

APPENDIX A: 2024-25 CHARTER SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

| PART 1: SCHOOL INFORMATION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY | | | | | |
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| Name of Charter School: | Year School Opened: | | | | |
| Stamford Charter School for Excellence | 2015 | | | | |
| Street Address: | City/Zip Code: | | | | |
| 1 Schuyler Avenue | Stamford, CT 06902 | | | | |
| School Director: | School Director Contact Information: | | | | |
| Reginald Roberts | rroberts@stamfordexcellence.org /203 989-0000 | | | | |
| Grades Authorized to Serve in 2024-2025: | Charter Term: | | | | |
| PK-8 | 2025-2030 | | | | |

School Performance Best Practices: In 250 words or less, describe the practice or practices in use at the
school that have resulted in strong student outcomes and a positive school climate during the 2024-2025
school year. Explain the rationale for establishing the practice(s) and the issue(s) it was intended to address.
Describe the impact of the practice(s) on the student outcomes, providing evidence to substantiate
effectiveness (i.e. quantitative, qualitative data). Provide evidence of collaboration with local school districts
as appropriate.

Stamford Charter School for Excellence (SCSE, Stamford Excellence), a National Blue Ribbon school, recently completed its tenth year of operation. During the 2024-2025 school year, Stamford Excellence served 543 scholars in grades K-8.

Academically, the middle school adopted 90-minute core content blocks, creating increased opportunities for guided practice, feedback, and re-teaching within a single class period. These extended blocks ensured scholars had time to engage in rigorous instruction, while also solidifying foundational skills through independent practice. To further support achievement, scholars participated in Saturday Academies dedicated to SBAC preparation, where they were grouped homogeneously for ELA and Math and received intensive small-group instruction. In the elementary grades, a sacred guided reading block was protected daily, ensuring leveled instruction with growth tracked consistently over time. Across all grades, teachers used i-Ready diagnostics, SBAC item analyses, and classroom data to inform re-teach cycles and deliver individualized feedback. These strategies contributed to 77% of scholars scoring proficient on the SBAC ELA and 75% in Math, meeting or exceeding our 75% goals.

To support a healthy climate, the school leveraged administrative-parent meetings to develop collaborative attendance intervention plans and address chronic absenteeism, which was reduced to 6% in 2024-25. Restorative practices, morning community circles, and our RISE UP values (Respect, Integrity, Scholarship, Excellence, Unity, Perseverance) further reinforced a safe and supportive environment.

Healthy collaboration with Stamford Public Schools is critical, and SCSE partnered closely to ensure full SPED compliance, coordinating on PPTs, services, and progress monitoring.



PART 2: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

1. School Goals: State the school's mission statement. Provide the school's mission-specific, measurable goals. Analyze school progress toward these goals, providing data as appropriate. Add/Remove rows as necessary.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Stamford Charter School for Excellence is to prepare young people from Stamford to compete for admission to and succeed in top public, private and parochial high schools by cultivating their intellectual, artistic, social, emotional, and ethical development. The Stamford Charter School for Excellence accomplishes this by offering a challenging and rigorous academic curriculum, which at the earliest of grades has an eye towards college preparation. The Stamford Charter School for Excellence achieves this in a supportive and caring environment that always maintains high expectations of our students.

| Goal Statement: | Evidence of Progress Toward Target Goals: |
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| | In 2024-25, 77% of scholars achieved a proficient score on the Smarter Balance ELA assessment. 75% of scholars achieved a proficient score on the Smarter Balance Math assessment and 55% on SBAC fifth and eighth grade Science exams. |
| 75% of the students in third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade will score proficient on the SBAC exam in ELA, Math, and Science. | Stamford Excellence once again outperformed both the state and local district averages, ranking as the topperforming charter school in Connecticut and among the strongest public schools statewide. To ensure our scholars continue to excel, we have already launched a comprehensive plan to address learning gaps and prepare them for success this year including baseline assessments, targeted instruction, interim assessments, learning supports, and goal setting and reflection. |
| The school will advance scholarly achievement by creating a culture of positive work habits, safe and appropriate conduct, and opportunities for healthy, social-emotional interactions. Students will demonstrate character virtues summarized by the acronym "RISE UP" (Responsibility, Integrity, Success, Etiquette, Unity, and Pride), and our core values of Respect, Citizenship, Teamwork, and Honestly with a college-bound attitude. | SCSE employs multiple strategies to cultivate and monitor character development. Scholar progress is measured through key indicators such as attendance, punctuality, and discipline referrals. In 2024-25, the school consistently maintained an average daily attendance rate above 96%. We continue to educate scholars on wellness practices like hand hygiene and educate families on the importance of daily, on-time attendance. In addition, we have strengthened our character development initiatives by forming new community partnerships with local organizations, providing scholars with additional opportunities to practice and model positive habits, values, and leadership skills. Character development continues to be reinforced daily in classrooms and through schoolwide behavior management systems that intentionally teach the skills, habits, and attitudes essential for long-term success. |



Students will demonstrate adequate academic achievement throughout the school year, in preparation to meeting and exceeding college and career readiness objectives, as measured by statewide assessments.

SCSE uses Fountas & Pinnell (F&P) assessments to track literacy growth, Curriculum-Based Assessments to monitor progress in mathematics, and Interim Comprehensive Assessments (ICAs) in tested grades to measure mastery of standards. Scholars consistently engaged with and completed learning assignments at a level that demonstrated strong content understanding. Stamford Excellence was ranked the highest-performing charter school in Connecticut for both ELA and Math on the SBAC.

2. Student Achievement: The data below summarizes the school's performance from the 2023-24 school year. Please review the data using <u>EdSight</u> to ensure its accuracy.

| Performance Metric | | 2023-2024 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1.1. Academic Achievement | | <u> </u> |
| a. ELA Performance I | ndex – All Students | 79.3 |
| b. ELA Performance I | ndex – High Needs Students | 75.0 |
| c. Math Performance | Index – All Students | 78.1 |
| d. Math Performance | Index – High Needs Students | 73.1 |
| e. Science Performar | ce Index – All Students | 68.6 |
| f. Science Performan | ce Index – High Needs Students | 65.2 |
| 1.2. Academic Growth | | |
| a. ELA Academic Gro | wth – All Students | 68.5% |
| b. ELA Academic Gro | wth – High Needs Students | 62.0% |
| c. Math Academic Gr | 68.6% | |
| d. Math Academic Gi | 62.6% | |
| e. Progress Toward E | 34.7% | |
| f. Progress Toward E | 47.9% | |
| 1.3. Participation Rates–ELA, Math | | |
| 1.4. Chronic Absenteeism | a. All Students | 11.0% |
| 1.4. Chronic Absenteeism | b. High Needs Students | 13.6% |
| 1.5. Preparation for CCR – Perce | nt Taking Courses | * |
| 1.6. Preparation for CCR – Perce | nt Passing Exams | * |
| 1.7. On-track to High School Gra | duation | 90.5% |
| 1.8. 4-year Graduation—All Stud | ents (2023 Cohort) | * |
| 1.9. 6-year Graduation—High N | * | |
| 1.10. Postsecondary Entrance (0 | * | |
| 1.11. Physical Fitness (estimated | 40.7% | |
| 1.12. Arts Access | * | |
| School Category: 2 | * | |
| Charter School Accountability I | 73.7% | |



3. Legal Compliance Best Practices: Describe your charter school's systematic approach to maintaining regulatory compliance across all operational domains. Highlight your most effective frameworks for ensuring adherence to laws governing special education services, multilingual learner supports, and protection of student and employee rights. Detail specific compliance mechanisms—including policy development processes, staff training programs, and internal monitoring systems—that have proven especially successful in your school context. Present relevant compliance metrics, audit outcomes, and stakeholder feedback demonstrating your commitment to legal obligations and ethical practices. Include examples of productive collaborations with local districts that have enhanced your compliance efforts through resource sharing, professional development, or coordinated service delivery. Focus on distinctive practices rather than exhaustive documentation, prioritizing evidence-based insights within the 250-word limit.

Stamford Excellence has remained in substantive local, state, and federal regulatory compliance by implementing the school's By-laws, Employee Manual, Fiscal Policies and Procedures, and Family Handbook with fidelity, each of which is aligned to updated legal requirements. The Governing Board regularly reviews academic, financial, and operational performance data to identify areas for improvement, with a particular focus on high-need student subgroups. Additionally, the leadership team conducts annual internal audits to evaluate program effectiveness and compliance, ensuring accountability across operational domains.

To meet the needs of diverse learners, SCSE provides individualized, high-quality instruction in an inclusive environment. Our rigorous curriculum is delivered with differentiated, data-driven strategies, including small group instruction and Tier I interventions. Special education services are delivered in alignment with student IEPs, and staff collaborate closely with Stamford Public Schools to ensure productive PPT meetings and timely evaluations. We employ a SETSS model to support students with disabilities, while English learners benefit from Structured English Immersion (SEI). In accordance with IDEA, students are taught in the least restrictive environment, with targeted pull-out services (OT, PT, speech, counseling) as needed.

Compliance efforts are strengthened through partnerships with related service providers, ensuring adherence to regulations on education of students with disabilities, as well as IEPs and Stamford Public School policies. All students, regardless of classification, learn the same content as their peers, with scaffolds and supports layered in to promote equity. Services supplement rather than replace rigorous core instruction, reflecting our commitment to compliance in serving vulnerable student populations.



PART 3: STEWARDSHIP, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

1. Financial Documents: As required by C.G.S. § 10-66cc(b)(2) and 10-66pp, the charter school, and if applicable, the charter school management organization of the state or local charter school, (1) shall submit FY 2023-2024 certified audit statements, including the statement of activities showing all revenues from public and private sources, expenditures, and net operating gain/loss, balance sheet and statement of cash flows; (2) the charter school and if applicable, the charter school management organization of the state or local charter school, shall submit a complete copy of the most recently completed Internal Revenue Service form 990, including all parts and schedules, other than Schedule B of such form; (3) provide the FY 2024-2025 budget; and (4) provide a FY 2025-2026 board-approved budget.

| 2. Financial Condition: Provide the following financial data for FY 2023-2024 | | | | |
|--|------------|--|--|--|
| Total margin (net income/total revenue): | 15% | | | |
| Debt to asset ratio (total liabilities/total assets): | 44% | | | |
| Debt service coverage ratio (net income + depreciation + interest expense)/ (annual principal + interest, and lease payments): | 3.81% | | | |
| Current asset ratio (current assets/current liabilities): | 2.46% | | | |
| Days of (unrestricted cash/((total expenditures-depreciation)/365)): | 274 | | | |
| Cash flow (change in cash balance): | 766,082.54 | | | |
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3. Governing Board: Consistent with C.G.S. § 10-66bb(d)(3)(A), provide the information below for all governing board members. The governing board should include teachers, parents, guardians of students enrolled in the school, and the chairperson of the local or regional board of education of the town in which the charter school is located and which has jurisdiction over a school that resembles the approximate grade configuration of the charter school, or the designee of such chairperson, provided such designee is a member of the board of education or the superintendent of schools for the school district, or the superintendent's designee.

| Name: Occupation: Board Role/Term: | | | Mailing/Email: | Backgroun d Check: | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|
| Debra Logan-Rabb | IT/Business | President | therabbs@hotmail.com | ⊠ Yes □ No | | |
| Robert Monson | Education | Secretary | Rjm210@tc.columbia.edu | ⊠ Yes □ No | | |
| Patrick Barth | Finance | Treasurer | pbarth@thirdpoint.com | ⊠ Yes □ No | | |
| Chris Shumway | Finance | Director | cs@shumwaycapital.com | ⊠ Yes □ No | | |
| Cyril Moulle- Berteaux | Finance | Director | c.moulleberteaux@morganstanley.co m | ⊠ Yes □ No | | |
| Monica Rios | Director of Finance | School Representative | mrios@stamfordexcellence.org | ⊠ Yes □ No | | |
| | | | | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
| | | | | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
| | | | | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
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| | | | | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
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| | | | | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
| | | | | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |



4. Renewal Conditions and Terms: Detail your charter school's advancement toward fulfilling the renewal conditions established during your most recent charter renewal process or addressing specific terms identified by the Connecticut State Department of Education. Present a comprehensive overview of implemented initiatives, strategic actions, and measurable outcomes that demonstrate your institution's meaningful progress toward resolving these identified areas for improvement. Include relevant performance metrics and evidence-based results that substantiate your school's efforts and commitment to addressing each condition. The section below contains a pre-populated chart of your school's specific renewal conditions or terms, which you should reference when documenting both completed work and forthcoming strategic plans designed to satisfy outstanding requirements.

| Standard/Indicator: | Renewal Conditions and Terms: | Progress Update: |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| 3.3 Demographic Representation | The school's 2023-24 English learner/Multilingual learner (ELs/MLs) population was 8.7%. To better reflect the demographics of the surrounding community, the school must continue to seek to enroll more students who are ELs/MLs. | SCSE maintains an open enrollment policy. We continue to conduct outreach to increase appeal to English Learners/Multilingual Learners through advertising in multicultural and multilingual neighborhoods and having applications in multiple languages. However, enrollment is determined by a blind lottery and language diagnostic results are received later in the school year. In 2024-25, our EL/ML population increased from 8.7% to 12.4%, due our outreach efforts in engaging and recruiting multicultural and multilingual families. We will continue to encourage family referrals to the school and foster strategies that have proven successful with our English Learner/Multilingual Learners. |
| 4.5 Teacher/Staff Credentials | As of May 1, 2025, the Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification reported 1 staff has an assignment that does not match valid endorsement. In accordance with state statute, schools are responsible for ensuring that 100% of their staff possess the appropriate certificates, permits, or authorizations required for their positions. | SCSE has ensured that 100% staff members possess the required certifications for their respective grade levels and content areas. The school continues to actively recruit highly qualified, certified candidates on an ongoing basis. |
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5. Stewardship, Governance, and Management Best Practices: Describe your charter school's most effective organizational systems that ensure financial sustainability, operational excellence, and robust accountability. Detail your governance structures, fiscal oversight mechanisms, and management practices that have demonstrably strengthened institutional health and performance outcomes. Explain why these specific approaches were implemented, connecting them to your school's mission and strategic priorities. Present concrete evidence of their effectiveness using key performance indicators, audit results, operational metrics, and stakeholder feedback that demonstrate measurable improvements. Include examples of productive partnerships with local districts that have enhanced your governance practices or operational efficiency. Focus on high-impact initiatives rather than comprehensive coverage, limiting your response to 250 words while providing specific, evidence-based insights.

As the steward of the school's charter, the Board holds ultimate responsibility for ensuring that Stamford Excellence fulfills its mission, vision, and goals. The Board provides oversight of the school's academic performance, operational effectiveness, and financial stability, while entrusting day-to-day management to the leadership team. Currently composed of six dedicated members with diverse expertise, the Board is well positioned to provide strong and effective governance.

Board operations are guided by established handbooks, policies, bylaws, and procedures. Each year, Stamford Excellence collaboratively develops an annual budget aligned to academic, operation, and facility priorities. The Finance Committee reviews the draft budget approximately prior to adoption, requests any needed revisions, and then presents the final version for full Board approval. Throughout the year, the Finance Committee monitors revenues and expenditures on a monthly basis, while the Board reviews financial reports at every meeting.

Stamford Excellence has consistently demonstrated fiscal responsibility, with a record of clean audits, healthy cash flow, and strong net asset balances. The school has effectively managed annual budgets, and has strong internal controls implemented in accordance with the FPP. Further, the Board and leaders conduct long-range financial planning to ensure operating costs as well as facility expenses are met. Moving forward, the Board remains committed to maintaining ethical and responsible oversight, ensuring the school's fidelity to its mission, vision, charter, and high-quality model.



| PART 4: STUDENT POPULATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------|----|------|-----|-----------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|----------|-------|-----|-------|
| 1. Enro | 1. Enrollment and Demographic Data: Provide 2024-2025 student demographic and enrollment information. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grades S | Serve | d: | | | | K-8 | | Americar | Indian | or Alas | ka Nativ | ve: | | 0 |
| Student | Enrol | lment: | | | | 543 | | Asian: | | | | | | 21.7% |
| Percenta | Percentage of students identified EL/ML: | | | 12.4 | % | Black/Afr | ican An | nerican | : | | | 40.3% | | |
| Percentage of students identified for | | | | | 56% | | Hispanic/Latino: of any race: | | | | | 31.3% | | |
| Free/Reduced-Price Meals: | | | | | | | Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: | | | | | 0 | | |
| Dorcont | Two or More Races: | | | | | | | 2.9% | | | | | | |
| Percenta | Percentage of students with disabilities: | | | 5.7% | | White: | | | | | | 2.8% | | |
| | 2024-2025 Enrollment by Grade Level: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PK | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
| | 62 | 62 | 65 | 62 | 61 | 63 | 57 | 7 55 56 | | | | | 543 | |

2. Enrollment Efforts: Summarize the school's efforts to attract, enroll, and retain a diverse student population that reflects the demographics of the community. Describe strategies aimed at reaching and serving students of color, low-income families, English learners/Multilingual learners and students with disabilities. Include outreach initiatives, inclusive enrollment practices and support systems designed to promote equitable access.

Stamford Excellence actively works to attract, enroll, and retain a diverse student population that reflects the demographics of the community. In alignment with C.G.S. Section 10-15c, the school maintains an open enrollment policy and does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, religion, disability, national origin, native language, or sexual orientation. The school uses a blind lottery system and does not enact enrollment preferences, apart from returning students and siblings. Applications are available in English, Spanish, and other community languages, and bilingual staff assist families throughout the enrollment process to ensure equitable access.

Outreach efforts are intentionally focused on high-needs communities that have been historically underserved. Strategies include distributing multilingual flyers, canvassing in neighborhoods with large concentrations of public housing and multicultural families, and leveraging local radio, internet, and media outlets that reach both English- and non-English-speaking households. The school partners with preschools, daycare centers, Head Start programs, ESL programs, health centers, housing authorities, and faith-based organizations to broaden awareness and increase access for families of color, low-income households, English learners, and students with disabilities.

Beyond recruitment, Stamford Excellence prioritizes retention by providing a strong network of supports. Scholars benefit from inclusive instructional practices, ESL services, and special education delivered in accordance with IEPs. Families are engaged through workshops, consistent communication, and translation supports. Attendance interventions, counseling, and small-group instruction further ensure that all students thrive academically and socially.

These combined efforts have resulted in enrollment that mirrors the diversity of the surrounding community and the sustained inclusion of students across subgroups, reflecting the school's mission to provide equitable opportunities for every scholar.

3. Waitlist Data: Provide waitlist totals below, illustrating demand and community support for the school.

| 2024-2025 Waitlist: | 2025-2026 Waitlist: |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 432 | 353 |



4. Student Population Best Practice: Outline your charter school's most effective strategies for advancing educational equity through targeted recruitment, enrollment, and retention initiatives. Describe your signature approach to family engagement and community outreach that has successfully diversified your student population and ensured meaningful inclusion of underrepresented groups. Connect these practices to your school's distinctive educational model, explaining how they align with your core mission and values. Present specific evidence of impact through enrollment demographics, retention statistics, and stakeholder testimonials that demonstrate measurable progress toward equity goals. Include any notable collaborations with local districts that have enhanced your ability to serve diverse learners effectively. Focus on your most innovative and impactful practices rather than attempting comprehensive coverage, keeping your response focused and within the 250-word limit.

Stamford Charter School for Excellence advances educational equity through intentional recruitment, enrollment, and retention practices that prioritize access for historically underserved families. In alignment with our open-enrollment policy, applications are provided in English, Spanish, and other prevailing languages, with bilingual staff supporting families throughout the process. Outreach includes partnerships with preschools, ESL programs, health centers, and faith-based organizations, canvassing in high-needs neighborhoods, and multilingual media campaigns. These efforts have broadened our applicant pool and ensured representation of English Learners, students with disabilities, and low-income families.

Family engagement is central to our model. Our Parent Association meets monthly, creating opportunities for families to ask questions, participate in workshops, and collaborate on school initiatives. The PA also strengthens community bonds by fostering parent-to-parent relationships and has historically led advocacy trips to the state capital. In addition, SCSE hosts afterschool workshops on topics such as strengthening the home—school connection, mindfulness, and coping strategies, all of which deepen trust and inclusion.

These practices reflect our RISE UP values—Responsibility, Integrity, Success, Etiquette, Unity, and Pride—and reinforce our college-bound mission. Evidence of impact includes maintaining daily attendance of above 96% and strong retention rates across grade levels. Families consistently highlight responsive communication and meaningful engagement as strengths that distinguish SCSE.

Additionally, through close collaboration with Stamford Public Schools on special education compliance and PPT processes, we have further strengthened our ability to serve diverse learners. Together, these strategies demonstrate measurable progress toward equity and inclusion.



APPENDIX B: CHARTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

The Connecticut State Department of Education's charter school performance framework establishes transparent accountability standards aligned with both state law and National Association of Charter School Authorizers' best practices. These four comprehensive performance standards—with their specific indicators—serve as the foundation for evaluating charter school effectiveness and sustainability. This robust framework guides all phases of the CSDE's oversight process, from initial charter approval through annual monitoring and renewal decisions, ensuring consistent, evidence-based evaluation of each school's educational impact and organizational viability.

Performance Standards:

- 1. School Performance: Is the school a successful model resulting in strong student outcomes and a positive school climate?
- 2. Stewardship, Governance, and Management: Is the school financially and organizationally healthy and viable?
- **3. Student Population:** Is the school promoting equity by effectively attracting, enrolling, and retaining students, particularly among targeted populations?
- 4. Legal Compliance: Is the school acting in compliance with applicable laws and regulations?

| Performance Standards: | Performance Indicators: |
|---|---|
| 1. School Performance | 1.1. Academic Achievement a. ELA Performance Index—All Students b. ELA Performance Index—High Needs Students c. Math Performance Index—High Needs Students d. Math Performance Index—High Needs Students e. Science Performance Index—High Needs Students f. Science Performance Index—High Needs Students 1.2. Academic Growth a. ELA Academic Growth—All Students b. ELA Academic Growth—High Needs Students c. Math Academic Growth—High Needs Students d. Math Academic Growth—High Needs Students e. Progress toward English Language Proficiency—Literacy f. Progress toward English Language Proficiency—Oral 1.3. Participation Rates—ELA, Math, Science (a. All Students, b. High Needs) 1.4. Chronic Absenteeism (a. All Students, b. High Needs) 1.5. Postsecondary Preparation 1.6. Postsecondary Readiness 1.7. On-track to High School Graduation 1.8. 4-year Adjusted Cohort Graduation (All Students) 1.9. 6-year Adjusted Cohort Graduation (High Needs Students) 1.10. Postsecondary Entrance Rate 1.11. Physical Fitness 1.12. Arts Access |
| Stewardship, Governance, and Management | 2.1. Financial Management2.2. Financial Reporting2.3. Financial Viability2.4. Governance and Management2.5. Facility |
| 3. Student Population | 3.1. Recruitment and Enrollment Process 3.2. Waitlist and Enrollment Data 3.3. Demographic Representation 3.4. Family and Community Support 3.5. School Culture and Climate |
| 4. Legal Compliance | 4.1. Open Meetings and Information Management 4.2. Students with Disabilities 4.3. English Learners 4.4. Rights of Students 4.5. Teacher/Staff Credentials 4.6. Employee Rights |



APPENDIX C: STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

It is imperative that charter schools—as with all other public schools—adopt and uphold the highest ethical and legal standards while delivering excellent academic opportunities for students and their families.

As the authorized representative of **Stamford Charter School for Excellence**, to the best of my knowledge, I affirm that:

- 1. Pursuant to C.G.S.A. § 10-66rr, all board members and staff have satisfactorily completed background checks, including a state and national criminal record check and a record check of the Department of Children and Families child abuse and neglect registry.
- 2. Pursuant to C.G.S.A. § 10-66rr, if applicable, all charter school management organization (CMO) governing board members and staff members, who performs a service involving direct student contact have satisfactorily completed background checks, as described in (1).
- **3.** All contractors doing business with the school, who performs a service involving direct student contact have satisfactorily completed background checks, as described in (1).
- **4.** Records of any and all background checks described above, are on file at **Stamford Charter School for Excellence** and available for random audit by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE).
- 5. Pursuant to C.G.S.A. § 10-6600, **Stamford Charter School for Excellence** Governing Board has adopted written anti-nepotism and conflict of interest policies consistent with state law and best practices in nonprofit corporate governance, and pursuant to 10-66bb(d), that no member or employee of the Governing Board has a personal or financial interest in any asset, real or personal, of the charter school.
- **6.** Pursuant to C.G.S.A. § 10-6600, each member of a governing council of a state or local charter school shall complete training related to charter school governing council responsibilities and best practices at least once during the term of the charter, and that no board member of **Stamford Charter School for Excellence** serves on the board of another charter school or CMO.
- **7.** All public funds received by **Stamford Charter School for Excellence** have been, or are being, expended prudently and in a manner required by law.
- **8.** All Governing Board meetings are open and accessible to the public, and that **Stamford Charter School for Excellence** has posted, and continues to post, on any Internet website that the Governing Board operates, the schedule, agenda, and minutes of each Governing Board meeting, including any meeting of a subcommittee of the Governing Board.
- 9. Stamford Charter School for Excellence does not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut state and/or federal nondiscrimination laws.
- **10. Stamford Charter School for Excellence** does not operate any school location outside the scope of its approved charter or subsequent State Board of Education approval.



By signing this Statement of Assurances on behalf of the Governing Board of **Stamford Charter School for Excellence**, I acknowledge that I understand the terms contained herein and affirm the validity of each statement to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that **Stamford Charter School for Excellence** may be subject to random audit by the CSDE to verify these statements.

| Signature: | Debra Logan—Rabb Debra Logan-Rabb (0ct 16, 2025 19:15:43 EDT) |
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| Name of Board Chairperson: | Debra Logan-Rabb |
| Date: | 10/16/2025 |

| Stamford Charter School for Excellence | | | |
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| BUDGET YEAR 2024-2025 | | | |
| | SCSE | | |
| | Budget | | |
| | 6/30/25 | | |
| Operating Revenue | | | |
| Grant Revenues | | | |
| Grant Revenue - State and Federal | | | |
| 5010 - Per Pupil Funding - GenEd | 6,656,040 | | |
| 5011 - Per Pupil Funding - SpEd | 281,517 | | |
| 5021 - Title I | 118,128 | | |
| 5022 - Title II | 17,615 | | |
| 5027 - Title III | 6,334 | | |
| 5030 - E-Rate | 21,589 | | |
| 5031 - Federal/State Meal Reimbursement Program | 284,880 | | |
| 5039 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) | ,,,,, | | |
| Total Grant Revenue - State and Federal | 7,386,103 | | |
| Total Grant Revenues | 7,386,103 | | |
| Contributions | ,, | | |
| 5000 - Individual Contributions | 22,025 | | |
| 5001 - Corporate Contributions | 3,000 | | |
| 5002 - Foundation Contributions | 123,325 | | |
| Total Contributions | 148,350 | | |
| Revenue - Other | , | | |
| 5908 - Interest/Dividends | 163,730 | | |
| 5900 - Misc Revenue | 5,000 | | |
| Total Revenue - Other | 168,730 | | |
| Total Operating Revenue | 7,703,183 | | |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Personnel | | | |
| Salary and Wages | | | |
| 6002 - Leadership | 568,729 | | |
| 6100 - Lead Teachers | 1,575,911 | | |
| 6105 - Educational Associates | 95,018 | | |
| 6116 - Specialty Teachers | 422,867 | | |
| 6121 - Student Support | 476,196 | | |
| 6125 - Community Learning Partners | 5,150 | | |
| 6170 - Stipends | 25,750 | | |
| 6175 - Saturday Academy | 84,460 | | |
| 6200 - Operations/Administration | 387,551 | | |
| 6215 - Custodial | 46,350 | | |
| 6230 - Bonus | 274,390 | | |
| Total Salary and Wages | 3,962,371 | | |
| PR Benefits | 3,302,371 | | |
| 6420 - Health Benefits | 454,940 | | |
| 6425 - Pension/Retirement | 48,860 | | |
| 6433 - LTD/STD/ADD/Life | 19,379 | | |

| 6435 - Dental/Vision Insurance | 26,160 |
|---|------------|
| Total PR Benefits | 549,339 |
| PR Taxes | 545,555 |
| 6400 - FICA SocSec/Medicare | 228,121 |
| 6405 - Unemployment Insurance | 26,451 |
| 6410 - Disability Insurance | 1,815 |
| 6415 - Worker's Compensation | 15,000 |
| Total PR Taxes | 271,388 |
| Total Personnel | 4,783,098 |
| Direct | .,. 55,555 |
| 7000 - Textbooks | 146,515 |
| 7005 - Library Books | 13,156 |
| 7010 - Student Testing Materials | 15,185 |
| 7015 - Classroom Supplies: General | 34,579 |
| 7019 - Classroom Supplies: Special Education | 1,086 |
| 7020 - Classroom Supplies: Art | 4,635 |
| 7023 - Classroom Supplies: Science | 1,584 |
| 7024 - Classroom Supplies: Physical Education | 3,152 |
| 7026 - Sports Teams | 7,500 |
| 7029 - Nursing Services & Supplies | 4,138 |
| 7030 - Summer Arts Program | 4,728 |
| 7041 - Contracted Instruction - All | 25,000 |
| 7050 - Food services | 265,460 |
| 7055 - Transportation Services | 1,374 |
| 7060 - Field Trips | 30,900 |
| 7065 - School Events | 31,518 |
| 7075 - Educational software | 1,690 |
| 7105 - Curriculum Consultants | 5,253 |
| Scholarships | 20,000 |
| 7125 - Contracted Administration | 25,000 |
| Total Direct | 642,453 |
| Professional Fees | |
| 7115 - Technology Consultants | 94,334 |
| 7250 - Payroll Processing Fees | 18,494 |
| 7300 - Legal Fees | 9,170 |
| 7305 - Accounting Fees | 165,219 |
| 7310 - Audit Fees | 35,947 |
| Total Professional Fees | 323,165 |
| General and Administrative Expenses | |
| Advertising and Promotion | |
| 7315 - Marketing | 30,021 |
| 7320 - Recruitment Costs | 13,049 |
| Total Advertising and Promotion | 43,070 |
| Depreciation | |
| 9200 - Depreciation Expense | 680,739 |
| Total Depreciation | 680,739 |
| Facilities 7220 Facility and National Maintenance | 22.22 |
| 7220 - Equipment Rental and Maintenance | 26,624 |
| 7400 - Rent | 346,507 |
| 7405 - Utilities | 114,479 |

| 7.00 | 2 424 |
|---|-----------|
| 7408 - Grounds Maintenance/Snow Removal | 3,404 |
| 7410 - Maintenance & Repairs | 54,941 |
| 7415 - Contracted Janitorial Services | 191,586 |
| 7416 - Janitorial Supplies | 39,164 |
| 7425 - Security Systems | 31,030 |
| Total Facilities | 807,736 |
| Insurance | C 276 |
| 7500 - Insurance - Director & Officers | 6,376 |
| 7505 - Insurance - General Liability | 35,851 |
| 7510 - Insurance - Umbrella | 4,500 |
| Total Insurance | 46,727 |
| Office Supplies | 20.277 |
| 7205 - Office Supplies | 30,277 |
| 7207 - Software Expenses | 129,398 |
| 7215 - Printing and Copying | 2,779 |
| 7225 - Dues and Subscriptions | 2,159 |
| 7230 - Bank Charges | 525 |
| Total Office Supplies | 165,138 |
| Other Expenses | |
| 7255 - Staff Appreciation | 52,530 |
| 7260 - Miscellaneous Expenses | 206 |
| 7265 - Fines, Fees and Penalties | 1,392 |
| 7270 - Taxes | 815 |
| 9001 - Classroom furniture < \$3,000 | 6,082 |
| 9002 - Classroom equipment < \$3,000 | 2,772 |
| 9003 - Office furniture < \$3,000 | 5,253 |
| 9004 - Office hard/software < \$3,000 | 4,128 |
| 9020 - Other equipment | 3,546 |
| Total Other Expenses | 76,724 |
| Telecommunication | |
| 7200 - Telephone | 25,413 |
| Total Telecommunication | 25,413 |
| Staff Expenses | |
| 7235 - Travel | 1,030 |
| 7330 - Professional Development | 15,349 |
| Total Staff Expenses | 16,379 |
| Total General and Administrative Expenses | 1,861,927 |
| Total Expenditures | 7,610,642 |
| Change In Not Accets | 02.544 |
| Change In Net Assets | 92,541 |

| Capital Expenditures | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1610 - Classroom Furniture | 25,000 |
| 1615 - Non Classroom Furniture | 10,000 |
| 1630 - Computer Equipment | 75,000 |
| 1635 - Classroom Equipment | 10,000 |
| Office computer hardware/softw | 5,000 |
| 1697 - Leasehold Improvements | 250,000 |
| 1699 - Construction in Progress | 0 |
| Total Capital Expenditures | 375,000 |
| CASH FLOW | |
| Change In Net Assets | 92,541 |
| Add Back Non Cash: | |
| Depreciation | 680,739 |
| Deduct Capex: | |
| Total Capital Expenditures | (375,000) |
| Financing Activity: | |
| NET CHANGE IN CASH FLOW | 398,280 |
| Cash at the beginning | 4,201,672 |
| Cash at the end | 4,599,952 |

| Stamford Charter School for Excellence | |
|--|-------------------|
| BUDGET YEAR 2025-2026 | • |
| | SCSE |
| | Budget |
| | 6/30/26 |
| One wating Payanua | |
| Operating Revenue Grant Revenues | |
| Grant Revenue - State and Federal | |
| 5010 - Per Pupil Funding - GenEd | 6,963,975 |
| 5010 - Per Pupil Funding - SpEd | 572,141 |
| 5021 - Title I | 125,383 |
| 5022 - Title II | 18,493 |
| 5026 - Title IV | 20,000 |
| 5027 - Title III | 6,027 |
| 5030 - E-Rate | 21,589 |
| 5031 - Federal/State Meal Reimbursement Program | 261,765 |
| 5039 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) | , |
| Total Grant Revenue - State and Federal | 7,989,373 |
| Total Grant Revenues | 7,989,373 |
| Contributions | |
| 5000 - Individual Contributions | 5,000 |
| 5001 - Corporate Contributions | 3,000 |
| 5002 - Foundation Contributions | 120,000 |
| Total Contributions | 128,000 |
| Revenue - Other | |
| 5908 - Interest/Dividends | 200,367 |
| 5900 - Misc Revenue | 5,000 |
| Total Revenue - Other | 205,367 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 8,322,740 |
| | |
| Expenditures | |
| Personnel | |
| Salary and Wages | |
| 6002 - Leadership | 713,146 |
| 6025 - Development | 92,700 |
| 6100 - Lead Teachers | 1,620,406 |
| 6105 - Educational Associates | 50,127 |
| 6115 - Special Education Teachers | 320,000 |
| 6116 - Specialty Teachers | 294,870 |
| 6121 - Student Support | 728,388 |
| 6125 - Community Learning Partners | 5,305 |
| 6170 - Stipends | 26,523 |
| 6175 - Saturday Academy | 124,115 |
| 6200 - Operations/Administration 6215 - Custodial | 459,999 93,114 |
| 6230 - Bonus | 329,268 |
| Total Salary and Wages | 4,857,960 |
| PR Benefits | 4,037,300 |
| 6420 - Health Benefits | 615,991 |
| 6425 - Pension/Retirement | 58,632 |
| 6433 - LTD/STD/ADD/Life | 24,218 |
| 6435 - Dental/Vision Insurance | 31,133 |
| Total PR Benefits | 729,974 |
| PR Taxes | |

| L | |
|--|-----------------|
| 6400 - FICA SocSec/Medicare | 296,634 |
| 6405 - Unemployment Insurance | 6,978 |
| 6410 - Disability Insurance | 2,022 |
| 6415 - Worker's Compensation | 15,000 |
| Total PR Taxes | 320,634 |
| Total Personnel | 5,908,568 |
| Direct | 175 070 |
| 7000 - Textbooks 7005 - Library Books | 175,878 |
| , | 5,150 |
| 7010 - Student Testing Materials | 15,450 |
| 7015 - Classroom Supplies: General | 59,733 |
| 7019 - Classroom Supplies: Special Education | 1,119 |
| 7020 - Classroom Supplies: Art | 4,774 |
| 7023 - Classroom Supplies: Science 7024 - Classroom Supplies: Physical Education | 10,300 4,120 |
| 7024 - Classicotti Supplies. Physical Education 7026 - Sports Teams | 7,500 |
| 7029 - Nursing Services & Supplies | |
| 7030 - Summer Arts Program | 4,262 4,870 |
| 7041 - Contracted Instruction - All | 25,000 |
| 7050 - Food services | 313,935 |
| 7055 - Transportation Services | 1,415 |
| 7060 - Field Trips | 31,827 |
| 7065 - School Events | 32,464 |
| 7068 - Scholarships | 20,600 |
| 7075 - Educational software | 13,106 |
| 7105 - Curriculum Consultants | 5,411 |
| 7125 - Contracted Administration | 25,000 |
| Total Direct | 761,911 |
| Professional Fees | ,01,511 |
| 7115 - Technology Consultants | 101,537 |
| 7250 - Payroll Processing Fees | 25,963 |
| 7291 - Contracted Support Services Expense - CT | 20,500 |
| 7300 - Legal Fees | 10,000 |
| 7305 - Accounting Fees | 170,660 |
| 7310 - Audit Fees | 37,025 |
| Total Professional Fees | 345,186 |
| General and Administrative Expenses | 2 .2,223 |
| Advertising and Promotion | |
| 7315 - Marketing | 30,922 |
| 7320 - Recruitment Costs | 13,441 |
| Total Advertising and Promotion | 44,363 |
| Facilities | ŕ |
| 7220 - Equipment Rental and Maintenance | 23,878 |
| 7400 - Rent | 356,903 |
| 7405 - Utilities | 123,515 |
| 7408 - Grounds Maintenance/Snow Removal | 3,455 |
| 7410 - Maintenance & Repairs | 47,770 |
| 7415 - Contracted Janitorial Services | 225,844 |
| 7416 - Janitorial Supplies | 47,953 |
| 7425 - Security Systems | 51,384 |
| Total Facilities | 880,701 |
| Insurance | |
| 7500 - Insurance - Director & Officers | 8,900 |
| 7505 - Insurance - General Liability | 51,497 |
| 7510 - Insurance - Umbrella | 3,473 |
| Total Insurance | 63,870 |

| Office Supplies | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 7205 - Office Supplies | 33,725 |
| 7207 - Software Expenses | 75,531 |
| 7215 - Printing and Copying | 2,862 |
| 7225 - Dues and Subscriptions | 11,317 |
| Total Office Supplies | 123,435 |
| Other Expenses | |
| 7255 - Staff Appreciation | 54,106 |
| 7260 - Miscellaneous Expenses | 212 |
| 7265 - Fines, Fees and Penalties | 1,433 |
| 7270 - Taxes | 839 |
| 9001 - Classroom furniture < \$3,000 | 6,265 |
| 9002 - Classroom equipment < \$3,000 | 2,855 |
| 9003 - Office furniture < \$3,000 | 5,411 |
| 9004 - Office hard/software < \$3,000 | 4,252 |
| 9020 - Other equipment | 3,653 |
| Total Other Expenses | 79,025 |
| Telecommunication | |
| 7200 - Telephone | 3,005 |
| Total Telecommunication | 3,005 |
| Staff Expenses | |
| 7235 - Travel | 2,551 |
| 7330 - Professional Development | 15,809 |
| Total Staff Expenses | 18,361 |
| Total General and Administrative Expenses | 1,212,760 |
| Total Expenditures | 8,228,425 |
| Change In Net Assets (Cash Only) | 94,315 |
| anange marata (auan amp) | 0 1,020 |
| Non-Cash Items | |
| 9200 - Depreciation Expense | 680,739 |
| | |
| Change In Net Assets (Including Cash Only) | (586,424) |
| Capital Expenditures | |
| 1610 - Classroom Furniture | 25,000 |
| 1615 - Non Classroom Furniture | 10,000 |
| 1630 - Computer Equipment | 50,000 |
| 1635 - Classroom Equipment | 10,000 |
| Office computer hardware/softw | 5,000 |
| 1697 - Leasehold Improvements | 100,000 |
| Total Capital Expenditures | 200,000 |
| | |
| Change In Not Assets | (EQC 424) |
| Change In Net Assets Add Back Non Cash: | (586,424) |
| Depreciation | 680,739 |
| Deduct Capex: | 555,766 |
| Total Capital Expenditures | (200,000) |
| NET CHANGE IN CASH FLOW | (105,685) |
| Cach at the heginning | |
| | |
| Cash at the beginning Cash at the end | 4,468,381 4,362,696 |

STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE, INC. STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

<u>AND</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc. which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc. as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control–related matters that we identified during the audit.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s June 30, 2023 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated December 21, 2023. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 16, 2024 on our consideration of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP

Rochester, New York December 16, 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

| | June 30, | |
|--|---|---|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | 2024 | 2023 |
| CURRENT ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Grants and other receivables Prepaid expenses TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | \$ 4,716,151 864,007 115,491 5,695,649 | \$ 3,956,665 834,502 99,002 4,890,169 |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net | 4,880,114 | 4,470,319 |
| OTHER ASSETS Security deposit Right-of-use assets - operating TOTAL OTHER ASSETS TOTAL ASSETS | 150,000 4,291,029 4,441,029 \$ 15,016,792 | 150,000 4,493,029 4,643,029 \$ 14,003,517 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Accrued expenses Accrued payroll and benefits Reserve for state per pupil funding Due to related parties Current portion of lease liabilities - operating TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | \$ 784,503 59,877 980,974 907,377 205 198,640 2,931,576 | \$ 902,476 150,388 831,563 378,576 40,463 190,998 2,494,464 |
| OTHER LIABILITIES Long-term lease liabilities - operating | 4,199,593 4,199,593 | 4,398,233 4,398,233 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 7,131,169 | 6,892,697 |
| NET ASSETS Without donor restrictions TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | 7,885,623 \$ 15,016,792 | 7,110,820 \$ 14,003,517 |
| TOTAL EMBILITIES AND NET ASSETS | \$ 15,010,77 <u>2</u> | ¥ 11,005,517 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

| | | Year ended June 30, | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| | | 2024 | 2023 | |
| Revenue, gains and other sup | port | | | |
| Public school district: | | | | |
| State per pupil | | \$ 6,127,239 | \$ 6,567,556 | |
| Government grants: | | | | |
| State and local | | 337,202 | 229,592 | |
| Federal - Title and IDEA | | 139,077 | 125,922 | |
| Federal - Other | TOTAL DELENHE GADIS | 734,082 | 793,859 | |
| | TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS | 7.227.600 | 7.71 (020 | |
| | AND OTHER SUPPORT | 7,337,600 | 7,716,929 | |
| Evnançası | | | | |
| Expenses: Program: | | | | |
| Regular education | | 5,779,342 | 5,680,203 | |
| Special education | | 574,277 | 637,026 | |
| Special education | TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES | 6,353,619 | 6,317,229 | |
| | TOTAL TROOKING LAN LINELS | 0,555,017 | 0,517,227 | |
| Management and general | | 522,520 | 640,797 | |
| | TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 6,876,139 | 6,958,026 | |
| | | <u> </u> | | |
| | SURPLUS FROM SCHOOL OPERATIONS | 461,461 | 758,903 | |
| Support and other revenue: | | | | |
| Contributions: | | | | |
| Foundations | | 123,500 | 375,000 | |
| Corporations | | 2,516 | 1,804 | |
| Individuals | | 22,025 | 1,025 | |
| Interest income | | 163,668 | 35,110 | |
| Other | | 1,633 | 18,377 | |
| | TOTAL SUPPORT AND OTHER REVENUE | 313,342 | 431,316 | |
| | CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | 774,803 | 1,190,219 | |
| Net assets at beginning of year | ır | 7,110,820 | 5,920,601 | |
| | NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR | \$ 7,885,623 | \$ 7,110,820 | |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

Year ended June 30, 2024 Supporting **Program Services** Services Management Year ended No. of Regular Special June 30, and 2023 **Positions** Education Education Sub-total Total general Personnel Services Costs: 135,275 \$ \$ Administrative staff personnel \$ 447,373 \$ 136,114 583,487 718,762 \$ 680,573 6 31 140,804 2,450,327 2,450,327 Instructional personnel 2,309,523 2,264,367 38,324 3,621 41,945 7,242 49,187 18,106 Non-instructional personnel 39 2,795,220 280,539 3,075,759 142,517 3,218,276 2,963,046 Total salaries and wages Payroll taxes and employee benefits 999,955 29,874 1,042,229 84,358 1,084,313 1,114,187 Professional development 12,994 1,363 14,357 680 15,037 14,365 742 742 3,891 Legal fees Audit/accounting fees 214,087 195,529 214,087 Professional services 965,898 408,828 42,819 451,647 21,294 472,941 Student and staff recruitment 2,275 20,244 25,099 27,374 866 28,240 Curriculum and classroom supplies 11,423 192,567 192,567 339,715 181,144 Office expenses 72,578 7,479 80,057 39,606 3,730 83,787 Technology 110,622 11,564 122,186 5,735 127,921 111,651 Food services 239,079 15,060 254,139 254,139 304,043 Student services 40,286 2,525 42,811 42,811 39,908 Insurance 46,279 31,667 46,279 Occupancy 281,007 29,486 310,493 14,704 325,197 331,199 Equipment and furnishings 24,954 2,755 27,709 1,374 29,083 23,183 Utilities 102,149 10,389 112,538 5,181 117,719 149,730 85,457 94,753 99,389 49,602 Repairs and maintenance 9,296 4,636 Depreciation and amortization 387,860 61,724 449,584 30,781 480,365 316,673 12,110 1,222 13,332 40 13,372 15,847 Other 5,779,342 574,277 6,353,619 522,520 6,876,139 \$ 6,958,026

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

| | Year ended June 30, | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | | 2024 | 2023 |
| CASH FLOWS - OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Change in net assets | \$ | 774,803 | \$ 1,190,219 |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash | | | |
| provided from operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 480,365 | 316,672 |
| Changes in certain assets and liabilities affecting operations: | | | |
| Grants and other receivables | | (29,505) | (440,599) |
| Prepaid expenses | | (16,489) | (510) |
| Due from related parties | | - | 264,889 |
| Accounts payable | | (616,719) | 156,016 |
| Accrued expenses | | (90,511) | 111,765 |
| Accrued payroll and benefits | | 149,411 | 32,393 |
| Reserve for state per pupil funding | | 528,801 | 170,364 |
| Deferred lease liability | | - - | (79,200) |
| Due to related parties | | (40,258) | (172,683) |
| Lease liabilities, net of right-of-use assets | | 11,002 | 96,202 |
| NET CASH PROVIDED FROM | | | |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | 1,150,900 | 1,645,528 |
| CASH FLOWS - INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Cash paid for security deposit | | _ | _ |
| Purchases of property and equipment | | (391,414) | (346,553) |
| NET CASH USED FOR | | | |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | (391,414) | (346,553) |
| | | | <u> </u> |
| NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | | 759,486 | 1,298,975 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | | 3,956,665 | 2,657,690 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR | \$ | 4,716,151 | \$ 3,956,665 |

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

| | Year ended June 30, | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------|------|---------|
| | 2024 2023 | | 2023 | |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION | | | | |
| NON-CASH OPERATING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment included in accounts payable | \$ | 498,746 | \$ | 304,291 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

NOTE A: THE ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Charter School

Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc. (the "Charter School") is an educational corporation that operates as a charter school in Stamford, Connecticut. On October 20, 2014 the Connecticut State Board of Education granted the Charter School a provisional charter valid for a term of five years and renewable upon expiration on June 30, 2020. In February 2020, the Charter School was awarded a full-term, five-year charter renewal through June 30, 2025. The Charter School prepares young people in Stamford, Connecticut to compete for admission to and succeed in top public, private and parochial high schools by cultivating their intellectual, artistic, emotional, and ethical development.

Classification of net assets

To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Charter School, the accounts of the Charter School are maintained in accordance with the principles of accounting for not-for-profit organizations. This is the procedure by which resources are classified for reporting purposes into net asset groups, established according to their nature and purpose. Accordingly, all financial transactions have been recorded and reported by net asset group.

The assets, liabilities, activities, and net assets are classified based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions. The Board of Trustees has discretionary control to use these in carrying on operations in accordance with the guidelines established by the Charter School.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets subject to donor (or certain grantor) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both. The Charter School had no net assets with donor restrictions at June 30, 2024 or 2023.

Revenue and support recognition

Revenue from Exchange Transactions: The Charter School recognizes revenue in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, as amended. ASU 2014-09 applies to exchange transactions with customers that are bound by contracts or similar arrangements and establishes a performance obligation approach to revenue recognition.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

NOTE A: THE ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Cont'd

The Charter School records substantially all revenues over time as follows:

Public school district revenue

The Charter School recognizes revenue as educational programming is provided to students throughout the year. The Charter School earns public school district revenue based on the approved per pupil tuition rate of the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). The amount received each year from the resident district is the product of the approved per pupil tuition rate and the full-time equivalent student enrollment of the Charter School on October 1st of the fiscal year. Amounts are typically received in four installments during the year. There were no contract balances at June 30, 2024 or 2023.

Contributions

The Charter School recognizes contributions when cash, securities or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or a notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give, that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier, and a right of return, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met.

Contributions received are recorded as with or without donor restrictions depending on the existence of any donor restrictions. A contribution that is received and expended in the same year for a specific purpose is classified as without donor restrictions.

All donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities and changes in net assets as net assets released from restrictions.

Grant revenue

Some of the Charter School's revenue is derived from cost-reimbursable federal and state contracts and grants, which are conditioned upon certain performance requirements and/or the incurrence of allowable qualifying expenses. Amounts received are recognized as revenue when the Charter School has incurred expenditures in compliance with specific contract or grant provisions. Certain grants are subject to audit and retroactive adjustments by its funders. Any changes resulting from these audits are recognized in the year they become known. Qualifying expenditures that have been incurred but are yet to be reimbursed are reported as grants receivable in the accompanying statement of financial position. Amounts received prior to incurring qualifying expenditures are reported as deferred revenue in the accompanying statement of financial position. There was no revenue deferred at June 30, 2024 or 2023.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are maintained at financial institutions located in Connecticut and are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 at each institution. Cash equivalents consist of a money market account. In the normal course of business, the cash account balances at any given time may exceed insured limits. However, the Charter School has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to significant risk in cash and cash equivalents.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

NOTE A: THE ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Cont'd

Grants and other receivables

At each fiscal year end, the Charter School evaluates the need for an expected allowance for credit losses for all outstanding balances that fall under ASC 2014-09. As necessary, the allowance for credit losses is updated at fiscal year-end to reflect any changes in credit risk since the receivable was initially recorded. The allowance for credit losses is calculated on a pooled basis where similar risk characteristics exist.

The Charter School uses historical loss data as a starting point to estimate expected credit losses, given consistent revenue sources since inception. There were no write-offs for years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straightline method on a basis considered adequate to depreciate the assets over their estimated useful lives, which range from three to twenty years. Leasehold improvements are being amortized over the lesser of their estimated useful life or the term of the lease.

Major renewals and betterments are capitalized, while repairs and maintenance are charged to operations as incurred. Upon sale or retirement, the related cost and allowances for depreciation are removed from the accounts and the related gain or loss is reflected in operations.

Reserve for state per pupil funding

The Charter School booked a reserve for per pupil funding for potential unallowed costs at June 30, 2024 and 2023. The Charter School plans to repay these funds to the State of Connecticut during the year ending June 30, 2025.

Tax exempt status

The Charter School is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state regulations and, accordingly, is exempt from federal and state taxes on income.

The Charter School files Form 990 tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction. The Charter School's current and prior three years tax returns remain subject to review by taxing authorities. Management of the Charter School believes it has no material uncertain tax positions and, accordingly it will not recognize any liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

Contributed services

The Charter School receives contributed services from volunteers to develop its academic program and to serve on the Board of Trustees. In addition, the Charter School received counseling, occupational, and speech therapy that was also provided for the students from the local district. The Charter School is not able to determine a value for these services.

In-kind contributions

Gifts and donations other than cash are recorded at fair market value at the date of contribution.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

NOTE A: THE ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Cont'd

Marketing and recruiting costs

The Charter School expenses marketing costs as they are incurred. Total marketing and recruiting costs was \$28,240 and \$20,244 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Use of estimates in the preparation of financial statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Comparatives for the year ended June 30, 2023

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by functional classification. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Charter School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023, from which the summarized information was derived.

Leases

The Charter School leases a building and determines if the arrangement is a lease at inception. Operating leases are included in operating lease right-of-use (ROU) assets, current liabilities, and other liabilities on the accompanying statement of financial position. There were no finance leases at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

ROU assets represent the Charter School's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the obligation to make lease payments arising from the leases. Operating lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As the leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Charter School uses a risk-free rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. The operating lease ROU assets also includes any lease payments made and excludes lease incentives. The lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Charter School will exercise that option. Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The Charter School's lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or restrictive covenants.

In evaluating contracts to determine if they qualify as a lease, the Charter School considers factors such as if the Charter School has obtained substantially all of the rights to the underlying asset through exclusivity, if the Charter School can direct the use of the asset by making decisions about how and for what purpose the asset will be used and if the lessor has substantive substitution rights. This evaluation may require significant judgment.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

NOTE A: THE ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Cont'd

Adoption of new accounting standard – credit losses

In June 2016, the FASB issued guidance (FASB ASC 326) which significantly changed how entities will measure credit losses for most financial assets and certain other instruments that are not measured at fair value through changes in net assets. The most significant change in this standard is a shift from the incurred loss model to the expected loss model. Under the standard, disclosures are required to provide users of the financial statements with useful information in analyzing an entity's exposure to credit risk and the measurement of credit losses. Financial assets held by the Charter School that are subject to the guidance in FASB ASC 326 were receivables.

The Charter School adopted the standard effective July 1, 2023. The impact of adoption was not considered material to the financial statements and primarily resulted in enhanced disclosures only.

Subsequent events

The Charter School has conducted an evaluation of potential subsequent events occurring after the statement of financial position date through December 16, 2024, which is the date the financial statements are available to be issued. No subsequent events requiring disclosure were noted.

NOTE B: LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

The Charter School regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments. The Charter School's main source of liquidity is its cash accounts.

For purposes of analyzing resources available to meet general expenditures over a 12-month period, the Charter School considers all expenditures related to its ongoing activities of teaching, and public service as well as the conduct of services undertaken to support those activities to be general expenditures.

In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, the Charter School operates with a balanced budget and anticipates collecting sufficient revenue to cover general expenditures not covered by donor-restricted resources. Refer to the statement of cash flows which identifies the sources and uses of the Charter School's cash and shows positive cash generated by operations for fiscal years 2024 and 2023.

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, comprise the following at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

| | June 30, | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--|
| | 2024 2023 | | |
| | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 4,716,151 | \$ 3,956,665 | |
| Grants and other receivables | 864,007 | 834,502 | |
| Total financial assets available to management | | | |
| for general expenditures within one year | \$ 5,580,158 | \$ 4,791,167 | |

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

NOTE C: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Excellence Community Schools, Inc. ("ECS"), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping start and run charter schools, provides management and other administrative support services to the Charter School. There was approximately \$0 and \$40,400 of amounts due to ECS from the Charter School for expenses that are to be reimbursed by the Charter School subsequent to June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, there is approximately \$1,270 and \$0, respectively, due to the Charter School from ECS for grants and contributions received by ECS for the benefit of the Charter School.

Bronx Charter School for Excellence ("BE") paid for certain benefit expenses on behalf of the Charter School which is included in due to related parties at June 30, 2024 and 2023 in the amount of approximately \$1,470 and \$50, respectively on the accompanying statement of financial position.

NOTE D: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

| | June 30, | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--|
| | 2024 | 2023 | |
| Furniture and fixtures | \$ 264,586 | \$ 225,081 | |
| Computers and equipment | 1,045,958 | 922,125 | |
| Leasehold improvements | 6,626,295 | 4,546,021 | |
| Construction in progress | | 1,353,451 | |
| | 7,936,839 | 7,046,678 | |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | (3,056,725) | (2,576,359) | |
| | \$ 4,880,114 | \$ 4,470,319 | |

Construction in progress related to renovations at the Charter School's facility which were placed in service in July 2024. Total depreciation expense was \$480,365 and \$316,672 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The Charter School was planning on reconstructing the Convent at the school facility and potentially funding that project with a construction loan. This project was paused in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 and no further plans are in process at this time.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

NOTE E: SCHOOL FACILITY

On July 13, 2018, the Charter School signed a lease for its current facility from a third-party commencing September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2038 for \$240,000 annually. Beginning September 1, 2020, the Charter School started to lease an additional building on the property for \$60,000 per year through August 31, 2038. Beginning September 1, 2024 and on that date every 5th year thereafter during the lease term, rent will be adjusted to escalate equal to the average CORE CPI-U for the Northeast Region over the immediately preceding five years. The Charter School paid a \$150,000 security deposit relative to this lease.

In August 2019, the Charter School signed a lease to rent parking spaces beginning September 2019 through August 2039 with four ten (10) year renewal options. Monthly rent is \$1,183. The lease has escalating payments throughout the term. This lease automatically terminates if the above lease for the building terminates. These costs include monthly parking lot rental expense and outdoor maintenance.

Total rental expense was \$306,665 for each of the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

The Charter School leased office equipment under a lease agreement at a cost of \$621 per month that expired in September 2022. This lease was renewed at a cost of \$598 per month that expires November 2026. Lease expense was approximately \$8,400 and \$7,500 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. The Charter School leases office equipment under an additional lease agreement at a cost of \$1,098 per month that expired in October 2023. This lease was renewed until November 2027. Lease expense was approximately \$13,200 for both the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

A summary of right-of-use assets and liabilities at June 30, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

| | | June 30, | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | 2024 | 2023 |
| | Statement of Financial | | |
| | Position Classification | | |
| <u>Assets</u> | | | |
| Right-of-use assets | Other assets | \$ 4,291,029 | \$ 4,493,029 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current portion of lease liabilities | Current liabilities | \$ 198,640 | \$ 190,998 |
| Long-term lease liabilities | Other liabilities | 4,199,593 | 4,398,233 |
| | | \$ 4,398,233 | \$ 4,589,231 |

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

NOTE E: SCHOOL FACILITY, Cont'd

The components of lease expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

| | June 30, | | | |
|----|----------|------|---------|--|
| | 2024 | 2023 | | |
| | | | | |
| \$ | 351,549 | \$ | 351,549 | |

As of June 30, 2024, minimum payments due for lease liabilities for each of the five succeeding fiscal years and thereafter are as follows:

| | Year ending June 30, | | | Amount |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | |
| | 2025 | | \$ | 341,748 |
| | 2026 | | | 341,748 |
| | 2027 | | | 337,562 |
| | 2028 | | | 332,886 |
| | 2029 | | | 328,596 |
| Thereafter | | | 4,846,966 | |
| | | Total lease payments | | 6,529,506 |
| Less: Interest | | | (| 2,131,273) |
| | Present | value of lease liabilities | \$ | 4,398,233 |

Supplemental information for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

| | June 30, | | | | |
|---|----------|---------|----|-----------|--|
| | | 2024 | | 2023 | |
| Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities: Operating cash flows paid for operating leases | \$ | 340,548 | \$ | 334,548 | |
| Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new lease liabilities (non-cash): | | | | | |
| Operating leases | \$ | - | \$ | 4,768,141 | |
| Weighted-average remaining lease term: Operating leases | | 23.02 | | 23.51 | |
| Weighted-average discount rate: Operating leases | | 3.35% | | 3.34% | |

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

NOTE F: CONTINGENCY

Certain grants and contracts may be subject to audit by funding sources. Such audits might result in disallowance of costs submitted for reimbursement by the Charter School. Management is of the opinion that such disallowances, if any, will not have a material effect on the accompanying financial statements. Accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the accompanying financial statements for such potential claims.

NOTE G: CONCENTRATIONS

For the year ended June 30, 2024, 80% of total operating revenue and support came from per-pupil funding provided by the State of Connecticut through the Stamford School District. For the year ended June 30, 2023, 85% of total operating revenue and support came from per-pupil funding provided by the State of Connecticut through the Stamford School District. The per-pupil rate is set annually by the State based on the school district in which the Charter School's students are located.

NOTE H: RETIREMENT PLAN

Effective July 1, 2016, the Charter School established a defined contribution 403(b) plan covering all eligible employees. The Charter School may match up to 5% of each employee's annual compensation not to exceed the employee's salary deferral amount. The Charter School may also elect to make additional contributions to the Plan on a discretionary basis. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Charter School made contributions of approximately \$90,300 and \$99,100, respectively.

NOTE I: NET ASSETS

Net assets without donor restrictions are as follows:

| | June 30, | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| | 2024 | 2023 | |
| Undesignated Invested in property and equipment, net of related debt | \$ 3,504,255 4,381,368 \$ 7,885,623 | \$ 2,944,792 4,166,028 \$ 7,110,820 | |

NOTE J: FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributed to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. All expenses that are allocated to more than one program or supporting function are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2024 (With Comparative Totals for 2023)

NOTE K: RENEWAL PROCESS

Stamford Excellence is currently in the process of renewing its charter by the Connecticut State Board of Education Regents. The charter currently expires June 30, 2025. The renewal process includes review by the Connecticut State Board of Education of various operational and governance aspects, including fiscal health and internal controls, board governance, and academic performance. Upon review of the application and result, Connecticut State Board of Education will determine if the charter should be renewed and if so, for how long. Successful charter renewals can range from one to five years. At this time, management of Stamford Excellence expect the charter to be renewed.

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

SCHEDULES REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AND THE STATE SINGLE AUDIT ACT

AND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS

JUNE 30, 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Trustees Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc. which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 16, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mengel, Metzger, Barn & Co. LLP

Rochester, New York December 16, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR STATE PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY THE STATE SINGLE AUDIT ACT

Board of Trustees Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the Office of Policy and Management's *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s major state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major State Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the State Single Audit Act (C.G.S. Sections 4-230 to 4-236). Our responsibilities under those standards and the State Single Audit Act are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.'s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Stamford Charter School for Excellence Inc.'s state programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Stamford Charter School for Excellence Inc.'s compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the State Single Audit will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Stamford Charter School for Excellence Inc.'s compliance with the requirements of each major state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the State Single Audit Act, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Stamford Charter School for Excellence Inc.'s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Stamford Charter School for Excellence Inc.'s internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the State Single Audit Act, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Stamford Charter School for Excellence Inc.'s internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance requirement of a state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the State Single Audit Act. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance Required by the State Single Audit Act

We have audited the financial statements of Stamford Charter School for Excellence Inc. as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated December 16, 2024, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the State Single Audit Act and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Mengel, Metzger, Barn & Co. LLP

Rochester, New York December 16, 2024

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

| State Grantor/Pass-Through | State Grant Program | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Grantor/Program Title | CORE-CT Number | Expenditures |
| | | |
| CT Department of Education: | | |
| Passed Through-Town of Stamford | | |
| State Charter Schools | 11000-SDE64000-16119-84179 | \$ 6,464,441 |
| State School Breakfast Program | 11000-SDE64000-17046-82010 | 2,652 |
| Child Nutrition State Match | 11000-SDE64000-16211-82010 | 2,521 |
| Healthy Foods Initiative | 11000-SDE64000-16212-82010 | 4,750 |
| | | 6,474,364 |
| Talent Development | 11000-SDE64000-12552-84131 | 1,633 |
| Total CT Department of Education | | 6,475,997 |
| Total State Financial Assistance | | \$ 6,475,997 |

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE A: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance includes state grant activity of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc. under programs of the State of Connecticut for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Various departments and agencies of the State of Connecticut have provided financial assistance through grants and other authorizations in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. These financial assistance programs fund several educational programs. Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc., it is not intended and does not present the financial position, changes in fund balance, changes in net position, or cash flows of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc.

The accounting policies of Stamford Charter School for Excellence, Inc. conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to not-for-profit organizations.

The information in the Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance is presented based upon regulations established by the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management.

Basis of Accounting

The expenditures reported on the Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. In accordance with Section 4-236-22 of the Regulations to the State Single Audit Act, certain grants are not dependent on expenditure activity, and accordingly, are considered to be expended in the fiscal year of receipt. These grant program receipts are reflected in the expenditures column of the Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

| SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S | RESULTS | | |
|---|------------|----------|---------------|
| Financial Statements | | | |
| Type of auditor's report issued: | Unmodified | | |
| Internal control over financial reporting: | | | |
| • Material weakness (es) identified? | yes | X | no |
| Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | yes | X | none reported |
| Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? | yes | <u> </u> | no |
| State Financial Assistance | | | |
| Internal control over major programs: | | | |
| • Material weakness (es) identified? | yes | X | no |
| Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | yes | X | none reported |
| Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: | Unmodified | | |
| Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 4-236-24 of the Regulations to the State Single Audit Act? | yes | <u> </u> | no |

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, Cont'd

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

The following schedule reflects the major programs included in the audit:

| State Grantor and Program | State Core-CT Number | Expenditures | | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|--|
| CT Department of Education: | | | | |
| Charter Schools | 11000-SDE64000-16119-84179 | \$ | 6,464,441 | |
| Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: | | \$ | 200,000 | |

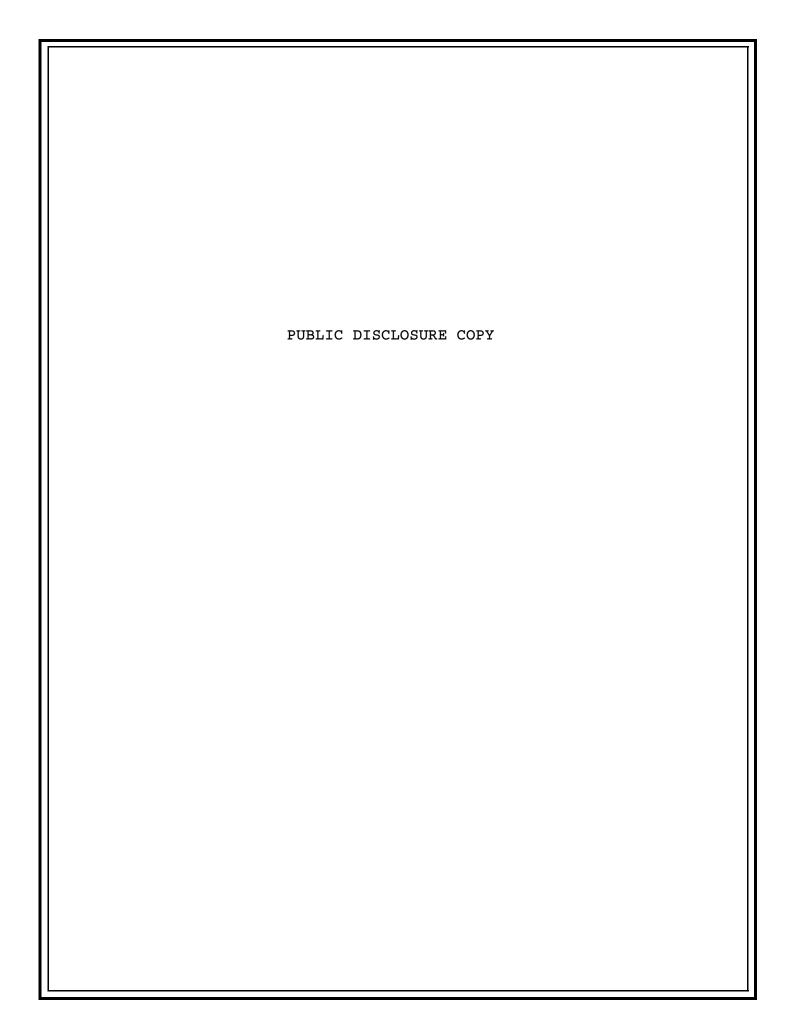
STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE, INC. SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, Cont'd YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None

III. STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None



Form **990**

** PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COPY ** Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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2024 A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2023 and ending JUN Check if applicable: C Name of organization D Employer identification number Address change STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE, Name change 47-2465564 Initial return Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) E Telephone number Room/suite Final return/ termin-ated ONE SCHUYLER AVENUE 203-989-0000 7,650,942. City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code G Gross receipts \$ Amended return STAMFORD, CT 06902 H(a) Is this a group return Applica-tion pending F Name and address of principal officer: DEBRA LOGAN-RABB for subordinates? Yes X No SAME AS C ABOVE _ Yes **H(b)** Are all subordinates included? Tax-exempt status: X 501(c)(3) 501(c) ((insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or If "No," attach a list. See instructions WWW.STAMFORDEXCELLENCE.ORG H(c) Group exemption number K Form of organization: X Corporation Trust Other L Year of formation: 2014 M State of legal domicile; CT Association Part I Summary Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOL FOR Activities & Governance EXCELLENCE PREPARES YOUNG PEOPLE IN STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT TO COMPETE 2 if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets. 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 5 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a) 5 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 7 a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 **b** Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 0. 7h **Prior Year Current Year** 1,527,202. 1,358,402. Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 8 6,585,933. 6,128,872. Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 35,110. 163,668. Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 10 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 0. 0 11 8,148,245 7,650,942 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 12 0. Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) 0. 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 4,005,275. 4,332,463. Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) **b** Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 2,952,751. 2,543,676. 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) 6,876,139. 6,958,026. 18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 1,190,219. 774,803. Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 **Beginning of Current Year End of Year** 5 14,003,517. 15,016,792 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 6,892,697. 7,131,169 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 三年 110,820. 7,885,623 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 Part II | Signature Block Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge. Signature of officer Date Sign DEBRA LOGAN-RABB, BOARD CHAIR Here Type or print name and title Date PTIN Preparer's signature Print/Type preparer's name 04/23/25 self-employed P00150750 MICHELLE CAIN MICHELLE CAIN Paid MENGEL, METZGER, BARR & CO. LLP Firm's EIN 16-1092347 Preparer Firm's name Firm's address 100 CHESTNUT STREET, SUITE 1200 Use Only Phone no. 585-423-1860 ROCHESTER, NY 14604

No

X Yes

| Pai | rt III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments | |
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| | Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III | |
| 1 | Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE CHARGE CHARGE COLOR FOR EXCELLENCE DEEDARES VOLING DEOD | C T T T T |
| | THE STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE PREPARES YOUNG PEOPI STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT TO COMPETE FOR ADMISSION TO AND SUCCEED | |
| | PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL HIGH SCHOOLS BY CULTIVATING THEIR | |
| | INTELLECTUAL, ARTISTIC, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT | |
| 2 | Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the | <u> </u> |
| 2 | prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? | Yes X No |
| | If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O. | |
| 3 | Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? | Yes X No |
| | If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O. | |
| 4 | Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by | / expenses. |
| | Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total e | |
| | revenue, if any, for each program service reported. | . , |
| 4a | | 6,128,872. ₎ |
| | STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE IS A PUBLIC, CHARTER SCH | HOOL THAT |
| | PROVIDES ELEMENTARY EDUCATION TO ABOUT 540 CHILDREN IN PRE-K | THROUGH |
| | 8TH GRADE. | |
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| 4d | Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) | |
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| 4e | (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ Total program service expenses 6,353,619. | |
| | | Form 990 (2023) |

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

| | | | Yes | No |
|-----|--|-------------|------|-------------|
| 1 | Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? | | | |
| | If "Yes," complete Schedule A | 1_ | X | |
| 2 | Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions | 2 | Х | |
| 3 | Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for | | | |
| | public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I | 3 | | X |
| 4 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect | | | |
| | during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | 4 | | Х |
| 5 | Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or | | | |
| | similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III | 5 | | X |
| 6 | Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to | | | |
| • | provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I | 6 | | x |
| 7 | Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, | ۰ | | |
| ' | the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II | 7 | | x |
| 0 | Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If</i> "Yes," <i>complete</i> | - '- | | |
| 8 | , , | | | x |
| • | Schedule D, Part III | 8 | | |
| 9 | Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for | | | |
| | amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? | | | \ . |
| | If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV | 9 | | X |
| 10 | Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments | | | ., |
| | or in quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V | 10 | | <u> X</u> |
| 11 | If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, | | | |
| | as applicable. | | | |
| а | Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, | | | |
| | Part VI | 11a | X | |
| b | Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total | | | |
| | assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII | 11b | | X |
| С | Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total | | | |
| | assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII | 11c | | X |
| d | Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in | | | |
| | Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX | 11d | | Х |
| е | Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X | 11e | Х | |
| f | Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses | | | |
| | the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X | 11f | Х | |
| 12a | Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete | <u> </u> | | |
| | Schedule D, Parts XI and XII | 12a | Х | |
| h | Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? | I Lu | | |
| D | , . | 12b | | x |
| 13 | If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | 13 | Х | |
| | Did the appropriation projection of the control of the Heiland Oletes O | | - 21 | х |
| 14a | Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? | 14a | | |
| b | Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, | | | |
| | investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 | ا م | | x |
| | or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV | 14b | | <u> </u> |
| 15 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any | l | | . |
| | foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV | 15 | | X |
| 16 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to | | | ,, |
| | or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV | 16 | | <u> X</u> |
| 17 | Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, | | | |
| | column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I. See instructions | 17 | | <u> </u> |
| 18 | Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines | | | _ |
| | 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II | 18 | | X |
| 19 | Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," | | | |
| | complete Schedule G, Part III | 19 | | X |
| 20a | Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H | 20a | | Х |
| b | | 20b | | |
| 21 | Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or | | | |
| | domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I. Parts I and II | 21 | | Х |
| | | _ | | _ |

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|------|--|--------------|-----|----------|
| Pa | rt IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued) | | Ι | |
| 22 | Did the examination report more than \$5,000 of grants or other equiptones to or far demostic individuals on | | Yes | No |
| 22 | Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III | 22 | | x |
| 23 | Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current | | | |
| | and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If</i> "Yes," <i>complete</i> | | | |
| | Schedule J | 23 | Х | |
| 24a | Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the | | | |
| | last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete | | | |
| | Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a | 24a | | Х |
| b | Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | 24b | | |
| С | Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease | | | |
| | any tax-exempt bonds? | 24c | | |
| d | Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | 24d | | |
| 25a | Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit | | | |
| | transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I | 25a | | X |
| b | Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and | | | |
| | that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete | | | |
| | Schedule L, Part I | 25b | | X |
| 26 | Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current | | | |
| | or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% | | | x |
| 07 | controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II | 26 | | |
| 27 | Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, | | | |
| | creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III | 27 | | x |
| 28 | Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, | 21 | | |
| 20 | instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions): | | | |
| а | A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If</i> | | | |
| - | "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV | 28a | | х |
| b | A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV | 28b | | Х |
| | A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? If | | | |
| | "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV | 28c | | Х |
| 29 | Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M | 29 | | X |
| 30 | Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation | | | |
| | contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M | 30 | | X |
| 31 | Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I | 31 | | X |
| 32 | Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete | | | |
| | Schedule N, Part II | 32 | | X |
| 33 | Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations | | | |
| | sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I | 33 | | X |
| 34 | Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and | | | v |
| 05 - | Part V, line 1 | 34 | | X |
| | Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | 35a | | |
| D | If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity | 35b | | |
| 36 | within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | 330 | | |
| 30 | | 36 | | x |
| 37 | If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 | 30 | | <u> </u> |
| ٠. | and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI | 37 | | x |
| 38 | Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? | - | | |
| _ | Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O | 38 | Х | 1 |
| Pa | rt V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance | | | |
| | Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V | <u></u> | | |
| | | | Yes | No |
| | Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable 11 | | | |
| | Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable | 4 | | |
| С | Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming | | | |

(gambling) winnings to prize winners?

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

| | i (continued) | | | |
|---------|--|-----|-----|------|
| 0- | Fatew the number of employees reported an Form W.S. Transmittel of Wags and Tay Statements | | Yes | No |
| Za | Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return 2a 42 | | | |
| h | filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return 2a 42 If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? | 2b | х | |
| b 3a | 70.00 | 3a | 21 | Х |
| | MINA III II III II II II II II II II II II | 3b | | - 21 |
| | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-1 for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a | 30 | | |
| Ta | financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? | 4a | | х |
| h | If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country | Ta | | |
| b | See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR). | | | |
| 5a | Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? | 5a | | Х |
| b | Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? | 5b | | X |
| c | If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? | 5c | | |
| 6a | Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit | " | | |
| - | any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? | 6a | | Х |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts | | | |
| - | were not tax deductible? | 6b | | |
| 7 | Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c). | | | |
| a | Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? | 7a | | Х |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? | 7b | | |
| c | Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required | | | |
| | to file Form 8282? | 7c | | Х |
| d | If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year 7d | | | |
| е | Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? | 7e | | |
| f | Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? | 7f | | |
| g | If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? | 7g | | |
| h | If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? | 7h | | |
| 8 | Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the | | | |
| | sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? | 8 | | |
| 9 | Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. | | | |
| а | Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? | 9a | | |
| b | Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? | 9b | | |
| 10 | Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: | | | |
| а | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 | 4 | | |
| b | Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities | 4 | | |
| 11 | Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: | | | |
| а | Gross income from members or shareholders 11a | 4 | | |
| b | Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against | | | |
| | amounts due or received from them.) | | | |
| 12a | Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? | 12a | | |
| b | If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year | - | | |
| 13 | Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers. | | | |
| а | Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? | 13a | | |
| | Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O. | | | |
| b | Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the | | | |
| | organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans | - | | |
| C | Enter the amount of reserves on hand | 44- | | X |
| 14a | Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? | 14a | | |
| _b | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O | 14b | | |
| 15 | Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or | 4- | | Х |
| | excess parachute payment(s) during the year? | 15 | | |
| 10 | If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N. | 40 | | Х |
| 16 | Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? | 16 | | Λ |
| 47 | If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O. | | | |
| 17 | Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities | 47 | | |
| | that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069. | 17 | | |
| | ii res, complete romi duds. | | | |

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Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions.

| | | | | | | X |
|----------|---|----------|------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Sec | tion A. Governing Body and Management | | | | | |
| | | | - | | Yes | No |
| 1a | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year | 1a | 5 | 4 | | |
| | If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing | | | | | |
| | body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O. | | _ | | | |
| b | Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent | 1b | | 4 | | |
| 2 | Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship | with a | any other | | | |
| | officer, director, trustee, or key employee? | | | 2 | | X |
| 3 | Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the | direc | t supervision | | | |
| | | | | 3 | Х | <u> </u> |
| 4 | Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 9 | | | 4 | | X |
| 5 | Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's ass | ets? | | 5 | | X |
| 6 | Did the organization have members or stockholders? | | | 6 | | X |
| 7a | Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or ap | | | | | |
| | more members of the governing body? | | | 7a | | <u> </u> |
| b | Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, st | ockho | lders, or | | | |
| | persons other than the governing body? | | | 7b | | X |
| 8 | Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year | r by the | e following: | | | |
| а | The governing body? | | | 8a | X | |
| b | Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? | | | 8b | Х | |
| 9 | Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be read | | | | | |
| | organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O | | | 9 | | X |
| Sec | tion B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Re | venue | Code.) | | | |
| | | | | | Yes | No |
| | Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? | | | 10a | | X |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such ch | apters | , affiliates, | | | |
| | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | 10b | | <u> </u> |
| 11a | Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body | / befor | e filing the form? | 11a | Х | |
| b | Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. | | | | | |
| 12a | Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 | | | 12a | X | <u> </u> |
| b | Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise | | | 12b | Х | <u> </u> |
| С | Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Y | , | | | | |
| | on Schedule O how this was done | | | 12c | X | |
| 13 | Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? | | | 13 | X | |
| 14 | Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? | | | 14 | Х | |
| 15 | Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approva | | dependent | | | |
| | persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? | | | | | |
| | The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official | | | 15a | X | |
| b | Other officers or key employees of the organization | | | 15b | X | |
| | If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions. | | | | | |
| 16a | Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangen | nent w | ith a | | | |
| | taxable entity during the year? | | | 16a | | X |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate | | • | | | |
| | in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organ | | | | | |
| <u>C</u> | exempt status with respect to such arrangements? | | | 16b | | |
| | tion C. Disclosure | | | | | |
| 17 | List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed | | T (0.(/)(0) | | | |
| 18 | Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, ar | nd 990 | - I (section 501(c)(3) | s only) | availal | ole |
| | for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. | | | | | |
| 40 | Own website Another's website X Upon request Other (explain | | | | | |
| 19 | Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, co | nflict c | οτ interest policy, an | d finan | cial | |
| | statements available to the public during the tax year. | Lin | d on a root | | | |
| 20 | State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's boo | ks and | records | | | |
| | DEBRA LOGAN-RABB - 203-989-0000 ONE SCHILLER AVENUE STAMFORD CT 06902 | | | | | |

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

- 1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.
- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's current key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

X Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations. See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

| (A) | (B) | I | | | | | our | (D) | (E) | (F) |
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| | hours for | or dire | ۰ | | | ted | | organization | (W-2/1099-MISC/ | from the |
| | related | stee | truste | | gy. | pensa | | (W-2/1099-MISC/ | 1099-NEC) | organization |
| | organizations below | ual tru | tional | | ploye | t com /ee | _ | 1099-NEC) | | and related organizations |
| | line) | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | organizations |
| (1) KEVIN FISCHER | 50.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| PRINCIPAL | | | | | Х | | | 256,037. | 0. | 32,417. |
| (2) MONICA RIOS | 50.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS | | | | | Х | | | 175,104. | 0. | 17,271. |
| (3) SHANTAY PRIMUS | 50.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL | | | | | | X | | 160,186. | 0. | 16,285. |
| (4) MICHAEL BRONITSKY | 50.00 | | | | | | | | _ | |
| CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACH | | | | | | Х | | 118,670. | 0. | 8,739. |
| (5) GLENDON HACKETT | 50.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7TH AND 8TH GRADE MATH TEACHER | | | | | | Х | | 110,547. | 0. | 5,028. |
| (6) PATRICK BARTH | 2.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| TREASURER | | Х | | Х | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (7) ROBERT MONSON | 2.00 | | | | | | | | • | • |
| SECRETARY | 2 00 | Х | | X | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (8) CHRIS SHUMWAY DIRECTOR | 2.00 | х | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0 |
| (9) DEBRA LOGAN-RABB | 2.00 | Λ | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| BOARD CHAIR | 2.00 | Х | | x | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (10) CYRIL MOULLE-BERTEAUZ | 1.00 | Λ | | ^ | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| DIRECTOR | 1.00 | Х | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
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| Part VII | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| I dit VII | Section A. Officers, Directors, Trus | | oloy | ees, | | | gnes | t Co | | ' ' | <u> </u> |
| | (A) | (B) | | | _ (0 |) | | | (D) | (E) | (F) |
| | Name and title | Average | (do | | Posi | | l than c | ne | Reportable | Reportable | Estimated |
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| | | week | offic | | | director/trustee) | | tee) | from | from related | other |
| | | (list any | etor | | | | | | the | organizations | compensation |
| | | hours for | r dire | | | | ted | | organization | (W-2/1099-MISC/ | from the |
| | | related | tee o | uste | | | eusa | | (W-2/1099-MISC/ | 1099-NEC) | organization |
| | | organizations | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | | Key employee | omb | | 1099-NEC) | | and related |
| | | below | vidua | tutio | ser | empl | lest c | ner | | | organizations |
| | | line) | Indi | Insti | Officer | Key | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
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| 1b Subt | otal | | | | | | | | 820,544. | 0. | 79,740. |
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| | I (add lines 1b and 1c) | | | | | | | | 820,544. | 0. | 79,740. |
| 2 Total | number of individuals (including but n | ot limited to th | ose | liste | d ab | ove |) wh | o re | ceived more than \$100, | 000 of reportable | _ |

compensation from the organization

Yes Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual 3 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual 4 Х Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services Х rendered to the organization? If "Yes." complete Schedule J for such person

Section B. Independent Contractors

Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

| the organization: heport compensation for the defender year chaining with or with | III tilo organization o tax your. | |
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| (A) Name and business address | (B) Description of services | (C) Compensation |
| Name and business address | Description of services | Compensation |
| FIRSTIMAGE HOME & GARDEN | CONSTRUCTION | |
| PO BOX 7455, WILTON, CT 06897 | SERVICES | 395,990. |
| SACRED HEART CHURCH | | |
| 37 SCHUYLER AVE, STAMFORD, CT 06902 | RENT | 314,196. |
| REGINA CATERERS | | |
| 86 BEADEL STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11222 | FOOD SERVICES | 267,712. |
| ORANGE CLEANING SERVICE | | |
| 1127 HIGH RIDGE ROAD, STAMFORD, CT 06905 | CLEANING SERVICES | 264,415. |
| BJS RENOVATIONS INC | CONSTRUCTION | |
| 757 BURKE AVE, BRONX, NY 10467 | SERVICES | 174,697. |
| 2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those list | ed above) who received more than | |
| \$100,000 of compensation from the organization 9 | | |
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| | | | Check if Schedule O | contains a respons | e oı | r note to any lin | ne in this Part VIII (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) |
| | | | | | | | Total revenue | Related or exempt | Unrelated business revenue | Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514 |
| တ္ တ | 1 | а | Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | | | |
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| ₽,G | | | Fundraising events | | | | | | | |
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| s, G mila | | | Government grants (contr | | , 2 | 210,361. | | | | |
| ion Si | | f | All other contributions, gifts, | , grants, and | | | | | | |
| but | | | similar amounts not included | d above 1f | 1 | L48,041. | | | | |
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts | | g | Noncash contributions included in | lines 1a-1f 1g \$ | | | | | | |
| <u>ဒိ မ</u> | | h | Total. Add lines 1a-1f | | | | 1,358,402. | | | |
| | | | | | - | Business Code | 5 105 000 | 6 400 000 | | |
| <u>e</u> | 2 | | STATE AND LOC | CAL PER PU | - - | | 6,127,239. | | | |
| erv | | b | OTHER INCOME | | - - | 611110 | 1,633. | 1,633. | | |
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| grar Re | | d | | | - - | | | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | | e f | All other program service | rovonuo | - - | | | | | |
| _ | | | Total. Add lines 2a-2f | | | | 6,128,872. | | | |
| | 3 | | Investment income (include | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 163,668. | | | 163,668. |
| | 4 | | Income from investment of | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | | Royalties | | | | | | | |
| | | | | (i) Real | | (ii) Personal | | | | |
| | 6 | а | Gross rents | 6a | _ | | - | | | |
| | | | Less: rental expenses | 6b | _ | | | | | |
| | | | Rental income or (loss) | 6c | | | | | | |
| | _ | | Net rental income or (loss Gross amount from sales of | · | · T | (ii) Other | | | | |
| | ′ | а | assets other than inventory | 7a | + | (ii) Other | - | | | |
| | | h | Less: cost or other basis | 74 | 1 | | - | | | |
| <u>o</u> | | | and sales expenses | 7b | | | | | | |
| venue | | С | Gain or (loss) | | | | | | | |
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| | | | contributions reported on | line 1c). See | | | | | | |
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| | 10 | | Gross sales of inventory, | | Ť | | | | | |
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d All other revenue e Total. Add lines 11a-11d

Total revenue. See instructions

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A) Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX (**D**) Fundraising (C) Management and general expenses Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b. Program service expenses Total expenses 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII. expenses Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 Benefits paid to or for members Compensation of current officers, directors, 397,746. 497,181. 99,435. trustees, and key employees Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) 2,746,551. 2,698,378. 48,173. Other salaries and wages 7 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include 70,443. 70,336. 107. section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) 876,368. 858,109. 18,259. Other employee benefits 9 141,920. 135,503. 6,417. 10 Payroll taxes Fees for services (nonemployees): Management 742. 742. Legal 214,087. 214,087. Accounting Lobbying Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 Investment management fees Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, 21,294. 472,941. 451,647. column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.) 28,240. 27,374. 866. Advertising and promotion 12 83,787. 80,057. 3,730. Office expenses 13 127,921. 122,186. 5,735. Information technology 14 15 Royalties 442,916. 423,031. 19,885. 16 Occupancy 17 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials Conferences, conventions, and meetings 19 20 Payments to affiliates 21 480,365. 449,584. 30,781. Depreciation, depletion, and amortization 22 46,279. 46,279. 23 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered 24 above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) 254,139. 254,139. FOOD SERVICES 192,567. CURRICULUM AND CLASSROO 192,567. 99,389. 94,753. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE 4,636. 42,811. 42,811. STUDENT SERVICES 57,492. 55,398. 2,094. e All other expenses 6,876,139. 6,353,619. 522,520. 0. Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e 25 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined

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| Pai | rt X | Balance Sheet | | | | | |
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| | | Check if Schedule O contains a response or n | ote to any | line in this Part X | | | |
| | | | | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
| | 1 | Cash - non-interest-bearing | | | 1,374,873. | 1 | 470,691. |
| | 2 | Savings and temporary cash investments | | | 2,581,792. | 2 | 4,245,460. |
| | 3 | Pledges and grants receivable, net | | | | 3 | |
| | 4 | Accounts receivable, net | | | 834,502. | 4 | 864,007. |
| | 5 | Loans and other receivables from any current | | | | | |
| | | trustee, key employee, creator or founder, sub | stantial co | ontributor, or 35% | | | |
| | | controlled entity or family member of any of th | ese persoi | ns | | 5 | |
| | 6 | Loans and other receivables from other disqua | alified pers | ons (as defined | | | |
| | | under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons describ | ed in secti | on 4958(c)(3)(B) | | 6 | |
| ß | 7 | Notes and loans receivable, net | | | | 7 | |
| Assets | 8 | Inventories for sale or use | | | | 8 | |
| ğ | 9 | 5 | | | 99,002. | 9 | 115,491. |
| | 10a | Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other | | | | | |
| | | basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | . 10a | 7,936,839. | | | |
| | b | basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D Less: accumulated depreciation | . 10b | 3,056,725. | 4,470,319. | 10c | 4,880,114. |
| | 11 | Investments - publicly traded securities | | | | 11 | |
| | 12 | Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line | | 12 | | | |
| | 13 | Investments - program-related. See Part IV, lin | | | | 13 | |
| | 14 | Intangible assets | | | 1 (12 22 | 14 | |
| | 15 | Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | | | 4,643,029. | 15 | 4,441,029. |
| | 16 | Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must ed | | | 14,003,517. | 16 | 15,016,792. |
| | 17 | Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 1,884,427. | 17 | 1,825,354. | | |
| | 18 | Grants payable | | 18 | | | |
| | 19 | Deferred revenue | | | | 19 | |
| | 20 | Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | | | 20 | |
| | 21 | Escrow or custodial account liability. Complet | | | | 21 | |
| es | 22 | Loans and other payables to any current or fo | | | | | |
| Ħ | | trustee, key employee, creator or founder, sub | | | | | |
| Liabilities | | controlled entity or family member of any of the | | : Г | | 22 | |
| _ | 23 | Secured mortgages and notes payable to unre | | i. | | 23 24 | |
| | 24 25 | Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated Other liabilities (including federal income tax, | | | | | |
| | 23 | parties, and other liabilities not included on lin | | | | | |
| | | (0 | | 1 | 5,008,270. | 25 | 5,305,815. |
| | 26 | Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | | | 6,892,697. | 26 | 7,131,169. |
| - | | Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, c | heck here | X | -,,,- | | .,===,=== |
| es | | and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33. | | | | | |
| anc | 27 | • • • • • | | | 7,110,820. | 27 | 7,885,623. |
| Bala | 28 | | | | | 28 | |
| - Pu | | Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC | | | | | |
| Ξ | | and complete lines 29 through 33. | • | _ | | | |
| þ | 29 | Capital stock or trust principal, or current fund | | 29 | | | |
| sets | 30 | Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or | | | | 30 | |
| As | 31 | Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated | | | | 31 | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 32 | | | | 7,110,820. | 32 | 7,885,623. |
| _ | 33 | Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | | | 14,003,517. | 33 | 15,016,792. |
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| Pa | rt XI Reconciliation of Net Assets | | | | | |
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| | Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI | | | | | |
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| 1 | Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 7 | , 65 | 0,9 | <u>42.</u> |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 6 | , 87 | 6,1 | 39. |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | | 77 | 4,8 | 03. |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A)) | 4 | 7 | ,11 | 0,8 | 20. |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | | | | |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | | | | |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | | | | |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | | | | |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O) | 9 | | | | 0. |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, | | | | | |
| | column (B)) | 10 | 7 | , 88 | 5,6 | 23. |
| Pa | rt XII Financial Statements and Reporting | • | | | | |
| | Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII | | | | | X |
| | | | _ | | Yes | No |
| 1 | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash X Accrual Other | | [| | | |
| | If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule | Ο. | | | | |
| 2a | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? | | | 2a | | Х |
| | If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed | on a | | | | |
| | separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: | | | | | |
| | Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis | | | | | |
| b | Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? | | | 2b | Х | |
| | If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | |
| | consolidated basis, or both: | | | | | |
| | X Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis | | | | | |
| С | If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the | audit, | | | | |
| | review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? | | | 2c | X | |
| | If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Scho | | | | | |
| За | As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the | | | | | |
| _ | Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? | | | За | Х | |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required | | Г | | | |
| _ | or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits | | | 3h | х | |

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990)

<u>Total</u>

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

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| Pa | rt I | Reason for Public (| Charity S | Status. | (All organizations must c | omplete th | nis part.) S | ee instructions | 3. | |
| The | organ | ization is not a private found | ation beca | ause it is: (F | For lines 1 through 12, cl | neck only | one box.) | | | |
| 1 | | A church, convention of chi | urches, or | associatio | n of churches described | in sectio | n 170(b)(1 |)(A)(i). | | |
| 2 | X | A school described in secti | ion 170(b) | (1)(A)(ii). (| Attach Schedule E (Form | n 990).) | | | | |
| 3 | | A hospital or a cooperative | hospital se | ervice orga | nization described in se | ection 170 | (b)(1)(A)(ii | i). | | |
| 4 | | A medical research organization | ation opera | ated in cor | njunction with a hospital | described | in sectio | n 170(b)(1)(A) | (iii). Enter | the hospital's name, |
| | | city, and state: | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | An organization operated for | or the bene | efit of a col | lege or university owned | or operat | ed by a go | vernmental ur | nit describe | ed in |
| | | section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (C | Complete F | Part II.) | | | | | | |
| 6 | | A federal, state, or local gov | vernment o | or governm | nental unit described in | section 17 | 70(b)(1)(A) | (v). | | |
| 7 | | An organization that norma | lly receives | s a substai | ntial part of its support fr | om a gove | ernmental i | unit or from th | e general p | oublic described in |
| | | section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (C | omplete P | art II.) | | | | | | |
| 8 | | A community trust describe | ed in secti | on 170(b)(| 1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part | : II.) | | | | |
| 9 | | An agricultural research org | ganization | described | in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i | x) operate | ed in conju | inction with a | land-grant | college |
| | | or university or a non-land-g | grant collec | ge of agric | ulture (see instructions). | Enter the i | name, city | , and state of | the college | or |
| | | university: | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | | An organization that norma | lly receives | s (1) more | than 33 1/3% of its supp | ort from c | ontributior | ns, membershi | p fees, and | d gross receipts from |
| | | activities related to its exem | npt functio | ns, subjec | t to certain exceptions; a | and (2) no | more than | 33 1/3% of its | support f | rom gross investment |
| | | income and unrelated busing | ness taxab | le income | (less section 511 tax) fro | m busines | ses acquii | red by the org | anization a | ıfter June 30, 1975. |
| | | See section 509(a)(2). (Cor | mplete Par | rt III.) | | | | | | |
| 11 | Ш | An organization organized a | and operat | ted exclusi | vely to test for public saf | ety. See | section 50 |)9(a)(4). | | |
| 12 | | An organization organized a | and operat | ted exclusi | vely for the benefit of, to | perform t | he functior | ns of, or to car | ry out the | purposes of one or |
| | | more publicly supported or | ganization | s describe | d in section 509(a)(1) o | r section | 509(a)(2). | See section 5 | 09(a)(3). (| Check the box on |
| | | lines 12a through 12d that | describes [·] | the type of | f supporting organization | and com | plete lines | 12e, 12f, and | 12g. | |
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| | | the supported organization | | 7 | | majority o | of the direc | tors or trustee | s of the su | pporting |
| | | organization. You must o | - | | | | | | | |
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| е | | Check this box if the orga functionally integrated, or | | | | | | Type I, Type I | i, Type iii | |
| | Enta | er the number of supported o | | | | | ation. | | | |
| | | vide the following information | ū | | d organization(s) | | | | | |
| 9 | | i) Name of supported | (ii) | | (iii) Type of organization | (iv) Is the orga | nization listed | (v) Amount of | monetary | (vi) Amount of other |
| | | organization | | | (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions)) | in your governi Yes | No No | support (see in | structions) | support (see instructions) |
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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

| Sec | ction A. Public Support | | | | | | |
|------|---|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Cale | ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2019 | (b) 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | (f) Total |
| 1 | Gifts, grants, contributions, and | | | | | | |
| | membership fees received. (Do not | | | | | | |
| | include any "unusual grants.") | | | | | | |
| 2 | Tax revenues levied for the organ- | | | | | | |
| | ization's benefit and either paid to | | | | | | |
| | or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 3 | The value of services or facilities | | | | | | |
| | furnished by a governmental unit to | | | | | | |
| | the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 4 | Total. Add lines 1 through 3 | | | | | | |
| 5 | The portion of total contributions | | | | | | |
| | by each person (other than a | | | | | | |
| | governmental unit or publicly | | | | | | |
| | supported organization) included | | | | | | |
| | on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the | | | | | | |
| | amount shown on line 11, | | | | | | |
| | column (f) | | | | | | |
| _ | Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4. | | | | | | |
| | | (a) 2010 | (h) 2020 | (a) 2021 | (4) 2022 | (=) 2022 | (f) Total |
| | ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in) Amounts from line 4 | (a) 2019 | (b) 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | (f) Total |
| 8 | Gross income from interest. | | | | | | |
| 0 | dividends, payments received on | | | | | | |
| | securities loans, rents, royalties, | | | | | | |
| | and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| 9 | Net income from unrelated business | | | | | | |
| 9 | activities, whether or not the | | | | | | |
| | business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 10 | Other income. Do not include gain | | | | | | |
| 10 | or loss from the sale of capital | | | | | | |
| | assets (Explain in Part VI.) | | | | | | |
| 11 | Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | |
| | Gross receipts from related activities, | etc. (see instruction | ons) | | | 12 | |
| | First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the | • | | | | | _ |
| | organization, check this box and stop | _ | | | • | | |
| Sec | ction C. Computation of Publi | | | | | | |
| 14 | Public support percentage for 2023 (I | ine 6, column (f), c | livided by line 11, | column (f)) | | 14 | % |
| 15 | Public support percentage from 2022 | Schedule A, Part | II, line 14 | | | 15 | % |
| 16a | 33 1/3% support test - 2023. If the | organization did no | ot check the box o | on line 13, and line | 14 is 33 1/3% or m | nore, check this bo | x and |
| | stop here. The organization qualifies | as a publicly supp | orted organization | n | | | |
| b | 33 1/3% support test - 2022. If the | organization did no | ot check a box on | line 13 or 16a, and | l line 15 is 33 1/3% | or more, check th | is box |
| | and stop here. The organization qual | • | | | | | |
| 17a | 10% -facts-and-circumstances test | - 2023. If the org | ganization did not | check a box on line | e 13, 16a, or 16b, | and line 14 is 10% | or more, |
| | and if the organization meets the fact | s-and-circumstanc | es test, check this | s box and stop he | ere. Explain in Part | VI how the organiz | zation |
| | meets the facts-and-circumstances te | - | | * | - | | |
| b | 10% -facts-and-circumstances test | _ | | | | | 10% or |
| | more, and if the organization meets the | | | | - | | |
| | organization meets the facts-and-circu | | | | • | | |
| 18 | Private foundation. If the organization | n did not check a | box on line 13, 16 | 6a, 16b, 17a, or 17l | b, check this box a | | |
| | | | | | | Schedule A | (Form 990) 2023 |

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

| Sed | etion A. Public Support | siow, picase comp | note i art ii.j | | | | |
|----------|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Cale | ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2019 | (b) 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | (f) Total |
| | Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | | | | | | |
| 2 | Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services per- | | | | | | |
| | formed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose | | | | | | |
| 3 | Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 | | | | | | |
| 4 | Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to | | | | | | |
| | or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 5 | The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to | | | | | | |
| _ | the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| | Total. Add lines 1 through 5 | | | | | | |
| | Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | |
| b | Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year | | | | | | |
| c | Add lines 7a and 7b | | | | | | |
| 8 Sec | Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) | | | | | | |
| Cale | ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2019 | (b) 2020 | (c) 2021 | (d) 2022 | (e) 2023 | (f) Total |
| | Amounts from line 6 | | , , | | , , | | |
| 10a | Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| b | Unrelated business taxable income | | | | | | |
| | (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c | Add lines 10a and 10b | | | | | | |
| | Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 12 | Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) | | | | | | |
| 13 | Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) | | | | | | |
| 14 | First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the | ie organization's fi | rst, second, third, | fourth, or fifth tax | year as a section | 501(c)(3) organizatio | on, |
| | check this box and stop here | | - | | | | <u></u> |
| | ction C. Computation of Publi | | <u>-</u> | | | | |
| | Public support percentage for 2023 (I | | | column (f)) | | 15 | <u>%</u> |
| | Public support percentage from 2022 | | • | | | 16 | <u>%</u> |
| | ction D. Computation of Inves | | | ina 10. as l | | 147 | |
| | Investment income percentage for 20 | | | | | 17 | <u>%</u> |
| | Investment income percentage from 3 | | | on line 14 and line | | 18 | 7 is not |
| ıya | 33 1/3% support tests - 2023. If the | | | | | | |
| b | more than 33 1/3%, check this box ar 33 1/3% support tests - 2022. If the | organization did r | not check a box or | line 14 or line 19 | a, and line 16 is m | ore than 33 1/3%, a | and |
| 00 | line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, che | | | | | | |
| /() | Private foundation. If the organization | n did not check a | DOX ON line 14 19 | a or igo check th | us dox and see in: | SITUCHORS | 1 1 |

Part IV | Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

- 1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.
- 2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).
- **3a** Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.
- **b** Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** when and how the organization made the determination.
- c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.
- **4a** Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? *If* "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.
- **b** Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.
- c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.
- 5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).
- **b Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?
- c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?
- 6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.
- 7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).
- 8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).
- 9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.
- **b** Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes." provide detail in **Part VI.**
- c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.
- 10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.
 - **b** Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)

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how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.

- b Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes." explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.
- Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.
- a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No" provide details in Part VI.
- b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.

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| Pa | rt V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting | | | |
| 1 | Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying | ng trust or | n Nov. 20, 1970 (<i>explain i</i> | in Part VI). See instructions. |
| | All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations mus | st complet | e Sections A through E. | |
| Sect | ion A - Adjusted Net Income | | (A) Prior Year | (B) Current Year (optional) |
| _1 | Net short-term capital gain | 1 | | |
| 2 | Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 2 | | |
| _3 | Other gross income (see instructions) | 3 | | |
| _4 | Add lines 1 through 3. | 4 | | |
| 5 | Depreciation and depletion | 5 | | |
| 6 | Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or | | | |
| | collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or | | | |
| | maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions) | 6 | | |
| 7 | Other expenses (see instructions) | 7 | | |
| _8_ | Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4) | 8 | | |
| Sect | ion B - Minimum Asset Amount | | (A) Prior Year | (B) Current Year (optional) |
| 1 | Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see | | | |
| | instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year): | | | |
| а | Average monthly value of securities | 1a | | |
| b | Average monthly cash balances | 1b | | |
| С | Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets | 1c | | |
| d | Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c) | 1d | | |
| е | Discount claimed for blockage or other factors | | | |
| | (explain in detail in Part VI): | | | |
| 2 | Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets | 2 | | |
| _3 | Subtract line 2 from line 1d. | 3 | | |
| 4 | Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, | | | |
| | see instructions). | 4 | | |
| _5 | Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3) | 5 | | |
| _6 | Multiply line 5 by 0.035. | 6 | | |
| _ 7 | Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 7 | | |
| 8 | Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6) | 8 | | |
| Sect | ion C - Distributable Amount | | | Current Year |
| 1 | Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A) | 1 | | |
| 2 | Enter 0.85 of line 1. | 2 | | |
| 3 | Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A) | 3 | | |
| 4 | Enter greater of line 2 or line 3. | 4 | | |
| 5 | Income tax imposed in prior year | 5 | | |
| 6 | Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to | | | |

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___ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see

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instructions).

emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).

| Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued) | | | | | | |
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| Secti | on D - Distributions | | Current Year | | | |
| 1 | Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes | | | | | |
| 2 | Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exemple | | | | | |
| | organizations, in excess of income from activity | 2 | | | | |
| 3 | Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations | | | | | |
| 4 | Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets | | | | | |
| 5 | Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI) | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | |
| 7 | 7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6. | | | | | |
| 8 | Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive | | | | | |
| | (provide details in Part VI). See instructions. | | | | | |
| 9 | Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6 | | | | | |
| 10 | Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount | | | | | |
| | | (i) | (ii) | (iii) | | |

| Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions) | | (i) Excess Distributions | (ii) Underdistributions Pre-2023 | (iii) Distributable Amount for 2023 |
|---|---|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6 | | | |
| 2 | Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reason- | | | |
| | able cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions. | | | |
| _3 | Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023 | | | |
| a | From 2018 | | | |
| b | From 2019 | | | |
| c | From 2020 | | | |
| d | From 2021 | | | |
| e | From 2022 | | | |
| f | Total of lines 3a through 3e | | | |
| g | Applied to underdistributions of prior years | | | |
| h | Applied to 2023 distributable amount | | | |
| i_ | Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions) | | | |
| j_ | Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f. | | | |
| 4 | Distributions for 2023 from Section D, | | | |
| | line 7: \$ | | | |
| a | Applied to underdistributions of prior years | | | |
| b | Applied to 2023 distributable amount | | | |
| c | Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4. | | | |
| 5 | Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if | | | |
| | any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater | | | |
| | than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions. | | | |
| 6 | Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h | | | |
| | and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in | | | |
| | Part VI. See instructions. | | | |
| 7 | Excess distributions carryover to 2024. Add lines 3j | | | |
| | and 4c. | | | |
| 8 | Breakdown of line 7: | | | |
| <u>a</u> | Excess from 2019 | | | |
| b | Excess from 2020 | | | |
| c | Excess from 2021 | | | |
| d | Excess from 2022 | | | |
| <u> </u> | Excess from 2023 | | | |

Schedule A (Form 990) 2023

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
Attach to Form 990.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

Inspection

Name of the organization

STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE,

Employer identification number 47-2465564

| Pai | organizations Maintaining Donor Advised organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lin- | | Similar Fund | s or Acc | counts. Complete if the |
|-----|--|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| | | (a) Donor advis | sed funds | (b) |) Funds and other accounts |
| 1 | Total number at end of year | , , | | , | - |
| 2 | Aggregate value of contributions to (during year) | | | | |
| 3 | Aggregate value of grants from (during year) | | | | |
| 4 | Aggregate value at end of year | | | | |
| 5 | Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in v | writing that the assets h | neld in donor adv | rised funds | |
| | are the organization's property, subject to the organization's | - | | | |
| 6 | Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor a | | | | |
| | for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or | r donor advisor, or for a | any other purpos | e conferrin | g |
| | impermissible private benefit? | | | | |
| Par | t II Conservation Easements. Complete if the org | ganization answered "Y | es" on Form 990 | , Part IV, li | ne 7. |
| 1 | Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization | on (check all that apply) |) | | |
| | Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreated | tion or education) | Preservation | of a histori | cally important land area |
| | Protection of natural habitat | L | Preservation | of a certifie | ed historic structure |
| | Preservation of open space | | | | |
| 2 | Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualif | ied conservation contri | bution in the forr | n of a cons | |
| | day of the tax year. | | | - 1 | Held at the End of the Tax Year |
| а | Total number of conservation easements | | | | 2a |
| b | | | | ····· | 2b |
| С | Number of conservation easements on a certified historic stru | | | | 2c |
| d | Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acqui | | | | |
| | on a historic structure listed in the National Register | | | | 2d |
| 3 | Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, rele | eased, extinguished, or | terminated by th | ne organiza | ation during the tax |
| | year | | | | |
| 4 | Number of states where property subject to conservation eas | | | - | |
| 5 | Does the organization have a written policy regarding the per | | | | |
| _ | violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it | | | | |
| 6 | Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, | handling of violations, a | and enforcing co | nservation | easements during the year |
| 7 | Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, hand | lling of violations, and e | enforcing conserv | ation ease | ements during the year |
| _ | | | | (L) (A) (D) (i) | |
| 8 | Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above | | | | □ Vaa □ Na |
| • | and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? | | | | |
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| | balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footn organization's accounting for conservation easements. | lote to the organization | S III Iai ICiai Statei | Herits that | describes trie |
| Par | t III Organizations Maintaining Collections of | Art, Historical Tr | easures, or C | Other Sir | nilar Assets. |
| | Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form | | ŕ | | |
| 1a | If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 95 | | venue statement | and balan | ce sheet works |
| | of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for pub | • | | | |
| | service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its finan | • | • | | 1 |
| b | If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 95 | | | | sheet works of |
| | art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public | | | | |
| | provide the following amounts relating to these items. | , | | | |
| | (i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 | | | | \$ |
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| 2 | If the organization received or held works of art, historical trea | | | | |
| | the following amounts required to be reported under FASB A | | | J / I=- | |
| а | Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 | | | | \$ |
| | Assets included in Form 990, Part X | | | | |

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Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))

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|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Part VII | Investments | - Other Securitie |

| Part VIII Investments - Other Securities | | |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| Complete if the organization answered "Yes" | on Form 990, Part IV, line | 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12. |
| (a) Description of security or category (including name of security) | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
| (1) Financial derivatives | | |
| (2) Closely held equity interests | | |
| (3) Other | | |
| (A) | | |
| (B) | | |
| (C) | | |
| (D) | | |
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| (G) | | |
| (H) | | |
| Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B)) | | |
| Part VIII Investments - Program Related. | | |
| Complete if the organization answered "Yes" | on Form 990, Part IV, line | 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13. |
| (a) Description of investment | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
| (1) | | |
| (2) | | |
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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

| (a) Description | (b) Book value |
|--|----------------|
| (1) SECURITY DEPOSIT | 150,000. |
| (2) RIGHT-OF-USE ASSET | 4,291,029. |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| <u>(5)</u> | |
| (6) | |
| | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B)) | 4,441,029. |

Other Liabilities Part X

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

| 1. (a) Description of liability | (b) Book value |
|--|----------------|
| (1) Federal income taxes | |
| (2) DUE TO RELATED PARTY | 205. |
| (3) DUE TO STATE | 907,377. |
| (4) LEASE LIABILITY | 4,398,233. |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990. Part X. line 25. col. (B)) | 5,305,815. |

Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the X organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Schedule D (Form 990) 2023

BENEFITS.

ACCORDINGLY IT WILL NOT RECOGNIZE ANY LIABILITY FOR UNRECOGNIZED TAX

| Schedule D (Form 990) 2023 | STAMFORD | CHARTER | SCHOOL | FOR | EXCELLENCE, | 47-2465564 | Page 5 |
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SCHEDULE E (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Schools

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

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Employer identification number

| Part I | STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE, 47-2 | 403 | J 0 4 | |
|--|--|----------------------------------|-------|------------------|
| | | | YES | NO |
| 1 Do | es the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, | | | |
| | aws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body? | 1 | X | |
| | es the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, | | | |
| | alogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? | 2 | | X |
| | s the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy on its primary publicly accessible Internet | | | |
| | mepage at all times during its tax year in a manner reasonably expected to be noticed by visitors to the | | | |
| | mepage, or through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the | | | |
| _ | gistration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general | 3 | | Х |
| | mmunity it serves? If "Yes," please describe. If "No," please explain. If you need more space, use Part II HE SCHOOL DOES NOT EXPLICITLY INCLUDE THEIR RACIALLY | 3 | | |
| | ONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY IN ALL OF THEIR COMMUNICATIONS WITH | | | |
| | HE PUBLIC: HOWEVER THEIR RACIALLY NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY | | | |
| | S INCLUDED IN THE SCHOOL'S HANDBOOKS AND ON THEIR WEBSITE. | | | |
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| | es the organization maintain the following? | 4- | Х | |
| | cords indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff? | 4a 4b | X | |
| | cords documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis? pies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing | 40 | Α. | |
| | | 4c | х | |
| | h student admissions, programs, and scholarships? pies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? | 4d | X | |
| | ou answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II. | 70 | | |
| a Stub Adac Emd Sche Eda | es the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to: udents' rights or privileges? missions policies? nployment of faculty or administrative staff? holarships or other financial assistance? ucational policies? e of facilities? | 5a 5b 5c 5d 5e 5f | | X X X X |
| | nletic programs? | 5g | | X |
| | per extracurricular activities? | 5h | | X |
| | ou answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II. | <u> </u> | | |
| b Has | es the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency? s the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? ou answered "Yes" on either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II. | 6a 6b | X | 2 |
| | es the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through | | | |
| | 15 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, as modified by Rev. Proc. 2019-22, 2019-22 I.R.B. 1260, covering | | | |
| | ial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Part II | | Х | |

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Schedule E (Form 990) 2023

| Schedule E | Sup | plementa | al Infori provide a | mation | Provide | the explar | nations re | CHOOL F equired by Par enstructions. | rt I, lir | EXCELLENC nes 3, 4d, 5h, 6b, a | E, 4 7 nd 7, as | 7-24655 | 54 Page 2 |
|------------|-------|----------|------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-----------|
| LINE 6 | 5 – I | EXPLAN | ATION | 1 OF | GOVER | NMENT | FIN | ANCIAL Z | AID |): | | | |
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SCHEDULE J (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

Attach to Form 990.

2023

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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Employer identification number

STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE

Part I | Questions Regarding Compensation

47-2465564

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|----|--|----|-----|-----------|
| | | | Yes | No |
| та | Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, | | | |
| | Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. | | | |
| | First-class or charter travel Housing allowance or residence for personal use | | | |
| | Travel for companions Payments for business use of personal residence | | | |
| | Tax indemnification and gross-up payments Health or social club dues or initiation fees | | | |
| | Discretionary spending account Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) | | | |
| | | | | |
| b | If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or | 41 | | |
| | reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain | 1b | | |
| 2 | Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, | | | |
| | trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a? | 2 | | |
| • | | | | |
| 3 | Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's | | | |
| | CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to | | | |
| | establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. | | | |
| | X Compensation committee | | | |
| | Independent compensation consultant Compensation survey or study | | | |
| | X Form 990 of other organizations X Approval by the board or compensation committee | | | |
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| 4 | During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing | | | |
| | organization or a related organization: | | | |
| а | Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? | 4a | | X |
| b | Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? | 4b | | X |
| С | Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement? | 4c | | X |
| | If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III. | | | |
| | | | | |
| _ | Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9. | | | |
| 5 | For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation | | | |
| | contingent on the revenues of: | | | 77 |
| | The organization? | 5a | | X |
| b | Any related organization? | 5b | | X |
| | If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III. | | | |
| 6 | For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation | | | |
| | contingent on the net earnings of: | | | |
| а | The organization? | 6a | | <u> X</u> |
| b | Any related organization? | 6b | | X |
| | If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III. | | | |
| 7 | For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments | | | |
| | not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III | 7 | | X |
| 8 | Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the | | | _ |
| | initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III | 8 | | X |
| 9 | If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in | | | |
| | Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? | 9 | | |

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2023

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

| (A) Name and Title | | (B) Breakdown of W | /-2 and/or 1099-MISO compensation | C and/or 1099-NEC | (C) Retirement and other deferred | (D) Nontaxable benefits | (E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D) | (F) Compensation in column (B) | |
|------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| | | (i) Base compensation | (ii) Bonus & incentive compensation | (iii) Other reportable compensation | compensation | | | reported as deferred on prior Form 990 | |
| (1) KEVIN FISCHER | (i) | 256,037. | 0. | 0. | 12,072. | 20,345. | 288,454. | 0. | |
| PRINCIPAL | (ii) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| (2) MONICA RIOS | (i) | 175,104. | 0. | 0. | 4,320. | 12,951. | 192,375. | 0. | |
| DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS | (ii) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| (3) SHANTAY PRIMUS | (i) | 160,186. | 0. | 0. | 8,449. | 7,836. | 176,471. | 0. | |
| ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL | (ii) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
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| Part III Supplemental Information |
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| Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information. |
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SCHEDULE O (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE,

Employer identification number 47-2465564

FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

FOR ADMISSION TO AND SUCCEED IN TOP PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL HIGH

SCHOOLS BY CULTIVATING THEIR INTELLECTUAL, ARTISTIC, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL

AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 3:

EXCELLENCE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, INC. ("EXCELLENCE"), AN UNRELATED 501(C)(3)

ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO HELPING START AND RUN CHARTER SCHOOLS, PROVIDES

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE SCHOOL. EXCELLENCE SUPPORTS THE

SCHOOL WITH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEWS THE DRAFT 990 BEFORE IT IS FILED. THE ENTIRE FORM 990 IS EMAILED TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS DISTRIBUTED TO OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS

AND KEY EMPLOYEES ANNUALLY. AFTER REVIEWING, BOARD MEMBERS AND KEY

EMPLOYEES FILL OUT ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION FORMS IN WHICH

THEY DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND PROHIBITED EXCESS BENEFIT

TRANSACTIONS. THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ALL

BOARD MEMBERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES COMPLETE THEIR FORMS AND FOR REVIEWING THE

EXECUTED FORMS FOR ANY PROBLEMATIC CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE SALARY FOR THE PRINCIPAL. THE

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COMPENSATION FOR THESE POSITIONS MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE CANDIDATE

OR EMPLOYEE'S YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND HIS OR HER ABILITY TO MEET THE

STANDARDS SET BY BCSE FOR THE POSITION. ONCE THE SALARY IS SET, SUBSEQUENT

INCREASES GENERALLY FOLLOW INCREASES AFFORDED TO THE REST OF THE STAFF.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE ARE RECOGNIZED THROUGH

BONUSES.

THE BOARD USES APPLICABLE COMPENSATION SURVEYS AND 990'S FOR NON PROFITS OF
SIMILAR SIZE AND COMPLEXITY. THIS CROSS COMPARISON PROVIDES SOME BROADER
PERSPECTIVE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE EMERGENCE IN CHARTER SCHOOLS OF MORE STABLE
AND SEASONED SENIOR STAFF.

THE COMPENSATION FOR OTHER MANAGEMENT POSITIONS WILL BE REVIEWED AND

APPROVED BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE REVIEWS AND APPROVES THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE SCHOOL ESTABLISHING LINES OF ACCOUNTABILITY.
- 2. THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE VERIFIES THE EVALUATION PROCESSES AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW PROCEDURES.
- 3. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEWS COMPARATIVE SALARY INFORMATION OR OTHER

 COMPARABLE RESEARCH USING 990'S TO ENSURE THAT THE SALARY STRUCTURE OF

 STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE, INC. CONTINUES TO ATTRACT AND

 MAINTAIN QUALITY EMPLOYEES.
- 4. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES COMPENSATION FOR

 THE "KEY EMPLOYEES/HIGHEST COMPENSATED INDIVIDUALS" BASED ON

 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL.
- 5. CONTEMPORANEOUS SUBSTANTIATION AND RECORDKEEPING FOR DELIBERATION AND DECISION REGARDING THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

SCSE MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND

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| FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST | 1. |
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| FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C: | |
| THE BOARD HAS NOT CHANGED ITS PROCESS FOR SELECTING THE I | NDEPENDENT |
| AUDITOR NOR HAVE THEY CHANGED THE OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT | FROM PRIOR |
| YEARS. | |
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