as provided in this section.

B. Eligible Rollover Contributions.

A Participant who is entitled to receive an Eligible Rollover Distribution from another Eligible Retirement Plan may request to have all or a portion of the Eligible Rollover Distribution paid to the Plan. Such rollover contributions shall be made in the form of cash only. The Administrator may require such documentation from the distributing plan as it deems necessary to effectuate the rollover in accordance with section 402 of the Internal Revenue Code and to confirm that such plan is an Eligible Retirement Plan.

C. Eligible Rollover Distribution.

An Eligible Rollover Distribution means any distribution of all or any portion of a Participant's benefit under another Eligible Retirement Plan, except that an Eligible Rollover Distribution does not include (1) any installment payment for a period of 10 years or more, (2) any distribution made upon hardship, or (3) for any other distribution, the portion, if any, of the distribution that is a required minimum distribution under section 401(a)(9) of the Code.

D. Eligible Retirement Plan.

An Eligible Retirement Plan means a qualified trust described in section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, an annuity plan described in section 403(a) or 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, an individual retirement account described in section 408(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, an individual retirement annuity described in section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, or an eligible governmental plan described in section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

E. Roth Rollovers.

1) The Plan will accept rollovers of Roth Elective Deferrals only if the Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to permit Roth Elective Deferrals.

2) If provided by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, the Plan will accept a rollover contribution to a Roth Elective Deferral account only if it is a direct rollover from another Roth elective deferral account under an applicable retirement plan described in section 402A(e)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code and only to the extent the rollover is permitted under the rules of section 402(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

F. Information Regarding Participant Basis Required.

A rollover of an Eligible Rollover Distribution that includes after-tax employee contributions or Roth Elective Deferrals will only be accepted if the Administrator obtains information regarding the Participant's tax basis under section 72 of the Internal Revenue Code in the amount rolled over.

G. Separate Accounts.

Separate accounts shall be established and maintained for the Participant for any Eligible Rollover Distribution, and for the after-tax portion of any such Eligible Rollover Distribution, paid to the Plan

9.2 Transfers Between Plans

A. If elected in Adoption Agreement, plan-to-plan transfers for a Participant shall be permitted as provided in this section.

B. Transfers to the Plan.

The Administrator may accept a transfer of assets to the Plan for a Participant or Beneficiary only if;

1) the transferor plan provides for direct transfers of assets;

2) the Participant is an Employee or former Employee of the Employer;

3) the Participant or Beneficiary whose assets are being transferred has an Accumulated Benefit immediately after the transfer at least equal to the Accumulated Benefit with respect to that Participant or Beneficiary immediately before the transfer; and

4) the transferred amounts are subject to statutory restrictions on distributions that are not less stringent than those imposed under the transferor plan.

C. Transfers to Another Plan.

The Administrator may permit the transfer of assets to another plan for a Participant or Beneficiary only if;

1) the Plan provides for direct transfers of assets pursuant to the Adoption Agreement;

2) the Participant is an Employee or former Employee of the Employer;

3) the Participant or Beneficiary whose assets are being transferred has an Accumulated Benefit immediately after the transfer at least equal to the Accumulated Benefit with respect to that Participant or beneficiary immediately before the transfer; and

4) the transferred amounts are subject to statutory restrictions on distributions that are not less stringent than those imposed under the transferor Plan.

D. The Administrator may require such documentation from the other plan as it deems necessary to effectuate the transfer in accordance with the requirements of this section and section 1.403(b)-10(b)(3) of the Treasury regulations and to confirm that any other plan involved in the transfer satisfies section 403(b) of the Code.

9.3 Exchanges

A. If elected in the Adoption Agreement, exchanges shall be permitted as provided in this section.

B. A Participant or Beneficiary is permitted to change the investment of his or her Accumulated Benefit among the Vendors of Investment Arrangements approved for use under the Plan. However, an investment change that includes an investment with a Vendor that is not eligible to receive new contributions (referred to below as an exchange) is not permitted unless the conditions in sections 9.3(C) through (E) are satisfied.

C. The Participant or Beneficiary must have an Accumulated Benefit immediately after the exchange that is at least equal to the Accumulated Benefit of that Participant or Beneficiary immediately before the exchange (taking into account the Accumulated Benefit of that Participant or Beneficiary under both section 403(b) contracts and custodial accounts immediately before the exchange).

D. The exchanged amounts are subject to statutory restrictions on distributions that are not less stringent than those imposed on the transferor plan.

E. The Employer enters into an agreement with the receiving Vendor for the other contract or custodial account under which the Employer and the Vendor will from time to time in the future provide each other with the following information:

1) Information necessary for the resulting contract or custodial account, or any contract or custodial accounts to which contributions have been made by the Employer, to satisfy section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code,

including the following: (i) the Employer providing information as to whether the Participant's employment with the Employer is continuing, and notifying the Vendor when the Participant has had a Severance from Employment (for purposes of the distribution restrictions in section 6.1); (ii) the Vendor notifying the Employer of any hardship withdrawal if the withdrawal results in a 6-month suspension of Participant's right to make Elective Deferrals under the Plan; and (iii) the Vendor providing information to the Eligible Employer or other Vendors concerning the Participant's or Beneficiary's section 403(b) contracts or custodial accounts or qualified employer plan benefits (to enable a Vendor to determine the amount of any plan loans and rollover accounts that are available to the Participant under the Plan in order to satisfy the financial need under the hardship withdrawal rules); and

2) Information necessary in order for the resulting contract or custodial account and any other contract or custodial account to which contributions have been made for the Participant by the Employer to satisfy other tax requirements, including the following: (i) the amount of any plan loan that is outstanding to the Participant in order for a Vendor to determine whether an additional plan loan satisfies the loan limitations, so that any such additional loan is not a deemed distribution under section 72(p)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code; and (ii) information concerning the Participant's or Beneficiary's after-tax Employee contributions in order for a Vendor to determine the extent to which a distribution is includible in gross income.

F. If any Vendor ceases to be eligible to receive Elective Deferrals under the Plan, the Employer will enter into an information sharing agreement as described in section 9.3(E) to the extent the Employer's contract with the Vendor does not provide for the exchange information described in section 9.3(E)(1) and 9.3(E)(2).

9.4 Transfers to Purchase Service Credit

A. Purchases of service credit shall be permitted under the Plan as provided in this section.

B. If a Participant is also a Participant in a tax-qualified defined benefit governmental plan (as defined in section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides for the acceptance of plan-to-plan transfers with respect to the Participant, then the Participant may elect to have any portion of the Participant's Accumulated Benefit transferred to the defined benefit governmental plan. A transfer may be made before the Participant has had a Severance from Employment.

C. A transfer may be made only if the transfer is either for the purchase of permissive service credit (as defined in section 415(n)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code) under the receiving defined benefit governmental plan or a repayment to which

section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code does not apply by reason of section 415(k)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 10
INVESTMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

10.1 Investment

A. Manner of Investment.

All Elective Deferrals or other amounts contributed to the Plan, all property and rights purchased with such amounts under the Investment Arrangements, and all income attributable to such amounts, property, or rights shall be held and invested in one or more Annuity Contracts or Custodial Accounts.

B. Exclusive Benefit.

Each Custodial Account shall provide for it to be impossible, prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities with respect to Participants and their Beneficiaries, for any part of the assets and income of the Custodial Account to be used for, or diverted to, purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of Participants and their Beneficiaries.

C. Investment of Contributions.

Each Participant or Beneficiary shall direct the investment of his or her Account among the investment options available under the Investment Arrangement in accordance with the terms governing the Investment Arrangement.

D. Information Sharing.

Each Vendor and the Administrator shall exchange such information as may be necessary to satisfy section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code or other requirements of applicable law. In the case of a Vendor which is not eligible to receive Elective Deferrals under the Plan (including a Vendor which has ceased to be a Vendor eligible to receive Elective Deferrals under the Plan and a Vendor holding assets under the Plan), the Eligible Employer shall keep the Vendor informed of the name and contact information of the Administrator in order to coordinate information necessary to satisfy section 403(b) of the Code or other requirements of applicable law.

E. Conflicts Between Plan and Terms of Investment Arrangements.

In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Plan (including its associated adoption agreement and any other documents incorporated by reference into the Plan) and the terms of any Investment Arrangements permitted under the Plan, the terms of this Plan shall govern.

SECTION 11
PLAN TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

11.1 Termination

A. Termination of Contributions.

The Employer has no obligation or liability whatsoever to maintain the Plan for any specific length of time and may discontinue contributions under the Plan at any time without any liability hereunder for any such discontinuance.

B. Termination.

The Employer reserves the authority to terminate this Plan at any time. Upon termination of the Plan, all non-vested amounts under the Plan will be fully vested, and subject to any restrictions contained in terms governing the applicable Investment Arrangement, all Accounts will be distributed, provided that the Employer and any Related Employer on the date of termination do not make contributions to an alternative section 403(b) contract that is not part of the Plan during the period beginning on the date of Plan termination and ending 12 months after the distribution of all assets from the Plan, except as permitted by Treasury Regulations.

C. Distribution of Section 403(b) Custodial Accounts.

Effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, to the extent the amounts held under the Plan are held in an individual Custodial Account, the Plan Administrator or custodian may distribute such account in kind to a Participant or Beneficiary. Should this occur, the distributed Custodial Account will be maintained by the Custodian on a tax-deferred basis as a section 403(b)(7) custodial account, similar to the treatment of fully-paid individual annuity contracts under Revenue Ruling 2011-7, until such amounts are actually paid to the Participant or Beneficiary. Such an account shall not be considered distributed to the Participant or Beneficiary if the Employer has any material retained rights under the account (but the Employer shall not be treated as retaining material rights simply because the Custodial Account was originally opened under a group contract).

11.2 Amendment by Pre-Approved Plan Sponsor

The Pre-approved Plan Sponsor may amend any part of the Plan on behalf of each Employer that has adopted the Plan. All amendments made by the Section 403(b) Pre-approved Plan Sponsor will be made in accordance with changes in the Internal Revenue Code, regulations, revenue rulings, or other guidance published by the Internal Revenue Service, or other regulatory authorities. All amendments to the Plan must be adopted by the Pre-approved Plan Sponsor prior to becoming a part of the Plan Sponsor's Section

403(b) Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plan. The Pre-approved Plan Sponsor (i) will inform the adopting Eligible Employer of any amendments made to the Plan, and (ii) will notify the Employer of the discontinuance or abandonment of the Plan.

11.3 Amendment by Adopting Employer

An Employer that amends the Plan, including the Adoption Agreement, other than to (a) change the choice of options or procedures in the Adoption Agreement, (b) add overriding language if necessary to satisfy IRC 415 because of the required aggregation of multiple plans, (c) to change information in Appendix I to the Adoption Agreement, or (d) to adopt sample or model amendments published by the Service that specifically provide that their adoption by an adopter of an approved Section 403(b) Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plan will not cause such plan to be treated as individually designed, will no longer participate in this Section 403(b) Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plan, will be considered to have an individually designed 403(b) plan, and will not be entitled to reliance on an Opinion Letter issued with respect to the plan. An Employer which chooses to discontinue participation in the Plan as amended by the Pre-approved Plan Sponsor and does not substitute another approved Section 403(b) Pre-Approved Plan will be considered to have an individually designed Section 403(b) plan, and will not be entitled to reliance on the Opinion Letter issued with respect to this Plan.

SECTION 12
OTHER PLAN PROVISIONS

12.1 Domestic Relations Orders and Qualified Domestic Relations Orders

If a judgment, decree or order (including approval of a property settlement agreement) that relates to the provision of child support, alimony payments, or the marital property rights of a spouse or former spouse, child, or other dependent of a Participant is made pursuant to the domestic relations law of any State ("domestic relations order"), then the amount of the Participant's Accumulated Benefit shall be paid in the manner and to the person or persons so directed in the domestic relations order. Such payment shall be made without regard to whether the Participant is eligible for a distribution of benefits under the Plan. The Administrator shall establish reasonable procedures for determining the status of any such decree or order and for effectuating distribution pursuant to the domestic relations order.

12.2 IRS Levy

The Administrator may pay from a Participant's or Beneficiary's Accumulated Benefit the amount that the Administrator finds is lawfully demanded under a levy issued by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to that Participant or Beneficiary or is sought to be collected by the United States Government under a judgment resulting from an unpaid tax assessment against the Participant or Beneficiary.

12.3 Mistaken Contributions

If any contribution (or any portion of a contribution) is made to the Plan by a good faith mistake of fact and upon receipt in good order of a proper request approved by the Administrator, the amount of the mistaken contribution (adjusted for any income or loss in value, if any, allocable thereto) shall be returned directly to the Participant or, to the extent required or permitted by the Administrator, to the Employer.

12.4 USERRA – Military Service Credit

Notwithstanding any provision of this plan to the contrary, contributions, benefits and service credit with respect to qualified military service will be provided in accordance with section 414(u) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the survivors of any Participant who dies on or after January 1, 2007, while performing qualified military service, are entitled to any additional benefits that would have been provided under the Plan had the Participant resumed employment and then terminated employment on account of death.

ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE AFPLANSERV®
NONSTANDARDIZED PRE-APPROVED 403(b) PLAN DOCUMENT
GENERAL

Employer hereby establishes, amends, or restates a 403(b) plan by adopting the AFPlanServ® Nonstandardized Pre-approved 403(b) Plan Document (the "Plan") as modified by this Adoption Agreement and agrees that the following provisions shall be incorporated as part of the Plan document. Failure to properly complete the Adoption Agreement, and follow the rules as stated in this agreement, may result in the failure of the form of the Plan to meet the Section 403(b) requirements and the loss of favorable tax treatment for the Plan. This Adoption Agreement can only be used in conjunction with the AFPlanServ® 403(b) Nonstandardized Pre-approved Plan Document.

Regulation changes may occasionally require amendments be made to the adopting Employer's Plan documents. AFPlanServ® will provide notice to the Plan Sponsor (Employer) of any changes and will update the plan documentation as needed.

This document is intended for use exclusively for 403(b) plans maintained by Public Schools, as defined in the Plan. This document may not be used for 403(b) plans maintained by 501(c)(3) organizations, churches, or qualified church-controlled organizations.

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Name of Employer: **GREATER OHIO VIRTUAL SCHOOL**

Federal Tax ID: **74-3107096**

Employer's Address: **1879 DEERFIELD RD LEBANON, OH 45036**

Telephone Number: **513-695-2900** Fax Number: **513-695-2961**

Contact Person: **JULIE BLACKBURN**

Telephone/Extension: **513-695-2900** Contact Email: **JULIE.BLACKBURN@WARRENCOUNTYESC.COM**

Type of Organization: **K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL**

☐ Employer also includes the Related Employers identified below that are Eligible Employers within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.403(b)-2(b)(8)(i), Public Schools of a State.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: GREATER OHIO VIRTUAL SCHOOL 403(b) Plan.

Effective Date (*must be on or after July 1, 2020, and cannot be earlier than the inception of the Plan.*) (*Select one Effective Date option below and enter the appropriate date where indicated.*)

☐ This Adoption Agreement establishes a Plan effective as of **May 01, 2020** (*the "Effective Date"*) and is the first 403(b) plan established by the Employer.

☒ This Adoption Agreement amends and restates a previously established 403(b) plan of the Employer. The effective date of this amended Plan is **July 01, 2020** (*the "Effective Date"*).

Entry Dates - The Entry Date for participation shall be (*applies to Elective Deferrals, Roth Deferrals, and Employer Contributions, if applicable, as indicated below*). (*Select one of the Entry Dates below.*)

☒ Any day during the plan year, or

☐ The first day of the (*enter week, payroll period, or month*), occurring on or after the latest of the date that the Employee becomes a member of an eligible class of employees or properly completes an Elective Deferral election in form and manner satisfactory to the Administrator. An Employee shall participate in Employer Contributions (*if applicable*) effective on the first Entry Date occurring on or after the Employee satisfies the age and service requirements selected in the Employer Contributions section of this Adoption Agreement.

Plan Year means, except as otherwise selected below:

☒ Option 1: Calendar Year (*January 1 through December 31*)

☐ Option 2: The 12-consecutive month period commencing on and each anniversary thereafter. If no option is selected, Option 1 shall be deemed to be selected.

☐ Select this option if there is a Short Plan Year (*for example, if the Plan's initial Effective Date is a date other than the first date of the selected Plan Year*).

Elective Deferral Eligibility - Except as otherwise selected below, all Employees are immediately eligible to make Elective Deferral contributions under the Plan, which will be effective on the Entry Date indicated above or as soon as administratively feasible thereafter.

The plan shall ***not*** include:

☐ Employees who are eligible under another section 403(b) plan of the Employer which permits an amount to be contributed or deferred at the election of the Employee.

☐ Employees who are eligible under a section 457(b) eligible governmental plan of the Employer which permits an amount to be contributed or deferred at the election of the Employee.

☐ Employees who are eligible to make a cash or deferred election (*as defined at section 1.401(k)-1(a)(3) of the Treasury Regulations*) under a section 401(k) plan of the employer.

☒ Employees who are students performing services described in section 3121(b)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code.

☐ Employees who normally work fewer than 20 hours per week. An Employee normally works fewer than 20 hours per week if, for the 12-month period beginning on the date the Employee's employment commenced, the Employer reasonably expects the Employee to work fewer than 1,000 hours of service (as defined in section 1.16 (Hour of Service) of the 403(b) Plan document) in such period, and, for each Plan Year ending after the close of that 12-month period, the Employee has worked fewer than 1,000 hours of service in the preceding 12-month period. Under this provision, an Employee who works 1,000 or more hours of service in the 12-month period beginning on the date the Employee's employment commenced or in a Plan Year ending after the close of that 12-month period shall then be eligible to participate in the Plan. Effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, once an Employee becomes eligible to have Elective Deferrals made on his or her behalf under the Plan under this standard, the Employee cannot be excluded from eligibility to have Elective Deferrals made on his or her behalf in any later year under this standard. (*The inclusion of all common law employees will prevent an inadvertent violation of the eligibility requirements of Section 403(b)(A)(ii).)*

☐ Employees who are non-resident aliens described in section 410(b)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Limits on Elective Deferrals

The maximum amount of Elective Deferrals (*per calendar year*) shall not exceed the applicable dollar amount established under IRC Section 402(g)(1)(B), and adjusted for cost-of-living to the extent provided for under Section 402(g)(4) for periods after the 2014 tax year.

The **minimum** annual deferral amount will be $ (the amount indicated can be no more than $200).

☐ **Elective Deferrals Special Effective Date:** (*may be left blank if effective date for Elective Deferrals is the same as the Effective Date designated above; may not be earlier than the date on which the Employer first adopts the Elective Deferral component of the Plan, or July 1, 2020, whichever is later*).

Catch-Up Contributions

☒ The Plan will permit Employees who have attained age 50 during the Plan Year to elect an additional amount of Elective Deferrals as age 50 catch-up Elective Deferrals each year, up to the maximum age 50 catch-up Elective Deferrals for the year. ***If not checked, Age 50 Catch-Up Contributions are NOT permitted.***

☐ The Plan will permit the Special Section 403(b) Catch-up Limitation for Employees with 15 Years of Service to increase their Elective Deferral limitation. ***If not checked, 15 Years of Service Catch-Up Contributions are NOT permitted.***

Employer Contributions (*if any*) - see sections 4.3 and 4.4 of the Plan Document for additional details regarding Employer Contributions, and the *Employer Contributions Section* in this Adoption Agreement for any age or service requirements which must be satisfied for a Participant to receive an allocation of Employer Contributions.

☐ Employer Contributions will be made in accordance with applicable employment agreements and collective bargaining agreements, the terms of which are incorporated by reference and made a part of the plan, or as may be determined from year to year by the Employer. Permitted Employer Contribution types, age and service participation requirements, and other requirements and/or restrictions are indicated on the attached Employer Contributions section of the Adoption Agreement.
If not checked, Employer Contributions are NOT permitted.

Roth Employee Contributions

☒ Roth 403(b) Contributions to the Plan are permitted.

☒ Roth 403(b) Contributions Special Effective Date: **July 01, 2020** (*may be left blank if effective date for Roth 403(b) Contributions is the same as the Effective Date designated above; may not be earlier than the date on which the Employer first adopts the Roth 403(b) Contributions component of the Plan, or July 1, 2020, whichever is later*).
If not checked, Roth 403(b) Contributions are NOT permitted under the Plan.

OTHER TRANSACTIONS

Exchanges Within the Plan

☒ The Plan will permit Participants to make Exchanges to those organizations listed on Appendix I.
If not checked, Exchanges within the Plan are NOT permitted.

Transfers Into the Plan

☒ The Plan will accept Transfers from another employer's 403(b) plan.
If not checked, Transfers WILL NOT be accepted.

Transfers From the Plan

☒ The Plan will permit Transfers from the Plan to another employer's 403(b) plan.
If not checked, Transfers will NOT be permitted to another 403(b) plan.

Rollovers Into the Plan

The Plan will accept a direct rollover of an eligible rollover distribution from the following types of retirement plans. Rollovers of after-tax contributions will not be accepted unless otherwise indicated. (Select each option below that applies or leave blank.)

If no option is selected below, then rollover contributions will NOT be allowed.

☒ An annuity contract described in section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code,

☐ including after-tax contributions.

☒ An eligible governmental plan under section 457(b) of the Code which is maintained by a State.

☒ An individual retirement account or annuity (IRA) described in section 408(a) or 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code that is eligible to be rolled over and would otherwise be includible in gross income.

☒ Direct rollovers from other Roth 403(b) or Roth 401(k) plans are accepted into the Plan.

Not applicable if Roth Contributions are not permitted to the Plan.

☒ A qualified plan described in section 401(a) or 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code,

☐ including after-tax contributions.

Financial Hardship Distributions — for Elective Deferrals.

☒ Hardship distributions are available under the Plan.

If not checked, Hardship Distributions ARE NOT permitted.

Optional Hardship Provisions

☒ All non-taxable loans available under all plans maintained by the Employer must be taken to demonstrate an immediate and heavy financial need before a Participant may receive a hardship distribution.

☒ This provision applies only to hardship distributions obtained before **December 31, 2019** (*enter specific date*).

If not checked, Participants ARE NOT required to obtain all available non-taxable loans prior to receiving a hardship distribution.

☒ Permissible hardship distributions may only be made for the following immediate and heavy financial needs: expenses incurred or necessary for medical care, (as described in Code section 213(d)), of the Participant, the Participant's spouse or dependents, or the Participant's primary beneficiary (as defined in Q&A-5 of IRS Notice 2007-7); the purchase (excluding mortgage payments) of a principal residence for the Participant; payment of tuition and related educational fees for the next 12 months of post-secondary education for the Participant, the Participant's spouse, children or dependents, or the Participant's primary beneficiary; payments necessary to prevent the eviction of the Participant from, or a foreclosure on the mortgage of, the Employee's principal residence; payments for funeral or burial expenses for the Participant deceased parent, spouse, child or dependent, or the Participant's primary beneficiary; and expenses to repair damage to the Participant's principal residence that would qualify for a casualty loss deduction under Code section 165 (determined without regard to whether the loss exceeds 10 percent of adjusted gross income).

☒ This provision applies only to hardship distributions obtained on or before **December 31, 2019** (*enter specific date*).

If not checked, hardship distribution may be made for all of the immediate and heavy financial needs permitted for safe harbor hardship distributions, as provided in Plan Section 7.1.B.

Loans

☒ Loans are available under the Plan subject to availability and any additional conditions that may apply under a Participant's 403(b) Investment Arrangement(s).

If not checked, Loans ARE NOT permitted from the Plan, and the Loans option in the Employer Contributions Section may not be checked. If checked, and Employer also makes Employer contributions as designated in the Employer Contributions Section, loans are permitted from Elective Deferrals and Roth Deferrals ONLY unless the Loans option for Employer Contributions.

☒ **Loans Special Effective Date:** **July 01, 2020** (*may be left blank if effective date for Loans is the same as the Effective Date designated above; may not be earlier than the date on which the Employer first permits loans from the Plan, or July 1, 2020, whichever is later*).

Federally Declared Disasters

The Plan permits a distribution of a Participant's Elective Deferrals for a federally declared disaster, as authorized by legislation or official guidance.

☒ Yes

☐ No

If not checked, Distributions for Federal Declared Disasters are NOT permitted.

Qualified Birth or Adoption Distributions

The Plan permits Qualified Birth or Adoption Distributions of a Participant's Elective Deferrals.

☒ Yes (*Complete remainder of this section*)

☐ No

A Qualified Birth or Adoption Distribution may be distributed on or after **July 01, 2020** (*insert date no earlier than January 1, 2020*)

A Participant may take a Qualified Birth or Adoption Distribution in an amount equal to **$5,000** (*insert amount no greater than $5,000*) for each child of the Participant.

If not checked, Qualified Birth or Adoption Distributions are NOT permitted. If checked but no amount is specified, distributions of up to $5,000 per child are permitted.

Coronavirus-Related Loans

The Plan permitted coronavirus-related loans of a Participant's vested Account Balance to the extent permitted under the Investment Arrangement:

☒ Yes

☐ No

Coronavirus-Related Distributions

The Plan permitted coronavirus-related distributions of a Participant's Elective Deferrals:

☒ Yes (*Complete remainder of this section*)

☐ No

The Plan permitted coronavirus-related distributions of a Participant's Elective Deferrals in an amount that did not exceed, in the aggregate, **$100,000** (*insert amount no greater than $100,000*) under the Plan and other retirement plans maintained by the Employer and Related Employers, made on or after *January 1, 2020*, and before *December 31, 2020.*

If not checked, Coronavirus-Related Distributions were NOT permitted. If checked but no amount is specified, distributions up to $100,000 were permitted.

Investment Arrangement. For Elective Deferrals and Roth Deferrals only, Participants may select either an Annuity Contract or a Custodial Account offered by an approved Vendor identified in Appendix I. If the Employer also provides Non-Elective or Matching Contributions to the Plan, the Employer may permit the Non-Elective and Matching contributions to be invested in either an Annuity Contract or a Custodial Account or both by making the appropriate selection in the *Employer Contributions* section (if applicable) Adoption Agreement.

PLAN ADMINISTRATION

Plan Administration

The Employer, as Plan Administrator, has named AFPlanServ® to provide certain administrative services for the Plan.

NONSTANDARDIZED PRE-APPROVED PLAN PRACTITIONER

The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the non-standardized pre-approved plan practitioner to whom adopting Employers may direct inquiries regarding the adoption of the Plan, the meaning of Plan provisions, or the effect of the Opinion Letter is:

AFPlanServ®
P.O. Box 269008
Oklahoma City, OK 73126-9008
Phone: 866-560-6415
Fax: 866-578-0962
Email: info@afplanserv.com

EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

This section of the Adoption Agreement applies to Elective Deferrals and Roth Deferrals only. If Employer wishes to make Non-Elective or Matching Contributions to the Plan, the Employer must also complete the *Employer Contributions* section. If completed, that section is incorporated as part of the Adoption Agreement. Elections in the *Employer Contributions* section apply only to the Non-Elective and/or Matching Contributions. If the *Employer Contributions* section is completed, Employer's signature below also signifies adoption of the provisions contained in that Section.

EMPLOYER RELIANCE ON OPINION LETTER

Except to the extent provided in Rev. Proc. 2021-37, an Employer may rely on a currently valid Opinion Letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service as evidence that the Plan satisfies the requirement of Section 403(b) of the Code, and including, if applicable, the requirements of section 401(a)(4) and 410(b) of the Code if:

a. The Adopting Employer has not amended this Nonstandardized Section 403(b) Pre-approved Plan other than to choose options provided in the Adoption Agreement or to make amendments that are described in section 9.03 of Rev. Proc. 2021-37 (*relating to employer amendments that will not affect reliance*); and

b. Either the only contributions under the Plan are Elective Deferrals, or if the Employer has elected in the Employer Contributions section of the Adoption Agreement to provide for contributions other than Elective Deferrals, all of the Employers in the Employer's controlled group are Eligible Employers within the meaning of Treas. Reg. Section 1.403(b)-2(b)(8).

The Employer may not rely on the Opinion Letter in certain other circumstances, which are specified in the Opinion Letter issued with respect to the plan, or in Rev. Proc. 2021-37.

EMPLOYER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND SIGNATURES

Employer acknowledges that it is an eligible educational organization as defined in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the Code or a governmental unit as defined in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v) of the Code and the Plan is a governmental plan as defined in Section 414(d) of the Code and ERISA §3(32), 29. U.S.C.A. §1002(32).

EMPLOYER

By: Cary L. Furniss

Print Name of Signer: Cary Furniss

Title: Treasurer/CFO

Dated: 09/09/2026

ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR AFPLANSERV®
403(b) NONSTANDARDIZED PLAN DOCUMENT
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Employer Name: GREATER OHIO VIRTUAL SCHOOL **State:** OH

Employer hereby makes available to its employees a 403(b) Plan that provides for employer contributions in accordance with applicable employment agreements and/or collective bargaining agreements, and agrees that the following provisions shall govern all employer contributions and any earnings attributable to the employer contributions made to the Plan. The following Plan rules are applicable to Employer (Non-elective) contributions only.

Type and Allocation of Employer Contributions

☐ **Employer Non-elective Contributions**

☐ **Contribution Formula**

☐ **Discretionary Non-elective Contributions**. Discretionary contribution, to be determined by the Employer in accordance with Section 4.3 of the Plan. Discretionary Non-elective Contributions will be allocated to each Participant in the ratio that such Participant's Compensation bears to the Compensation of all Participants to whom Non-elective Contributions are allocated.

☐ **Fixed Non-elective Contributions**. Fixed contribution equal to % (*insert a percentage from 0% to 100%*) of the Compensation of each Participant eligible to share in allocations.

☐ **Other** (describe):

Note: the formula described must satisfy the definitely determinable requirement under Reg. §1.401-1(b). If the formula is non-uniform, it will not satisfy this requirement.

☐ **Former Employees.** If elected, Former Employees will share in the Non-elective Contributions made by the Employer for a Plan Year. In any event, no contribution will be made after the end of the Participant's fifth taxable year after the year in which he terminated employment. *See* Plan Section 4.5. ***If this option is not selected, Participants will not share in Employer Non-elective Contributions after the Plan Year in which their employment terminates, and Non-elective Contributions will be allocated based only on Compensation earned prior to the Severance from Employment.***

☐ **Disabled Employees.** If elected, Employees who are permanently and totally disabled (as defined in Code §22(e)(3)) will continue to share in the Non-elective Contributions made by the Employer for a Plan Year for (*See* Plan Section 4.5):

☐ A fixed period of years, or

☐ A period to be determined by the Employer, which shall be determined on a uniform and non-discriminatory basis for all Participants.

☐ **Matching Contributions**

The Employer will make Matching Contributions to the Plan on behalf of *(select one):*

☐ All Participants who make Elective Deferrals.

☐ All employees who make Elective Deferrals except:

☐ Employees who have not attained the age of *(insert an age from 18 to 21).* ***If not checked, there will be no age requirement.***

☐ Employees who have not completed Year of Service *(may not be more than one (1) Year of Service).* ***If not checked, there will be no service requirement.***

☐ Other excluded employees, as described below. If Matching Contributions are limited to a small class of employees, then list who is eligible to receive 403(b) Matching Contributions and attach any corresponding agreement that defines who is eligible to receive 403(b) Matching Contributions):

☐ The Matching Contribution computation period shall be (*choose one*):

☐ Payroll period.

☐ Monthly.

☐ Quarterly.

☐ Annually.

NOTE: If Employer's actual contributions to the Plan are made more often than the selected computation period, there may be a "true-up" matching contribution required at the end of the Plan Year.

☐ Matching Contribution Formula as follows (select 1. or 2. below):

☐ ___% *(enter a percentage from 0% to 100%)* of the Participant's Elective Deferrals.

☐ **Discretionary**. The Employer may make matching contributions equal to a discretionary percentage of the Participant's Elective Deferrals or a discretionary dollar amount, which shall be allocated to each Participant as a uniform rate of deferrals, for example 100%, up to a uniform deferral percentage.

☐ **Fixed - uniform rate/amount**. The employer will make matching contributions equal to ___% (*enter a percentage from 0% to 100%*) of the Participant's Elective Deferrals.

☐ **Catch-up contributions**. Matching contributions will be made on all age 50 and special section 403(b) catch-up contributions under Sections 4.1.B and 4.1.C of the Plan document. ***If not checked, catch-up contributions will not be matched.***

☐ **Matching limit on Elective Deferrals**. In determining the Employer Matching Contributions above, only the following Elective Deferrals will be matched *(Leave blank if not applicable)*:

☐ The percentage or dollar amount specified below (select one or both):

☐ ___% *(enter a percentage from 0% to 100%)* of a Participant's Compensation.

☐ $ *(enter specified dollar amount up to the maximum Elective Deferrals permitted for the Plan Year under Code Section 402(g)(3), plus any catch-up contributions permitted under Sections 4.1.B and 4.1.C of the Plan document, both as adjusted annually for inflation).*

☐ **Maximum matching contribution**. The matching contribution made on behalf of any Participant for any Plan Year will not exceed *(leave blank if no limit on matching contributions)*:

☐ $ *(enter specified dollar amount up to the maximum amount permitted for the Plan Year under Code Section 402(g)(3), plus any catch-up contributions permitted under Sections 4.1.B and 4.1.C of the Plan document, both as adjusted annually for inflation).*

☐ ___% *(enter percentage from 0% to 100%)* of a Participant's Compensation.

Eligibility

☐ All employees shall be eligible to receive 403(b) Employer Non-elective Contributions except as listed below (if no exclusions are listed, all employees will be eligible).

☐ Other - If Employer Non-Elective Contributions are limited to a small class of employees, then list who is eligible to receive 403(b) Employer contributions (*attach any corresponding agreement that defines who is eligible to receive 403(b) Employer contributions*).

Age Requirement

☐ An Employee will be eligible to receive Employer Non-elective Contributions after attaining age . *(Insert an age from 18 to 21).* ***If not checked, there will be no age requirement.***

Year of Eligibility Service

☐ Participants are eligible to receive Employer Non-elective Contributions after completing Year of Service (*may not be more than one (1) Year of Service*). ***If not checked, there will be no service requirement.***

Entry Date. Employer Non-elective Contributions and Matching Contributions will be effective on the first Entry Date occurring on or after the Employee has satisfied any applicable Age and Service conditions indicated above, or as soon as administratively feasible thereafter.

Vesting Schedule. The Vesting schedule selected below will apply only to Employer Matching Contributions and Employer Non-elective Contributions made on behalf of a Participant.

☐ Graded Vesting Schedule	Years of Service	Vested Percentage
	1	0%
	2	20%
	3	40%
	4	60%
	5	80%
	6	100%

☐ Cliff Vesting Schedule	Years of Service	Vested Percentage
	1	0%
	2	0%
	3	100%

☐ Other - Please attach vesting schedule. *Schedule must be at least as liberal as a 15-year cliff vesting schedule or a 5 to 20 year graded vesting schedule in each year, without switching between the schedules.*

If no option is selected, all eligible employees will be 100% vested upon becoming eligible to participate in the Plan. Regardless of the option selected above, all Participants will be 100% vested immediately in the portion of their Accounts attributable to Elective Deferrals, Roth Elective Deferrals, and Rollover Contributions.

Investment Arrangement for Employer Contributions only:

☐ Annuity Contract offered by an approved Vendor identified in Appendix I.

☐ Custodial Account offered by an approved Vendor identified in Appendix I.

Loans

☐ Loans ***will be*** available under the Plan from vested Employer contributions, subject to availability and any additional conditions that may apply under a Participant's 403(b) Individual Agreement(s).

If not checked, Loans ARE NOT permitted from vested Employer contributions. You may select this option ONLY if you have also selected the Loans option in the General Section above.

Distribution Restrictions - (*Employer contributions only*)

☐ **Custodial Account.** Employer contributions held in a Custodial Account may be distributed upon the occurrence of any of the following events (*select those which apply*):

☐ Retirement or severance from employment.

☐ Death.

☐ Disability.

☐ Attainment of age . (*Must not be earlier than age 59½.*)

☐ **Annuity Contract.** Employer contributions held in an Annuity Contract may be distributed upon the occurrence of any of the following events (*select those which apply*):

☐ Retirement or severance from employment.

☐ Death.

☐ Disability.

☐ Completion of (*enter a number from two (2) to fifteen (15)*) Years of Service.

☐ Attainment of age . (*May be earlier than age 59½.*)

Forms of Distribution. Elect one or more of the following options for Custodial Accounts:

☐ Single lump sum.

☐ Partial lump sum.

☐ Installments.

☐ Other form permitted under the terms of the applicable Custodial Agreement as selected by the Participant.

APPENDIX I

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 01, 2020

GREATER OHIO VIRTUAL SCHOOL 403(b) Plan

ALLOCATION OF PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

Below are the various administrative functions necessary to operate the plan and the party responsible for carrying out that function, including the discretionary authority to make determinations with respect to that function. See Section 2.1.B. of the Plan.

DESCRIPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION	PARTY RESPONSIBLE
Determine whether an employee is eligible to participate in the Plan	Administrator
Determine that the requirements of the Plan and section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code are properly applied, including whether the Employer is a member of a controlled group	Administrator
Determine the status of domestic relations orders or qualified domestic relations orders.	Administrator
Providing notice of the plan to employees and enrolling eligible employees	Administrator
Determine whether contributions comply with the applicable requirements and limitations	AFPlanServ®
Determine whether hardship withdrawals and loans comply with applicable requirements and limitations	AFPlanServ®
Determine that any transfers, rollovers, or purchases of service credit comply with applicable requirements and limitations	AFPlanServ®

APPROVED/DESELECTED VENDORS

APPROVED VENDOR LIST

Approved Vendor - an investment provider selected by the Plan Sponsor to receive 403(b) contributions from the plan for investment in Annuity Contract(s) or Custodial Agreements.

Name of Vendor	Contact Person	Telephone Number
AMERICAN FIDELITY ASSURANCE	CUSTOMER SERVICE	(800) 662-1113
EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	403B DESK	(800) 628-6673
MASS MUTUAL ASCEND LIFE INS COMPANY	MAUREEN WOOLEVER	(800) 854-3649
PLANMEMBER SERVICES	SERVICE CENTER	(800) 874-6910
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY COMPANY	CUSTOMER SERVICE	(888) 311-9487

DESELECTED VENDOR LIST

Deselected Vendor - an investment provider that is no longer eligible to receive 403(b) contributions on behalf of the Plan as elected by the Plan Sponsor.

Name of Vendor	Contact Person	Telephone Number

Important Notes:

1. As provided under the Plan, any Approved Vendor, named in Appendix I, has agreed to share information necessary for compliance purposes with the Employer, an Administrator and/or with any other 403(b) vendor as may be required to facilitate compliance with the Plan and all applicable laws and regulations.
2. Each Approved Vendor named above is required to maintain records of the Investment Arrangements offered under the Plan to comply with the information sharing requirements of the Plan and applicable information sharing agreements.

403(b) Restatement-Plan Document-GREATER OHIO VIRTUAL SCHOOL PSOH49044

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SPONSOR CONNECTION
SEPTEMBER 2026
Latest News for St. Aloysius Sponsored Schools

Reminders

September
9/1: Deadline to submit the E-School Spec Ed Plan to sponsor
9/4: Deadline for Report Card Review & Verification
9/11: Deadline for Schools on an Indicator Improvement Plan to submit evidence to ODEW
9/29: Significant expansion forms due to sponsor for applicable schools
9/30: Deadline to administer Reading Diagnostic to K-3

October
10/15: Deadline to submit summary report on the immunization status of students to ODH
10/26: School annual report due to sponsor for review
10/26: Spec Ed annual report & Expenditure for FY26 due to sponsor
10/31: School annual report deadline for board approval and sent to parents/guardians (must document delivery date & method)
10/31: Deadline for school Rapback Authorized Representative to re-affirm any "Pending" drivers/non-licensed personnel who will be working during the 2026-2027 school year

FY26-27 Governing Authority and School Leader Timeline

Click the link below to access the the timeline:
Governing Authority & School Leader Timeline 26-27

Charter School Specialists Staff Directory

Click on the link: CSS Staff Directory

2026-2027 Professional Development Catalog

Click on link to access the PD Catalog:
2026–2027 Professional Development Catalog

We encourage you to explore the catalog and share it with your teams. If you have any questions or would like to request customized professional development, please contact Molly Warmke at mwarmke@charterschoolspec.com.

Reminder: Ohio School Report Card Data Review and Verification Deadline is September 4

This is a reminder that superintendents must complete a required review of their 2026 student, assessment, calendar, staff, course, reading diagnostic, and exiting student follow-up data reported in EMIS no later than September 4.

Review the details



Licensure Renewals

Educators whose licenses expired June 30, 2026, must complete all renewal coursework and submit their renewal application no later than September 30, or the renewal coursework requirement increases to nine semester hours for professional, advanced, or associate licenses and six semester hours for Resident Educator licenses.

Resident Educator Program Registration Window Now Open

The window to register eligible resident educators for the Resident Educator Program in CORE opened August 1 and will close November 15. All teachers who hold a Resident Educator license, Alternative Resident Educator license, one-year out-of-state license, or Interim Resident Educator license and meet program eligibility criteria must be registered in CORE. Resident educators who also hold a supplemental license or a provisional STEM license are also eligible.

Failure to register eligible resident educators could result in a delay in advancing their license to a professional educator license. Step-by-step directions for how to register resident educators in CORE are in the Resident Educator Program Coordinator User Manual housed on the State Board of Education's CORE Reporting Requirements webpage.

Legal Department

Pending National Legislation

Over the past few months, Congress has been debating on three bills related to charter schools: the Equitable Access to School Facilities Act, the Empower Charter School Educators to Lead Act, and the Fostering Learning and Excellence in Charter Schools (FLEX) Act.

These bills are strong, bipartisan, and ready for a floor vote. When they pass, they'll unlock resources, cut red tape, and ultimately make it easier for charter schools to grow and serve kids well.

Right now, your elected representatives may be back in their home communities, connecting with constituents and learning more about what matters to you.

This work is crucial. Those who represent us need to hear firsthand about what truly matters: strong neighborhoods that include strong public schools. When they do, our work as charter school champions comes to life.

Find legislators at community events while they're in town. Start a conversation about why charter schools matter. If you're a school leader, invite representatives to join upcoming events and student celebrations, or share good news about your charter school.

We will keep you updated on these bills as Congress returns to session.

School Transportation

We understand schools continue to have challenges getting districts to transport their students. In June 2026, the Ohio Pupil Transportation Workgroup released its recommendations report.
The recommendations are listed below:

1. Guarantee transportation for all eligible Ohio students to their school of choice.
2. Fully fund transportation mandate to support the statewide guarantee for all eligible students to their school of choice, while

of other appropriate third-party entities to manage transportation collectively at the regional level.

4. Designate or develop a statewide transportation database that allows for access to basic student data (e.g., name, address, assigned public school, selected school of choice) that is useful to all parties in transportation planning, decision making, and implementation so each student may be equally considered for transportation support.
5. Establish strong, collaborative relationships between traditional districts, community schools, chartered nonpublic schools, and families.
6. Implement successful bus driver recruitment, training, and retention strategies for districts and schools with additional state support.
7. Allocate state funds for a scalable, expanded Regional Transportation Consortia Prototype Program for traditional districts, community schools, and chartered nonpublic schools to pool their collective resources (e.g., drivers, buses, vans) and develop a plan to facilitate transportation for all students within a defined region using a Regional Transportation Authority.
8. Improve accountability and transparency by amending current law to require DEW to play a statewide oversight role for the outcomes of student transportation.
9. Clarify Declarations of Impracticality in the short term; phase out impracticality over time.

For more information, you can access the report on our website at www.charterschoolspec.com. Additionally, if these recommendations resonate with you, please reach out to your local state representative to ensure they are implemented.

Compliance Process Updates for FY26-27



As we continue refining our compliance processes, we've made a few updates for the 2026–2027 school year to better align our documentation with existing requirements while streamlining the annual compliance process for schools.

Test Administration Plan

Charter School Specialists has developed a new Test Administration Plan Template to assist schools in documenting their assessment administration procedures.

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) expects each school to have a Test Administration Plan in place annually by October 1, before fall testing begins. These plans document ***how*** state and diagnostic assessments will be administered, secured, and monitored throughout the school year. The accompanying testing calendar identifies ***when*** assessments will occur.

The CSS Test Administration Plan Template is an optional resource. Schools may use the template or submit an existing school, district, or management organization plan, provided it addresses the applicable components of assessment administration and test security. CSS will collect each school's Test Administration Plan later this fall.

New Fall Compliance Survey

Another enhancement for the 2026–2027 school year is the introduction of the Fall Compliance Survey.

Some annual compliance requirements occur after the Opening Assurances submission period or require schools to affirm information later in the fall. Rather than collecting these items individually throughout the semester, the Fall Compliance Survey will provide a single opportunity for schools to affirm completion of these requirements and submit any related documentation.

What's Next?

Your Compliance Coordinator will provide additional information in the coming weeks regarding the Test Administration Plan submission process, the Fall Compliance Survey timeline, and any related instructions or required affirmations.

These updates are intended to simplify the compliance process while ensuring schools have a clear and consistent method for documenting existing requirements. As always, if you have questions, please contact your Compliance Coordinator.

Special Education Updates: Staying Ahead of Fall Compliance



As the school year is underway, September marks one of the busiest compliance periods for special education. From statewide monitoring activities to required submissions and professional learning opportunities, staying informed now can help schools avoid challenges later in the year. Below are several important updates and reminders for our sponsored community schools.

Special Education Desk Review Begins

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) Office of Exceptional Children (OEC) continues implementation of its Special Education Desk Review process. On **September 3**, the OEC Supports and Monitoring Team will host a statewide overview of **Desk Review Phases 1 and 2**, providing educational agencies with guidance on the revised process, expectations, and monitoring requirements. Schools involved in special education administration or compliance are encouraged to participate to become familiar with the updated procedures. SAMIS Link

September 11: Special Education Profile Evidence Due

Schools required to submit **Evidence of Special Education Profile Indicator Improvement** should ensure all required documentation is submitted to ODEW no later than **September 11.** Meeting this deadline is an important step in demonstrating progress toward improvement activities and maintaining compliance with state monitoring requirements.

OEC Open Office Hours Continue

Need clarification on a special education question? The Office of Exceptional Children continues to offer **Open Office Hours**, providing an opportunity for school personnel to connect directly with OEC staff regarding evaluations, IEPs, monitoring, compliance, and other special education topics. These sessions are an excellent resource for administrators, intervention specialists, coordinators, and special education leaders seeking guidance throughout the year. Additional information and registration are available on the OEC website.

Administrator Professional Development

Be sure to **mark your calendars for September 29,** when our **Special Education Updates & Information for Administrators** professional development session will be held. This session will provide timely state updates, compliance reminders, and practical guidance to support school leaders throughout the fall semester. Additional details will be shared soon.

New Monthly Professional Development Series Now Underway

We are excited to announce the launch of our **Monthly Federal Programs & Special Education Professional Development Series** for the 2026–2027 school year. Each monthly session is designed to provide timely guidance, practical resources, and compliance updates that align with the work schools are completing throughout the year. Topics include federal program requirements, IDEA compliance, defensible IEP development, progress monitoring, Least Restrictive Environment, evaluations, discipline, Section 504, fiscal requirements, Extended School Year, and year-end planning.

The **August session,** "Start the Year Strong," is now available and provides a comprehensive overview of beginning-of-year Federal Programs and Special Education compliance responsibilities, helping schools establish strong systems from the first day of school.

Upcoming sessions include:

- October: Parent & Community Involvement & Writing Defensible IEPs
- November: Fiscal Compliance & Progress Monitoring
- December: Student Data & Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)
- January: Semi-Annual Certifications & Secondary Transition
- February: Procurement & Special Education Evaluations
- March: Federal Funds & Discipline/Behavioral Supports
- April: Program Evaluation & IDEA/Section 504
- May: Year-End Federal Programs Requirements & Extended School Year (ESY)
- June: Preparing for the 2027–2028 School Year

Coming Soon: Special Education Ratio & Workload Collection
Over the coming weeks, each sponsored community school will receive a **Special Education Ratio/Workload Form** for completion. One form should be completed per school and returned upon completion. This annual collection assists both schools and the Sponsor in monitoring staffing levels and compliance with **Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-09** regarding intervention specialist caseloads and service delivery requirements. Additional instructions will accompany the form when it is distributed.

Looking Ahead
Sponsors are required to have each school's **FY26 Sponsor Annual Report of Community School Special Education Services and Related Services for Students with Disabilities (Spec Ed Expenditure Report)** uploaded in Epicenter by **November 2**. To allow time for review and ensure accuracy, schools should submit their information to us by **October 27.** We will review the submissions for accuracy prior to uploading them to Epicenter. Once ODEW provides the updated form, we will distribute it along with the instructions to all schools that were open during the FY26 school year.

As always, Charter School Specialists remains committed to partnering with schools throughout the year by providing technical assistance, professional learning, and compliance support. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Dr. Erica McMillon at emcmillon@charterschoolspec.com and/or Stacey Swank at sswank@charterschoolspec.com. We appreciate your continued dedication to serving Ohio's students with disabilities and look forward to another successful school year together.

Federal Programs

Although September brings a close to summer, it also brings an abundance of activities in federal programs! September and October are the perfect months to schedule the required Title I Parent Annual Meeting. This annual meeting is required for all schools operating a Title I program. The Annual Meeting should occur at a time when a majority of parents are available. Schools are allowed to spend Title I funds to provide a light meal or refreshments if the meeting occurs during normal dinner time. Schools should have an agenda and sign-in sheet to document the event. Here is an example of an Annual Title I Meeting: Annual Title I Agenda Template

Schools that accept federal funds should ensure parents are clearly informed about the federal funds the school receives and the programs those funds support. One simple way to share this information is by including a section on the school's website that explains the federal grant programs available at the school. Schools may also want to provide an email contact so parents can ask questions or request additional information. This is especially important this year, as the Title I Non-Competitive Supplemental School Improvement grant application required schools to describe how parents are kept informed about program activities.

The Expanding Opportunities for Each Child grant has been uploaded into CCIP and includes additional funds. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce was able to obtain an extension on the additional funds which allows the funds to be spent through June 30, 2027. (Schools were previously told that the additional funds had to be expended by December 1, 2026.)

If you have any questions or need assistance with federal programs, please contact: Nannette Sherman at nsherman@charterschoolspec.com or 740-607-9174.

College and Career Readiness Corner

Career Connections Framework Redesign

After quite a bit of work and collaboration among multiple state agencies, schools, school leaders, community and business organizations, and industry partners, the all-new Career Connections Framework has been launched!

With the student at the center, the framework provides tools and resources that can help Ohio students move from career awareness to career participation starting as early as kindergarten.

The revised Career Connections Framework establishes consistent standards for career awareness, exploration, preparation, and participation and integrates self-awareness and agency, continuous advising, real-world learning, and multiple pathway opportunities.

Each student's aptitudes, goals, motivations, skills, and interests are at the center of the revised framework.

Awareness=Learning of work. Discovering career interests and pathway possibilities through activities, such as classroom learning, guest speakers, career days, and career exploration digital tools.

Exploration=Learning about work. Investigating pathways through activities, such as job shadowing, mentorships, simulated work environments, and problem-based learning.

Preparation=Learning for work. Setting meaningful goals, building skills, participating in mock interviews, taking practice assessments, and obtaining credentials.

Participation=Learning through work. Getting hands-on experience through programs, such as career-tech, internships, work-based learning, cooperatives, and pre-apprenticeships.

Quality Career Coaching is foundational to the redesigned framework, and all governing authorities, school Leaders, management Companies, and most important, educators, have an important role in ensuring that all Ohio students leave school with a career plan, and the knowledge of the supports to help them achieve their definition of the Good Life!

In the coming months, Charter School Specialists in partnership with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, and the Ohio's Career Pathway Support Networks will be providing professional learning opportunities, as well as technical assistance to build the capacity of all stakeholders in developing a Career Connection Framework implementation model that meets the specific unique and regional needs of our Charter School Specialist schools and students.

OUR Goal=The Good Life For All!

Greater Ohio Virtual School
Your School At-A-Glance Report

Current Student FTE

FTE Information is taken from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's Community School Payment Report and includes the previous month's data.



Board Actions

Review School Improvement Plan at each board meeting:

Goals for 2026-2027 school year:

Goal 1: Using STAR Assesments, All Students in High School attending Greater Ohio Virtual School will increase 2.00 % in Reading/Literacy by 06/30/2028.

Goal 2: By 06/30/2028 we will improve the performance of All Students at/in Greater Ohio Virtual School by increasing Engagement by 5% using Seat time.

iscussion questions to consider:



Are the goals, strategies, and action steps aligned to the priority actions that will impact the school report card? Evidence?

Have the planned strategies and action steps been implemented? Discuss evidence.

Which established action steps have been completed within the identified timelines? What obstacles (if any) have prevented implementation?

How do the strategies and action steps differ from past practices? Are the strategies and action steps reflective of evidence-based practices? How do you know?

What data has been collected to determine whether or not the strategies and action steps are positively impacting student learning outcomes?

What is the data telling us? Are the trends changing?

Does the school improvement plan need to be adjusted? What is the evidence?

re the necessary resources available and being used? If not, why?

Is there additional technical assistance needed from the Management Company, Board, Sponsor, etc.?

Key Dates

Charter Agreement:

- Expiration: 6/30/2034
- High Stakes Review: Fall 2033

Pending Contract Modifications:

- Change of Primary Facility

Intervention Status Reporting for 26-27:

- TBD

School Improvement Plans for 26-27 Due:

- TBD

One Plan Cohort:

- Cohort 2

Onsite Assistance Review:

- *TBD*

Compliance Onsite Review:

- *Virtual - TBD*
- *Onsite - TBD*

CAP/Probation:

- None Noted

Contract Terms for Renewal Eligibility

Per Section 11.7 of its contract with St. Aloysius, Greater Ohio Virtual School is eligible for renewal if it:

(1) Receives a grade of Meets Standards or higher in at least one applicable grade card component for the most recent school year; or

(2) Meets the criteria listed below:
a. An overall report card grade that is greater than three of the five comparison group schools, consisting of traditional public schools and charter schools with similar student demographics within 5-10 miles of the school, if possible:

i. Auglaize County Educational Academy
ii. Fairborn Digital Academy
iii. Findlay Digital Academy
iv. Liberty Preparatory School
v. Gateway Online Academy of Ohio

Comparison information is displayed below.

The comparison schools for Greater Ohio Virtual School were selected during the contract process. The goal is for the comparison schools to be as similar as possible in demographic characteristics (percentages of families with low income; racial/ethnic minority; students with disabilities; and English Learners) as well as in close proximity to the school, if possible.

Current LRC Data
25-26 LRC Data Coming Soon

	Distance from School	Overall School Grade	Combined Graduation Rate	Achievement	Progress	Gap Closing
Greater Ohio Virtual School	***	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Auglaize County Educational Academy	99.3 miles	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Fairborn Digital Academy	38 miles	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Findlay Digital Academy	133 miles	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Liberty Preparatory School	184 miles	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Gateway Online Academy of Ohio	217 miles	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Definitions:

Overall School Rating – A combination of the school's Achievement rate, Gap Closing component, Progress component, and Graduation Rates form the school's Overall Rating.
Combined Graduation Rate – Looks at the percentage of students who are successfully completing high school with a diploma in 4,5,6,7 and 8 years.
Achievement (fka High School Test Passage Rate) – Represents the number of students who passed all five state tests that are required for graduation.
Progress – Look at the progress students in grades 9-12 are making in math and reading.
Gap Closing – Reflects how well subgroups of students are meeting the state's performance expectations in reading, math and graduation rates.