# **Application: Emblaze Academy Charter School**

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# **Entry 1 School Info and Cover Page**

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#### **Instructions**

#### **Required of ALL Charter Schools**

Each Annual Report begins with a completed School Information and Cover Page. The information is collected in a survey format within Annual Report portal. When entering information in the portal, some of the following items may not appear, depending on your authorizer and/or your responses to related items.

# **Entry 1 School Information and Cover Page**

(New schools that were not open for instruction for the 2020-2021 school year are not required to complete or submit an annual report this year).

Please be advised that you will need to complete this cover page (including signatures) <u>before</u> all of the other tasks assigned to you by your school's authorizer are visible on your task page. While completing this cover page task, please ensure that you select the correct authorizer (as of June 30, 2021) or you may not be assigned the correct tasks.

# **BASIC INFORMATION**

#### a. SCHOOL NAME

(Select name from the drop down menu)

EMBLAZE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL 320800861126

a1. Popular School Name
(No response)
b. CHARTER AUTHORIZER (As of June 30th, 2021)
Please select the correct authorizer as of June 30, 2021 or you may not be assigned the correct tasks.
BOARD OF REGENTS
c. DISTRICT / CSD OF LOCATION
CSD # 8 - BRONX
d. DATE OF INITIAL CHARTER
6/2013
e. DATE FIRST OPENED FOR INSTRUCTION
8/2022

# f. APPROVED SCHOOL MISSION (Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE authorized schools only)

## MISSION STATEMENT

Through rigorous curriculum and high-quality instruction, provided within an invested and ambitious school community, Emblaze Academy Charter School prepares all students in grades five through eight to thrive in high school and graduate from the college of their choice.

## g. KEY DESIGN ELEMENTS (Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE authorized schools only)

KEY DESIGN ELEMENTS (<u>Briefly</u> describe each Key Design Elements (KDE) as presented in the schools approved charter. KDEs are those general aspects of the school that are innovative or unique to the school's mission and goals, are core to the school's overall design, and are critical to its success.

KDE 1	Rigorous Curriculum  We respect the intelligence, innate desire to learn, and academic capability of our students.
KDE 2	High Quality Instruction  We believe in the power of high quality teachers to transform our students' academic trajectory.
KDE 3	Invested, Ambitious School Community  Our school community is relentlessly ambitious, energetic and focused, and deeply respectful of our students and families.
KDE 4	(No response)
KDE 5	(No response)
KDE 6	(No response)
KDE 7	(No response)
KDE 8	(No response)
KDE 9	(No response)
KDE 10	(No response)

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h. SCHOOL WEB ADDRESS (URL)	
https://www.emblazeacademy.org/	
i. TOTAL MAX APPROVED ENROLLMENT FOR THE program enrollment)	E 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR (exclude Pre-K
300	
j. TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT ON JUNE 30, 20	21 (exclude Pre-K program enrollment)
248	
k. GRADES SERVED IN SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021	(exclude Pre-K program students)
Check all that apply	
Grades Served	5, 6, 7
I1. DOES THE SCHOOL CONTRACT WITH A CHARTORISM ORGANIZATION?	TER OR EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT
No	

# **FACILITIES INFORMATION**

#### m. FACILITIES

Will the school maintain or operate multiple sites in 2021-2022?

		No, just one site.
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# **School Site 1 (Primary)**

# m1. SCHOOL SITES

Please provide information on Site 1 for the upcoming school year.

	Physical Address	Phone Number	District/CSD	Grades to be Served at Site for coming year (K-5, 6-9, etc.)	Receives Rental Assistance for Which Grades (If yes, enter the appropriate grades. If no, enter No).
Site 1	1164 Garrison avenue Bronx, NY 10474	(929) 388-0011	NYC CSD 8	5-8	5-8

# m1a. Please provide the contact information for Site 1.

	Name	Work Phone	Alternate Phone	Email Address
School Leader	Shakina Hinton	917-736-3351		shinton@emblazea cademy.org
Operational Leader	Erienne Rojas	917-415-6547		erojas@emblazeac ademy.org
Compliance Contact	Erienne Rojas			Erojas@emblazeac ademy.org
Complaint Contact	Shakina Hinton	917-736-3351		shinton@emblazea cademy.org
DASA Coordinator	Malcolm Wicks			mwicks@emblazea cademy.org
Phone Contact for After Hours Emergencies	Erienne Rojas			erojas@emblazeac ademy.org

# m1b. Is site 1 in public (co-located) space or in private space?

Private Space			

#### IF LOCATED IN PRIVATE SPACE IN NYC OR IN DISTRICTS OUTSIDE NYC

m1d. Upload a current Certificate of Occupancy (COO) and the annual Fire Inspection Report for school site 1 if located in private space in NYC or located outside of NYC.

Certificate of Occupancy and Fire Inspection. Provide a copy of a current and non-expired certificate of occupancy (if outside NYC or in private space in NYC). For schools that are not in district space (NYC co-locations), provide a copy of a current and non-expired certificate of occupancy, and a copy of the current annual fire inspection results, which should be dated on or after July 1, 2021.

**Site 1 Certificate of Occupancy (COO)** 

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**Site 1 Fire Inspection Report** 

1164 Garrison ave X.pdf

Filename: 1164 Garrison ave X.pdf Size: 190.1 kB

**CHARTER REVISIONS DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR** 

n1. Were there any revisions to the school's charter during the 2020-2021 school year? (Please include approved or pending material and non-material charter revisions).

No

o. Has your school's Board of Trustee's approved a budget for the 2020-2021 FY?

Yes

#### **ATTESTATIONS**

#### p. Individual Primarily Responsible for Submitting the Annual Report.

Name	ERIENNE E ROJAS
Position	CO-HEAD OF SCHOOL
Phone/Extension	917-415-6547
Email	EROJAS@EMBLAZEACADEMY.ORG

p. Our signatures (Executive Director/School Leader/Head of School and Board President) below attest that our school has reviewed, understands and will comply with the employee clearance and fingerprint requirements as outlined in Entry 10 and found in the <a href="NYSED CSO">NYSED CSO</a> Fingerprint Clearance Oct 2019 Memo. Click YES to agree.

# **Responses Selected:**

Yes

q. Our signatures (Executive Director/School Leader/Head of School and Board President) below attest that all of the information contained herein is truthful and accurate and that this charter school is in compliance with all aspects of its charter, and with all pertinent Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and rules. We understand that if any information in any part of this report is found to have been deliberately misrepresented, that will constitute grounds for the revocation of our charter. Click YES to agree and then use the mouse on your PC or the stylus on your mobile device to sign your name).

# **Responses Selected:**

Yes

#### Signature, Head of Charter School



#### Signature, President of the Board of Trustees



#### **Date**

(No response)



Thank you.

# **Entry 3 Progress Toward Goals**

Completed Oct 31 2021

# Instructions

# Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE-authorized charter schools

For the 2020-2021 school year, any academic or organization goals that cannot be evaluated due to school closure resulting in a lack of data and changes in testing,

surveying, and other usual practices should be reported as "N/A". **Deadline is November 1, 2021.** 

# PLEASE NOTE: This is a required task, and it is marked optional for administrative purposes only. Entry 3 Progress Toward Goals

**PROGRESS TOWARD CHARTER GOALS** 

#### Board of Regents-authorized and NYCDOE-authorized charter schools only.

Complete the tables provided. List each goal and measure as contained in the school's currently approved charter, and indicate whether the school has met or not met the goal. Please provide information for all goals no later than November 2, 2021.

#### 1. ACADEMIC STUDENT PERFORMANCE GOALS

For the 2020-2021 school year, any academic goals that cannot be evaluated due to school closure resulting in a lack of data and changes in testing, surveying, and other usual practices should be reported as "N/A".

#### 2020-2021 Progress Toward Attainment of Academic Goals

Academic Student	Measure Used to	Goal - Met, Not	If not met,
Performance Goal	Evaluate Progress	Met or Unable to	describe efforts
	Toward Attainment	Assess	the school will take
	of Goal		to meet goal. If
			unable to assess
			goal, type N/A for
			Not Applicable

Academic Goal 1	At least 75% of total tested students in the in Mathematics maintain a proficient testing level or trend towards proficiency from one years test administration to the next. (standing goal from 2018-2019 school year).	Unable to assess student growth due to COVID-19 Pandemic. School opted out of NYS Testing.	Unable to Assess	N/A
Academic Goal 2	At least 75% of total tested students in the school in ELA maintain a proficient testing level or trend toward proficiency from one years test administration to the next. (standing goal from 2018-2019 school year)	Unable to assess student growth due to COVID-19 Pandemic. School opted out of NYS Testing	Unable to Assess	N/A
Academic Goal 3	At least 75% of subgroups in the school maintain a proficient testing level or trend toward proficiency from one years test administration to the next. analysis will examine proficiency maintenance or improvement of students in the	Unable to assess student growth due to COVID-19 Pandemic. School opted out of NYS	Unable to Assess	N/A

	school who are economically disadvantaged students with disabilities, and English language learners compared to each students previous years test scores. (Standing goal from 2018-2019 school year)	Testing		
Academic Goal 4	More than one year of growth per year as measured by F&P assessments.	Students reading levels were assessed twice during 20-21 school year using two different platforms therefor yielding invalid results. Overall, students showed over 1.5 years of growth, however, the use of two different platforms could not ensure validity.	Unable to Assess	students will retake F&P assessments during 1st month of 21-22 school year.
Academic Goal 5				
Academic Goal 6				
Academic Goal 7				
Academic Goal 8				
Academic Goal 9				
Academic Goal 10				

# 2. Do have more academic goals to add?

(No response)

# **2020-2021 Progress Toward Attainment of Academic Goals**

	Academic Student Performance Goal	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress Toward Attainment of Goal	Goal - Met, Not Met or Unable to Meet	If not met, describe efforts the school will take to meet goal. If unable to assess goal, type N/A for Not Applicable
Academic Goal 21				
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Academic Goal 62		

#### 4. ORGANIZATION GOALS

For the 2020-2021 school year, any organization goals that cannot be evaluated due to school closure resulting in a lack of data and changes in testing, surveying, and other usual practices should be reported as "N/A".

#### 2020-2021 Progress Toward Attainment of Organization Goals

	Organizational Goal	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress	Goal - Met, Not Met, or Unable to Assess	If not met, describe efforts the school will take to meet goal. If unable to assess goal, type N/A for Not Applicable
Org Goal 1	Our goal is to have greater than 90% year over year retention for teachers who are given an offer to return	Intent to Return Survey	Not Met	Positive adult culture

Org Goal 2	Overall rating of 4.0/5.0 or higher on peer surveys	Not assessed	Unable to Assess	
Org Goal 3				
Org Goal 4				
Org Goal 5				
Org Goal 6				
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Org Goal 18				
Org Goal 19				
Org Goal 20				

# 5. Do have more organizational goals to add?

No

## **6. FINANCIAL GOALS**

# 2020-2021 Progress Toward Attainment of Financial Goals

	Financial Goals	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress	Goal - Met, Not Met, or Partially Met	If not met, describe efforts the school will take to meet goal.
Financial Goal 1	Audit is clean (no material findings)	Audited financial statements	Met	
Financial Goal 2	Net income is equal to or greater than Board approved budgeted net income	Audited financial statements	Met	
Financial Goal 3				
Financial Goal 4				
Financial Goal 5				

# 7. Do have more financial goals to add?

(No response)		

#### 2020-2021 Progress Toward Attainment of Financial Goals

	Financial Goals	Measure Used to Evaluate Progress	Goal - Met, Not Met, or Partially Met	If not met, describe efforts the school will take to meet goal.
Financial Goal 6				
Financial Goal 7				
Financial Goal 8				
Financial Goal 9				
Financial Goal 10				

Thank you.

# **Entry 4 - Audited Financial Statements**

Completed Nov 1 2021

#### **Required of ALL Charter Schools**

**ALL SUNY-authorized charter schools** must upload the financial statements in .pdf format into the SUNY Epicenter system no later than **November 1, 2021.** SUNY CSI will forward to NYSED CSO.

**ALL Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE authorized charter schools** must upload final, audited financial statements to the <u>Annual Report Portal</u> no later than **November 1, 2021**. Upload the independent auditor's report, any advisory and/or management letter, and the internal controls report as one submission, combined into a .PDF file, ensuring that security features such as password protection are turned off.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a required task, and it is marked optional for administrative purposes only.

#### FY21 Audited Fin Stmts 6-30-21 FINAL

Filename: FY21 Audited Fin Stmts 6 30 21 FINAL.pdf Size: 658.1 kB

# Entry 4b - Audited Financial Report Template (BOR/NYC/BOE)

Completed Dec 20 2021

**Instructions - Regents-Authorized Charter Schools ONLY** 

Regents-authorized schools must download and complete the Excel spreadsheet entitled "Audited Financial Report Template" from the online portal or the website at <u>2020-2021 Charter School Annual Report webpage</u>. Upload the completed file in Excel format. **Due November 1, 2021.** 

Education Corporations with more than one school should complete the Excel spreadsheet for the Education Corporation as a whole, not for the individual schools. Please submit the same Excel spreadsheet for each of the schools.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a required task, and it is marked optional for administrative purposes only.

#### Emblaze Academy CS BEDS-320800861126 2020-21

Filename: Emblaze Academy CS BEDS 320800861 583CdWM.xlsx Size: 75.1 kB

# **Entry 4c - Additional Financial Documents**

Completed Oct 31 2021

<u>Instructions - Regents, NYCDOE and Buffalo BOE authorized schools</u> must upload financial documents in this section by November 1, 2021. The items listed below should be uploaded, with an explanation if not applicable or available. For example, a "federal Single Audit was not required because the school did not expend federal funds of more than the \$750,000 Threshold."

- 1. Advisory and/or Management letter
- 2. Federal Single Audit
- 3. CSP Agreed-Upon Procedure Report
- 4. Evidence of Required Escrow Account for each school[1]
- 5. Corrective Action Plan for Audit Findings and Management Letter Recommendations

1 Note: For BOR schools chartered or renewed after the 2017-2018 school year, the escrow account per school is \$100,000.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a required task, and it is marked optional for administrative purposes only.

#### 20211031 Annual Report (Entry 4c)

Filename: 20211031 Annual Report Entry 4c.pdf Size: 358.4 kB

# **Entry 4d - Financial Services Contact Information**

Completed Oct 31 2021

<u>Instructions:</u> Please enter the contact information for school staff, firms or other entities providing financial services to the education corporation by November 1, 2021.

# Form for "Financial Services Contact Information"

#### 1. School Based Fiscal Contact Information

School Based Fiscal	School Based Fiscal	School Based Fiscal
Contact Name	Contact Email	Contact Phone
Erienne Rojas		

#### 2. Audit Firm Contact Information

School Audit	School Audit	School Audit	Years Working With
Contact Name	Contact Email	Contact Phone	This Audit Firm
Schall & Ashenfarb, CPA's, LLC			

# 3. If applicable, please provide contact information for the school's outsourced financial services firm.

Firm Name	Contact Person	Mailing Address	Email	Phone	Years With Firm
EDTEC INC.	Derian De La Torre	1410A 62nd Street Emeryville, CA 94608			4

# Entry 5 - Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

Completed Nov 1 2021

<u>Instructions - Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE authorized charter schools</u> should upload a copy of the school's FY21 Budget using the 2021-2022 <u>Projected Annual Budget template</u> in the portal or from the Annual Report website **by November 1, 2021**.

The assumptions column should be completed for all revenue and expense items unless the item is self-explanatory. Where applicable, reference the page number or section in the application narrative that indicates the assumption being made. For instance, student enrollment would reference the applicable page number in Section I, C of the application narrative.

<u>Instructions - SUNY authorized charter schools</u> should download the <u>2021-2022 Budget and</u> <u>Quarterly Report Template</u> on the SUNY website or Epicenter and upload the completed template into the portal **by November 1, 2021**.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a required task, and it is marked optional for administrative purposes only.

### Emblaze - FY 2021-22 NYSED Budget Template 10

Filename: Emblaze FY 2021 22 NYSED Budget MMFVhcu.xlsx Size: 38.6 kB

# **Entry 6 - Board of Trustees Disclosure of Financial Interest Form**

Completed Oct 13 2021

#### Required of ALL Charter Schools by August 2

Each member of the charter school's Board of Trustees who served on a charter school education corporation governing one or more charter schools for any period during the 2020-2021 school year must complete a signed:

- Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Schools: Disclosure of Financial Interest Form
- SUNY- Authorized Charter Schools: <u>SUNY Trustee Financial Disclosure Form</u>

All completed forms must be collected and uploaded in .PDF format for each individual member. If a trustee is not able or available to complete the form by the deadline, the education corporation is responsible for doing so on behalf of the trustee. (Forms completed from past years will not be accepted).

Trustees serving on an education corporation that governs more than one school are not required to complete a separate disclosure for each school governed by the **education** corporation. In the Disclosure of Financial Interest Form, trustees must disclose information relevant to any of the schools served by the governing education corporation. Note: Docusign is accepted.

#### **20211013 Financial Interest Forms**

Filename: 20211013 Financial Interest Forms.pdf Size: 373.9 kB

# **Entry 7 BOT Membership Table**

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# **Instructions**

# Required of All charter schools

ALL charter schools or education corporations governing multiple schools must complete the Board of Trustees Membership Table within the online portal. Please be sure to include and identify parents who are members of the Board of Trustees and indicate whether parents are voting or non-voting members.

# **Entry 7 BOT Table**

- 1. SUNY-AUTHORIZED charter schools are required to provide information for VOTING Trustees only.
- 2. REGENTS, NYCDOE, and BUFFALO BOE-AUTHORIZED charter schools are required to provide information for all --VOTING and NON-VOTING-- trustees.

# 1. 2020-2021 Board Member Information (Enter info for each BOT member)

	Trustee Name	Trustee Email Address	Position on the Board	Commit tee Affiliatio ns	Voting Member Per By- Laws (Y/N)	Number of Terms Served	Start Date of Current Term (MM/DD /YYYY)	End Date of Current Term (MM/DD /YYYY)	Board Meeting s Attende d During 2020- 2021
1	Geraldo Vasquez		Chair	Governa nce	Yes	3	07/01/2 020	06/30/2 021	12
2	Tameka Beckfor d-Young		Secretar y	Governa nce	Yes	3	07/01/2 020	06/30/2 021	12
3	Marlin Jenkins		Trustee/ Member	Enrollm ent & Develop ment	Yes	3	07/01/2 020	06/30/2 021	12
4	Matthe w Kirby- Smith		Trustee/ Member	Finance & Facilities	Yes	3	07/01/2 020	06/30/2 021	12
5	N/A	N/A	Other	N/A	No	1	01/01/2 020	01/01/2 021	12
6	N/A	N/A	Other	N/A	No	1	01/01/2 020	01/01/2 021	12
7	N/A	N/A	Other	N/A	No	1	01/01/2	01/01/2	

							020	021
8	N/A	N/A	Other	N/A	No	1	01/01/2 020	01/01/2 021
9	N/A	N/A	Other	N/A	No	1	01/01/2 020	01/01/2 021

## 1a. Are there more than 9 members of the Board of Trustees?

No

#### 2. INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 1. SUNY-AUTHORIZED charter schools provide response relative to VOTING Trustees only.
- 2. REGENTS, NYCDOE, and BUFFALO BOE-AUTHORIZED charter schools provide a response relative to all trustees.

a. Total Number of BOT Members on June 30, 2021	4
b.Total Number of Members Added During 2020- 2021	0
c. Total Number of Members who Departed during 2020-2021	2
d.Total Number of members, as set in Bylaws, Resolution or Minutes	7

# 3. Number of Board meetings held during 2020-2021

12

12

Thank you.

# **Entry 8 Board Meeting Minutes**

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**Instructions - Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Schools ONLY** 

Schools must upload a complete set of monthly board meeting minutes (July 2020-June 2021), which should match the number of meetings held during the 2020-2021 school year, as indicated in the above table. The minutes provided must be the final version approved by the school's Board of Trustees and may be uploaded individually or as one single combined file. Board meeting minutes must be submitted by August 2, 2021.

#### 2021-2022 NYSED Annual Report (Entry 8)

Filename: 2021 2022 NYSED Annual Report Entry 8.pdf Size: 125.6 kB

#### **2020-2021 Board Minutes**

Filename: 2020 2021 Board Minutes 8s24ucj.pdf Size: 42.7 MB

# **Entry 9 Enrollment & Retention**

Completed Oct 13 2021

# Instructions for submitting Enrollment and Retention Efforts

**ALL charter schools must complete this section.** Describe the good faith efforts the charter school has made in 2020-2021 toward meeting targets to attract and retain the enrollment of Students with Disabilities (SWDs), English Language Learners (ELLs), and students who are economically disadvantaged. In addition, describe the school's plans for meeting or making progress toward meeting its enrollment and retention targets in 2021-2022.

# **Entry 9 Enrollment and Retention of Special Populations**

# Instructions for Reporting Enrollment and Retention Strategies

Describe the efforts the charter school has made in 2020-2021 toward meeting targets to attract and retain enrollment of students with disabilities,

English language learners, and students who are economically disadvantaged. In addition, describe the school's plans for meeting or making progress toward meeting its enrollment and retention targets in 2021-2022.

# **Recruitment/Attraction Efforts Toward Meeting Targets**

Describe Recruitment Efforts in 2020-2021	Describe Recruitment Plans in 2021-2022
Economically Disadvantaged Recruitment:	
Our School is located in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx,	
the Census Bureau reports that the Median household income is \$25,729, which is about 2/5 of	
the average American household. In our community,	
37.7% people live below the poverty line, more than double	
the rate in New York: 13.6% and more than double the rate in the	
United States: 13.1%. Therefore, our school is situated in an	
environment of an economically disadvantaged community and	
we keep this in mind, with our recruitment and the services that we provide.	
Our school did the following to promote our school's recruitment	
efforts in our community:	
We created Facebook and Instagram advertisements in English & Spanish. Our	
community television partner	

"BronxNet" featured our Director of Operations and Operations Manager, who promoted our school to the community. Additionally, postcards were sent to Rising 5th Grade & 6th Grade Families. We sent bilingual "Intent to Return Forms" to our Returning Families. Furthermore, we emailed current families about referring friends, families & neighbors & colleagues in English and Spanish. We also sent emails to our Local Community Board with our recruitment postcard to their listserv. We worked with The Point Community Based Organization to email our recruitment postcards to their listserv, as well. Lastly, we used the "SchoolMint" Common Application in both English and Spanish to improve our recruitment efforts.

**Economically Disadvantaged** 

Our School is located in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx, the Census Bureau reports that the Median household income is \$25,729, which is about 2/5 of the average American household. In our community, 37.7% people live below the poverty line, more than double the rate in New York: 13.6% and more than double the rate in the United States: 13.1%. Therefore, our school is situated in an environment of an economically disadvantaged community and we keep this in mind, with our recruitment and the services that we provide.

Recruitment Plans remain the same from previous school year: vanguard postcard mailers (2, Fall & Winter), BronxNet partnership (local TV company that hosts public media production workshops with schools), and Schola enrollment solution to boost enrollment with data-driven recruitment campaigns.

Our school do the following to promote our school's recruitment efforts in our community:

We will continue to use social media like Facebook and Instagram to advertise our recruitment efforts in English & Spanish. Our community television partner "BronxNet" featured our Director of **Operations and Operations** Manager, who promoted our school to the community. Additionally, we will send postcards to Rising 5th Grade & 6th Grade Families. We will send bilingual "Intent to Return Forms" to our Returning Families. Furthermore, we will email current families about referring friends, families & neighbors & colleagues in English and Spanish. We will also send emails to our Local Community Board with our recruitment postcards to their listservs. We will continue to work with The Point Community Based Organization to email our recruitment postcards to their listserv, as well. Lastly, we will use the "SchoolMint" Common Application in both English and Spanish to improve our recruitment efforts.

We will offer virtual open-houses and once it is safe, in-person open-houses to recruit from our community. We will also reach out to our local Parent Coordinators and Guidance Counselors. Our school has been networking with politicians and

	other local partners to increase our recruitment efforts, as well.	
English Language Learners	In our community, according to our Census Data, 65.1% of the people speak a language other than English at home. According to our Census data from 2018 and 5-year data from beforehand, this is more than double the rate in New York: 30.5%. It is also more than triple the rate in the United States: 21.5%. As such, our school has a multilingual staff and ELL/MLL services to recruit and support this population. Our recruitment efforts are also bilingual.	Recruitment Plans remain the same from previous school year: vanguard postcard mailers (2, Fall & Winter), BronxNet partnership (local TV company that hosts public media production workshops with schools), and Schola enrollment solution to boost enrollment with data-driven recruitment campaigns.
Students with Disabilities	We are a school for students and advertise all of our small group instruction efforts and interventions.	Recruitment Plans remain the same from previous school year: vanguard postcard mailers (2, Fall & Winter), BronxNet partnership (local TV company that hosts public media production workshops with schools), and Schola enrollment solution to boost enrollment with data-driven recruitment campaigns.

# **Retention Efforts Toward Meeting Targets**

	Describe Retention Efforts in 2020-2021	Describe Retention Plans in 2021-2022
Economically Disadvantaged	We provide 100% of school supplies, class novels, two free uniform shirts, and also a 1:1 laptop program.	Recruitment Plans remain the same from previous school year: vanguard postcard mailers (2, Fall & Winter), BronxNet partnership (local TV company that hosts public media production workshops with schools), and Schola enrollment solution to boost enrollment with data-driven recruitment campaigns.
English Language Learners	We offer small group instruction and supports with phonics in the classroom as well as through ELL Foundations Platform. Students can complete the ELL Foundations courses at their own pace, progressing through the courses as the teacher provides feedback and guidance.	Recruitment Plans remain the same from previous school year: vanguard postcard mailers (2, Fall & Winter), BronxNet partnership (local TV company that hosts public media production workshops with schools), and Schola enrollment solution to boost enrollment with data-driven recruitment campaigns.
Students with Disabilities	We have a strong family partnership to ensure students with disabilities have all the tools, resources, and support at home and in schoool.	Recruitment Plans remain the same from previous school year: vanguard postcard mailers (2, Fall & Winter), BronxNet partnership (local TV company that hosts public media production workshops with schools), and Schola enrollment solution to boost enrollment with data-driven recruitment campaigns.

**Entry 10 - Teacher and Administrator Attrition** 

**Completed** Aug 18 2021

# Form for "Entry 10 - Teacher and Administrator Attrition" Revised to Employee Fingerprint Requirements Attestation

#### A. TEACH System - Employee Clearance

Charter schools must ensure that all prospective employees[1] receive clearance through the NYSED Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability (OSPRA) prior to employment. This includes paraprofessionals and other school personnel that are provided or assigned by the district of location, or related/contracted service providers. After an employee has been cleared, schools are required to maintain proof of such clearance in the file of each employee. For the safety of all students, charter schools must take immediate steps to terminate the employment of individuals who have been denied clearance. Once the employees have been terminated, the school must terminate the request for clearance in the TEACH system.

In the Annual Report, charter schools are asked to confirm that all employees have been cleared through the NYSED TEACH system; and, if denied clearance, confirm that the individual or employee has been removed from the TEACH system, and is <u>not</u> employed by the school.

[1] Employees that must be cleared include, but are not limited to, teachers, administrative staff, janitors, security personnel and cafeteria workers, and other staff who are present when children are in the school building. This includes paraprofessionals and other school personnel that are provided or assigned by the district of location, as well as related/contracted service providers. See NYSED memorandum dated October 1, 2019 at

http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/aboutcharterschools/lawsandregs/EmployeeFingerprintOct19.pdf or visit the NYSED website at: <a href="http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tsei/ospra/fingerprintingcharts.html">http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tsei/ospra/fingerprintingcharts.html</a> for more information regarding who must be fingerprinted. Also see, 8 NYCRR §87.2.

#### B. Emergency Conditional Clearances

Charter schools are **strongly discouraged** from using the emergency conditional clearance provisions for prospective employees. This is because the school must simultaneously request clearance through NYSED TEACH, and the school's emergency conditional clearance of the employee terminates <u>automatically</u> once the school receives notification from NYSED regarding the clearance request. Status notification is provided for all prospective employees through the NYSED TEACH portal within 48 hours after the clearance request is submitted. Therefore, at most, a school's emergency conditional clearance will be valid for only 48 hours after approval by the board.

Schools are not permitted to renew or in any way re-establish a prospective employee's emergency conditional clearance after status notification is sent by NYSED through the TEACH portal.

Schools are asked to attest that they have reviewed and understand these requirements. More information can be found in the memo at

http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/aboutcharterschools/lawsandregs/EmployeeFingerprintOct19.pdf.

#### **Attestation**

# **Responses Selected:**

I hereby attest that the school has reviewed, understands, and will comply with these requirements.

# **Entry 11 Percent of Uncertified Teachers**

Completed Oct 13 2021

#### Instructions

#### Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

The table below reflects the information collected through the online portal for compliance with New York State Education Law 2854(3)(a-1) for teaching staff qualifications. Uncertified teachers are those not certified pursuant to the State Certification Requirements established by the NYSED Commissioner of Education.

Enter the relevant full-time equivalent (FTE) count of teachers in each column. For example, a school with 20 full-time teachers and 5 half-time teachers would have an FTE count of 22.5.

# **Entry 11 Uncertified Teachers**

#### **School Name:**

# Instructions for Reporting Percent of Uncertified Teachers

## Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools

The table below reflects the information collected through the online portal for compliance with New York State Education Law 2854(3)(a-1) for teaching staff qualifications. Uncertified teachers are those not certified pursuant to the State Certification Requirements established by the NYSED Commissioner of Education. Enter the relevant full-time equivalent (FTE) count of teachers in each column. For example, a school with 20 full-time teachers and 5 half-time teachers would have an FTE count of 22.5.

If more than one line applies to a teacher, please include in only one FTE uncertified category. Please do not include paraprofessionals, such as teacher aides.

#### **CATEGORY A. 30% OR 5 UNCERTIFIED TEACHERS WHICHEVER IS LESS**

	FTE Count
i. FTE count of uncertified teacher with at least three years of elementary, middle or secondary classroom teaching experience (as of June 30, 2021)	5
ii. FTE count of uncertified teachers who are tenured or tenure track college faculty (as of June 30, 2021)	
iii. FTE count of uncertified teachers with two years of Teach for America experience (as of June 30, 2021)	
iv. FTE count of uncertified teachers with exceptional business, professional, artistic, athletic, or military experience (as June 30, 2021)	
Total Category A: 5 or 30% whichever is less	5.0

# CATEGORY B. PLUS FIVE UNCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, COMPUTER SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY OR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

	FTE Count
i. FTE count of uncertified teacher with at least three years of elementary, middle or secondary classroom teaching experience (as of June 30, 2021)	5
ii. FTE count of uncertified teachers who are tenured or tenure track college faculty (as of June 30, 2021)	
iii. FTE count of uncertified teachers with two years of Teach for America experience (as of June 30, 2021)	
iv. FTE count of uncertified teachers with exceptional business, professional, artistic, athletic, or military experience (as June 30, 2021)	
Total Category B: not to exceed 5	5.0

#### **CATEGORY C: PLUS 5 ADDITIONAL UNCERTIFIED TEACHERS**

	FTE Count
i. FTE count of uncertified teacher with at least three years of elementary, middle or secondary classroom teaching experience (as of June 30, 2021)	
ii. FTE count of uncertified teachers who are tenured or tenure track college faculty (as of June 30, 2021)	
iii. FTE count of uncertified teachers with two years of Teach for America experience (as of June 30, 2021)	
iv. FTE count of uncertified teachers with exceptional business, professional, artistic, athletic, or military experience (as June 30, 2021)	5
Total Category C: not to exceed 5	5.0

# CATEGORY D: TOTAL FTE COUNT OF **UNCATEGORIZED**, **UNCERTIFIED** TEACHERS

(Include teachers who do not fit in one of these categories or if did fit would exceed the numerical limits for that category)

	FTE Count
Total Category D	7

# **CATEGORY E: TOTAL FTE COUNT OF <u>CERTIFIED</u> TEACHERS**

	FTE Count
Total Category E	15

#### **CATEGORY F: TOTAL FTE COUNT OF ALL TEACHERS**

Please do not include paraprofessionals, such as teacher aides.

	FTE Count
Total Category F	37



Thank you.

# **Entry 12 Organization Chart**

Completed Oct 13 2021

#### **Instructions**

#### Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

Upload the 2020-2021 **Organization Chart.** The organization chart should include position titles and reporting relationships. Employee names should not appear on the chart

# **2020-2021 Org Chart**

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# **Entry 13 School Calendar**

Completed Aug 18 2021

Instructions for submitting School Calendar

### **Required of ALL Charter Schools**

Given these uncertain and changing times, charter schools may or may not have a school calendar ready to upload by the submission deadline this year of August 2, 2021. If the charter school has a tentative calendar based on available information and guidance at the time, please submit with the August  $2^{nd}$  submission. Charter schools will be able to upload an updated school calendar into the portal at any time but no later than **September 15, 2021**.

School calendars must meet the <u>minimum instructional requirements</u> as required of other public schools "... unless the school's charter requires more instructional time than is required under the regulations."

Board of Regents-authorized charter schools are required to submit school calendars that clearly indicate the start and end date of the instructional year AND the number of instructional hours and/or instructional days for each month.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a required task, and it is marked optional for administrative purposes only.

#### Final Emblaze 20-21 Calendar

Filename: Final Emblaze 20 21 Calendar.docx 1.pdf Size: 238.6 kB

## **Entry 14 Links to Critical Documents on School Website**

Completed Aug 18 2021

#### **Instructions**

#### Required of Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools ONLY

By law, each charter school is required to maintain certain notices and policies listed on its website. Please insert the link from the school's website for each of the items:

- 1. Most recently filed Annual Report (i.e., 2019-2020 Annual Report);
- 2. Most recent board meeting notice, documents to be discussed at the meeting (if any), and webcast of Board meetings (if held virtually per Governor's Executive Order);
- 3. Link to New York State School Report Card;
- 4. Lottery Notice announcing date of lottery;
- 5. Authorizer-approved DASA Policy;
- 6. District-wide safety plan and Authorizer-approved Discipline Policy (as per August 29, 2019 Emergency Response Plan Memo);
- 7. Authorizer-approved FOIL Policy; and
- 8. Subject matter list of FOIL records.
- 9. Link to School Reopening Plan

## Form for Entry 14 Links to Critical Documents on School Website

School Name: Emblaze Academy Charter School

Required of ALL Charter Schools noting that SUNY-authorized charter schools are not required to submit item 5: Authorizer-approved DASA policy

By law, each charter school is required to maintain certain notices and policies listed on its website. Please insert the link from the school's website for each of the items:

	Link to Documents
1. Most Recent Annual Report (i.e., 2019-20)	https://www.emblazeacademy.org/board
2. Most recent board meeting notice, documents to be discussed at the meeting (if any)	https://www.emblazeacademy.org/board
2a. Webcast of Board Meetings (per Governor's Executive Order)	https://www.emblazeacademy.org/board
3. Link to NYS School Report Card	https://www.emblazeacademy.org/board
4. Lottery Notice announcing date of lottery	https://www.emblazeacademy.org/enroll
5. Authorizer-approved DASA Policy (For Regents, NYCDOE, and Buffalo BOE Authorized Charter Schools ONLY);	https://www.emblazeacademy.org/health-safety
6. District-wide Safety Plan	https://www.emblazeacademy.org/health-safety
6a. Authorizer-Approved Discipline Policy (as per August 29, 2019 Emergency Response Plan Memo)	https://www.emblazeacademy.org/health-safety
7. Authorizer-Approved FOIL Policy	https://www.emblazeacademy.org/health-safety
8. Subject matter list of FOIL records	https://www.emblazeacademy.org/health-safety



Thank you.



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# EMBLAZE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Audited Financial Statements In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

June 30, 2021

### **EMBLAZE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Trustees of Emblaze Academy Charter School

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Emblaze Academy Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility 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.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Emblaze Academy Charter School as of June 30, 2021, 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.

#### Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the School's 2020 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated October 27, 2020. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 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 October 26, 2021 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Schall & Ashenfarb

Certified Public Accountants, LLC

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October 26, 2021

# EMBLAZE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

(With comparative totals as of June 30, 2020)

	6/30/21	6/30/20			
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,392,016	\$222,838			
Government grants receivable - per pupil (Note 3)	15,926	34,533			
Government grants receivable - other	255,930	267,322			
Pledges receivable	171,589	0			
Prepaid expenses and other assets	130,406	217,055			
Security deposits	150,000	220,834			
Fixed assets, net (Note 4)	377,018	343,572			
Restricted cash (Note 5)	50,028	50,013			
Total assets	\$2,542,913	\$1,356,167			
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$235,640	\$137,393			
Paycheck Protection Program Loan (Note 6)	0	338,725			
Deferred rent	1,608,499	1,036,863			
Total liabilities	1,844,139	1,512,981			
Net assets:					
Without donor restrictions	698,774	(156,814)			
Total liabilities and net assets	\$2,542,913	\$1,356,167			
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# EMBLAZE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2020)

	6/30/21	6/30/20
Without Donor Restrictions:		
Public support and revenue:		
Public school district revenue: (Note 3)		
Resident student enrollment	\$3,956,584	\$2,635,681
Students with special education services	1,044,314	793,561
Total public school district revenue	5,000,898	3,429,242
New York City rental assistance (Note 3)	1,183,904	790,462
Other government grants	352,715	327,221
Contributions	176,579	80,000
Government grant - Paycheck Protection Program (Note 6)	338,725	0
Other income	799	1,507
Total public support and revenue	7,053,620	4,628,432
Expenses:		
Program services:		
Regular education	3,780,002	3,501,900
Special education	1,574,615	1,427,037
Total program services	5,354,617	4,928,937
Supporting services - Management and general	843,415	599,863
Total expenses	6,198,032	5,528,800
Change in net assets	855,588	(900,368)
Net assets - beginning of year	(156,814)	743,554
Net assets - end of year	\$698,774	(\$156,814)

# EMBLAZE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2020)

	Program Services			Supporting Services		
	Regular Education	Special Education	Total Program Services	Management and General	Total Expenses 6/30/21	Total Expenses 6/30/20
Salaries Payroll taxes and benefits	\$1,743,297 328,499	\$726,654 136,927	\$2,469,951 465,426	\$345,175 65,042	\$2,815,126 530,468	\$1,942,578 352,486
Total personnel costs	2,071,796	863,581	2,935,377	410,217	3,345,594	2,295,064
Professional fees	10,635	4,427	15,062	218,974	234,036	218,772
Curriculum and classroom expenses	57,720	24,027	81,747		81,747	69,957
Facilities expense (Notes 3 and 8)	1,456,674	606,334	2,063,008		2,063,008	2,647,794
Equipment	12,320	5,128	17,448	8,383	25,831	23,474
Office expenses			0	63,809	63,809	54,506
Professional development	37,200	15,484	52,684		52,684	18,230
Insurance	49,398	20,562	69,960	12,346	82,306	43,491
Recruitment			0	64,403	64,403	62,795
Other expenses			0	65,283	65,283	17,587
Depreciation	84,259	35,072	119,331		119,331	77,130
Total expenses	\$3,780,002	\$1,574,615	\$5,354,617	\$843,415	\$6,198,032	\$5,528,800

### EMBLAZE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2020)

	6/30/21	6/30/20
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$855,588	(\$900,368)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net		
cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	119,331	77,130
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Government grants receivable - per pupil	18,607	(25,757)
Government grants receivable - other	11,392	(228,028)
Pledges receivable	(171,589)	0
Prepaid expenses and other assets	86,649	(153,371)
Security deposits	70,834	0
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	98,247	1,913
Paycheck Protection Program Loan	(338,725)	338,725
Deferred rent	571,636	1,036,863
Total adjustments	466,382	1,047,475
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	1,321,970	147,107
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of furniture and equipment	(152,777)	(260,996)
Net cash used for investing activities	(152,777)	(260,996)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	1,169,193	(113,889)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash - beginning of year	272,851	386,740
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash - end of year	\$1,442,044	\$272,851
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash consists of:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,392,016	\$222,838
Restricted cash (Note 4)	50,028	50,013
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$1,442,044	\$272,851
Supplemental disclosures:		
Interest and taxes paid	\$0	\$0

### EMBLAZE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2021

#### Note 1 - Organization

Emblaze Academy Charter School (the "School"), located in Bronx, New York, is a not-for-profit education corporation chartered by the Board of Regents of the State of New York. The School provides a full range of educational services appropriate for Grades 5-8. The School completed the 2020-2021 fiscal year with an average enrollment of approximately 245 students. The School is a publicly funded, privately managed school, which is independent of the New York City Department of Education ("NYCDOE").

In August 2018, the School was granted a provisional charter for a term up to and including through June 2023. The summarized comparative information reflects activity for the year ended June 30, 2020.

The School has been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that it is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been reflected in the accompanying financial statements. They have not been designated as a private foundation.

The School is affiliated with Friends of Emblaze Academy Charter School, Inc. ("Friends of Emblaze") through the use of shared members of their respective Boards of Trustees. Friends of Emblaze is a not-for-profit corporation established to support the creation of the School and function as the fundraising arm of the School. As the School does not have control over Friends of Emblaze, the financial statements are not permitted to be consolidated. See Note 8 for a description of related party transactions.

#### **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### a. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, which is the process of recognizing revenue and expenses when earned or incurred rather than received or paid.

#### b. Basis of Presentation

Net assets are classified based upon the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions as follows:

- ➤ *Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions* represents those resources for which there are no restrictions by donors as to their use.
- ➤ Net Assets With Donor Restrictions represents those resources, the uses of which have been restricted by donors to specific purposes or the passage of time and/or must remain intact, in perpetuity. The release from restrictions results from the satisfaction of the restricted purposes specified by the donor. The School did not have any net assets with donor restrictions at June 30, 2021 or June 30, 2020.

#### c. Revenue Recognition

The School follows the requirements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 958-605 for recording contributions, which are recognized at the earlier of when cash is received or at the time a pledge becomes unconditional in nature.

Contributions are recorded in the net asset classes referred to above depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor-imposed restriction. When a restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends, or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions. If donor restricted contributions are satisfied in the same period they were received, they are classified as without donor restrictions.

Contributions may be subject to conditions which are defined as both a barrier to entitlement and a right of return of payments or release from obligations and are recognized as income once the conditions have been substantially met.

The School's public-school district revenue and other government grants are primarily conditional, non-exchange transactions and fall under FASB ASC 958-605. Revenue from these transactions is recognized based on rates established by the School's funding sources and when performance related outcomes are achieved as well as other conditions under the agreements are met.

Contributions and grants that are due within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Long-term pledges are recorded at fair value, using risk-adjusted present value techniques. At June 30, 2021, all contributions and grants are expected to be collected within one year.

All receivables are reviewed for collectability. Based on knowledge of specific donors and factoring in historical experience, no allowance for doubtful accounts exists as of June 30, 2021 or June 30, 2020. Write-offs will be made directly to operations in the period the receivable is deemed to be uncollected.

#### d. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the statement of cash flows, the School considers all liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. Restricted cash has been classified separately.

The School follows FASB ASC Topic 230. This requires that restricted cash and cash equivalents be included as components of total cash and cash equivalents as presented on the statement of cash flows.

#### e. Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the School to concentration of credit risk, consist of cash accounts, which have been placed with financial institutions that management deems to be creditworthy. At times, balances may exceed federally insured limits. While at year end the School had uninsured balances, management feels they have little risk and has not experienced any losses due to bank failure.

#### f. Capitalization Policy

Computer hardware, furniture and equipment are capitalized at cost or at the fair value at the date of gift, if donated. The School capitalizes fixed assets in excess of \$5,000 that have a useful life of more than one year. Depreciation was computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of each asset, which generally is between 3 and 7 years.

#### g. <u>Deferred Rent Obligations</u>

Rent expense is recorded on the straight-line basis and recognized evenly over the life of the lease. Rent expense recognized in excess of cash payments is reflected as deferred rent. As future payments exceed the annual expense recognized, deferred rent will be reduced to zero by the end of the lease term.

#### h. Donated Services

Donated services are recognized in circumstances where those services create or enhance non-financial assets or require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased, if not provided in-kind. Board members and other individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of services that assist the School. These services do not meet the criteria outlined above and have not been recorded in the financial statements.

#### i. Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying financial statements. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Such allocations are determined by management on an equitable basis.

Salaries were allocated using time and effort as the basis. The following costs were allocated using the salary allocation as the basis:

- Payroll taxes and benefits
- Insurance

Certain program expenses have been allocated between Regular Education and Special Education based on student FTE rates. All other expenses have been charged directly to the applicable program or supporting services.

#### i. Use of Estimates

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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### k. <u>Contingencies</u>

Government contracts are subject to audit by the grantor. Management does not believe that any audits, if they were to occur, would result in material disallowed costs, and has not established any reserves. Any disallowed costs would be recorded in the period notified.

#### l. Accounting for Uncertainty of Income Taxes

The School does not believe its financial statements include any material, uncertain tax positions. Tax filings for periods ending June 30, 2018, and later are subject to examination by applicable taxing authorities.

#### m. Comparative Financial Information

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. 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 School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020, from which the summarized information was derived.

#### n. New Accounting Pronouncements

FASB issued ASU No. 2020-07, *Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets*, which becomes effective for the June 30, 2022 year with early adoption permitted. This ASU focuses on improving transparency in the reporting of contributed nonfinancial assets and requires a separate line-item presentation on the statement of activities and additional disclosures.

FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases*. The ASU which becomes effective for the June 30, 2023 year, requires the full obligation of long-term leases to be recorded as a liability with a corresponding "right to use asset" on the statement of financial position.

The School is in the process of evaluating the impact these standards will have on future financial statements.

#### Note 3 - Government Grants Receivable - Per Pupil

Activity related to the contract with the NYCDOE can be summarized as follows:

	<u>6/30/21</u>	6/30/20
Beginning grants receivable	\$34,533	\$8,776
Per pupil funding:		
Funding based on allowable FTE's	5,000,898	3,429,242
Advances received	(5.019.505)	(3,403,485)
Ending grants receivable	<u>\$15,926</u>	\$34,533

In addition to per pupil funding, the School was entitled to receive a rent subsidy that is calculated at the lower of 30 percent of the per pupil amount or actual lease costs as approved by the NYCDOE. During the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the amount of rent subsidy recognized was \$1,183,904 and \$790,462 based on the per pupil cap. See Note 8 for a more detailed description of the lease arrangement with Friend of Emblaze.

#### Note 4 - Fixed Assets

Fixed assets consist of the following:

	<u>6/30/21</u>	<u>6/30/20</u>
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$596,675	\$443,898
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(219,657)</u>	(100.326)
Total fixed assets, net	<u>\$377,018</u>	\$343,572

#### **Note 5 - Restricted Cash**

An escrow account has been established to meet the requirement of the Board of Regents of the State of New York. The purpose of this account is to ensure sufficient funds are available for an orderly dissolution or transition process in the event of termination of the charter or school closure.

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#### Note 6 - Paycheck Protection Program Loan

During the fiscal period ended June 30, 2020, the School obtained a loan from the Small Business Administration ("SBA") through the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP"). Terms of the loan indicated that if certain conditions were met, which included maintaining average work forces during periods subsequent to receipt of the loan funds that are not less than pre-determined historical periods, that the loan, or a portion thereof, would be forgiven.

The School accounted for the PPP loan as a conditional contribution in accordance with FASB ASC 958-605. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the School met all of the conditions and recognized the full amount as revenue. The School was notified that the loan was forgiven by the SBA.

#### **Note 7 - Significant Concentrations**

The School is dependent upon grants from the NYCDOE to carry out its operations. Approximately 88% and 91% of the School's total public support and revenue was from the NYCDOE for the fiscal period ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, respectively. If the NYCDOE were to discontinue funding it would have a severe economic impact on the School's ability to operate.

#### Note 8 - Related Party Transaction

The School has a sublease agreement with a related party, Friends of Emblaze, for educational space that became effective July 1, 2019. The lease expires on June 30, 2040 with two five-year renewal options. Friends of Emblaze is responsible to pay rent, various utilities, and provide services on the School's behalf. The School will then make monthly payments to Friends of Emblaze to cover these expenses.

These amounts included base rent of \$990,000 plus additional facility costs of \$492,937 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Future minimum payments under this lease are as follows:

Year ending:	June 30, 2022	\$1,779,528
	June 30, 2023	1,815,120
	June 30, 2024	1,851,420
	June 30, 2025	1,888,440
	June 30, 2026	1,926,216
	Thereafter	31,384,632
Total		\$40,645,356

#### Note 9 - Retirement Plan

The School has a retirement plan ("Plan") under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. All employees who are at least 21 years of age are eligible to participate. Employees may elect to defer a portion of their salary and contribute to the Plan up to statutory amounts and receive an employer-based contribution equal to 100% of the salary reduction contributions made by the employee for the calendar year, not to exceed 3% of the employee's salary.

The School contributed \$26,000 and \$23,000 to the Plan during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, respectively.

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The following vesting periods apply:

vesting
<u>Percentage</u>
0%
50%
100%

#### **Note 10 - Availability and Liquidity**

At June 30, 2021, the School's financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year are \$1,835,461, which consist of cash and cash equivalents of \$1,392,016 and grants and pledges receivable due within one year of \$443,445. There are no external or internal limits imposed on these balances. As part of its liquidity management, the School operates its programs within a board approved budget and relies on grants and contributions to fund its operations and program activities.

#### **Note 11 - Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 26, 2021, the date the financial statements were issued. The School has concluded that no other material events have occurred that are not accounted for in the accompanying financial statements or disclosed in the accompanying notes.

#### **Note 12 - Other Matters**

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" and on March 10, 2020, declared it to be a pandemic. Actions taken around the world to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus include restrictions on travel, quarantines in certain areas, and forced closures for certain types of public places and businesses. The coronavirus and actions taken to mitigate it have had and are expected to continue to have an impact on the economies and financial markets of many countries, including the geographical area in which the School operates. As of the date of these financial statements, many of the travel restrictions and stay at home orders have been lifted, however supply chains remain impacted. Management continues to monitor the outbreak, however as of the date of these financial statements, the potential impact cannot be quantified.



IRA L. SCHALL, CPA DAVID C. ASHENFARB, CPA MICHAEL L. SCHALL, CPA

# 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

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Trustees of Emblaze Academy Charter School

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 Emblaze Academy Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities, 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 October 26, 2021.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School'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 a 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.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free of 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2021-001.

#### Management of the School's Response to Findings

The School's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The School's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### 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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Schall & Ashenfarb
Schall & Ashenfarb

Certified Public Accountants, LLC

October 26, 2021

### EMBLAZE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS JUNE 30, 2021

#### **Current Year:**

#### 2021-001 - Minimum Escrow Account Balances

<u>Criteria:</u> The New York State Education Department requires every charter school to create a dissolution reserve account for purposes of school closure and/or dissolution. After three years of operation a charter school is required to maintain a minimum balance in its escrow account of \$75,000.

*Condition:* As of June 30, 2021, the balance in the School's escrow account was \$50,028.

<u>Cause:</u> Due to a change in personnel, the School did not transfer additional funds to the escrow account.

*Effect:* The School was not in compliance with its charter school agreement, nor the New York State Education Department's requirements for minimum escrow deposits.

*Recommendation:* The School should take immediate steps to ensure its escrow account is properly funded.

*Views of Responsible Officials:* See management's corrective action plan attached.

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None



October 26, 2021

#### Corrective Action Plan

2021-001 - Minimum Escrow Account Balances:

Subsequent to year-end, the School deposited the additional funds into the escrow account.



October 26, 2021

Schall & Ashenfarb, CPA's, LLC 307 Fifth Avenue, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10016

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Emblaze Academy Charter School which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of October 26, 2021, the following representations made to you during your audit.

#### **Financial Statements**

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated June 25, 2021, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 2. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP.



- We acknowledge our responsibility for 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.
- 4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5. Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable. This specifically includes the methodology for the statement of functional expenses.
- 6. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 8. There were no uncorrected misstatements that are material, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole.
- There were no known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments required to be accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 10. Material concentrations, if applicable, have been appropriately disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 11. There were no guarantees, either written or oral, under which the organization is contingently liable, that are required to be recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

#### **Non Attest Services**

In regard to the non-attest services provided by you, we have:

1. Assumed all management responsibilities.



- 2. Designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
- 3. Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
- 4. Accepted responsibility for the results of the services.

As part of your audit, you prepared the draft financial statements and related notes. We have designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee your services and have assumed all management responsibilities. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes.

#### Information Provided

- 1. We have provided you with:
  - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d) Minutes of the meetings of the governing board or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
  - 2. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
  - We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
  - 4. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the organization and involves:
    - a) Management,
    - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
    - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.



- 5. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the organization's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others.
- 6. We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements. This includes the issue of the rent subsidy we receive from NYCDOE. We are subleasing our space from a related party that holds the underlying lease with the landlord of the space. The monthly payments that we make to the related party under the sublease agreement are more than the monthly payments that the related party makes to the landlord in the underlying lease. The difference covers the additional facility costs that are necessary for maintaining and operating the building. We have reviewed our sublease agreement with legal counsel and have been advised that it does not violate any applicable laws and regulations. All payments made to the School from NYCDOE for the rent subsidy have been or will be used on actual rent costs in compliance with the law.
- We are not aware of any pending or threatening litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims
  or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance
  with U.S. GAAP.
- 8. We have disclosed to you the identity of the organization's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- The organization has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 10. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us; and we have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- 11. We have evaluated subsequent events through the report date including events related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We have concluded that there are no adjustments needed to the financial statements. The estimated potential future impact cannot be determined.
- 12. We have no plans or intentions to discontinue the operations of any program or discontinue any significant services or activities.



- 13. The School received full forgiveness of the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") loan during the year.
- 14. Emblaze Academy Charter School is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any activities of which we are aware that would jeopardize the School's tax-exempt status, and all activities subject to tax on unrelated business income or excise or other tax, have been disclosed to you and appropriately reported. All required filings with tax authorities are up-to-date.
- 15. There have been no instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance.
- 16. There have been no instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provision of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- 17. There have been no instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.

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**Erienne Rojas** 

Co-Head of School

Subject: Re: Emblaze - Escrow Account

Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 1:42:57 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: **Erienne Rojas** To: Laura Hill

CC: Shakina Hinton

Attachments: image001.png, image002.jpg, image003.jpg, image004.jpg

Hey Laura,

Thank you for the ongoing communication here around this unforeseen situation. I received confirmation from Chase yesterday that signer changes have been successfully completed and as a result, I have now full access to the savings/escrow account ending in 3731. I was finally able to transfer the funds! See below for support documentation. Let me know if you need anything else from our end here. We will be sharing this with the auditor as well.



You've scheduled a transfer of \$25,000.00 to your CHASE BUS PREM

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Transfer date Memo

Oct 25, 2021 Escrow, Yearly Requiremen

In Gratitude, Erienne

#### Erienne E. Rojas I Co-Head of School I 917.415.6547



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From: Laura Hill < Laura. Hill@nysed.gov>

Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10:55 AM To: Erienne Rojas <erojas@emblazeacademy.org> Cc: Shakina Hinton <shinton@emblazeacademy.org>

Subject: RE: Emblaze - Escrow Account

Hi Erienne,

I understand your concern, but we do not offer extensions. We are aware that the situation was unforeseen and I will definitely note that in my annual report review. If you can get the funds transferred quickly, then I really don't see any major repercussions as far as the renewal. I've spoken with our finance manager and filed our correspondence regarding the escrow account. We will be able to explain the situation if/when it comes up in the renewal report. Please do let me know as soon as the funds are transferred.

Thank you, Laura

**From:** Erienne Rojas <erojas@emblazeacademy.org>

**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 4:23 PM **To:** Laura Hill <Laura.Hill@nysed.gov>

Cc: Shakina Hinton <shinton@emblazeacademy.org>

**Subject:** Re: Emblaze - Escrow Account

Dear Laura,

Thank you so much for all of your support given to Shakina and I in a very challenging time. I appreciate your words very much in noting our transparency and proactiveness here. We are doing everything we can for our school community!

I am writing to follow-up about the audit. Here is what the auditor sent us about how the finding would read:

#### **Current Year:**

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<u>Effect:</u> The School was not in compliance with its charter school agreement nor the New York State Education Department's requirements for minimum escrow deposits.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The School should take immediate steps to ensure its escrow account is properly funded.

Since there is no formal process for a waiver, would it be possible at all to be granted an extension instead considering this unforeseen obstacle? I am hoping to have the funds transferred by 11/1 into the escrow account.

In Gratitude, Erienne --

#### Erienne E. Rojas I Co-Head of School I 917.415.6547



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From: Laura Hill < Laura. Hill@nysed.gov >

**Date:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 11:19 AM **To:** Erienne Rojas < <a href="mailto:erojas@emblazeacademy.org">erojas@emblazeacademy.org</a> **Cc:** Shakina Hinton < <a href="mailto:shinton@emblazeacademy.org">shinton@emblazeacademy.org</a>

Subject: RE: Emblaze - Escrow Account

Hi Erienne,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We appreciate your transparency and understand that this was an unexpected obstacle. There is no formal process whereby we would issue a waiver. As you noted in our conversation, this could be noted as a finding in the auditor's report. However, you were proactive in letting the CSO and auditor know about this, you have indicated that the money is there (just not accessible to you at the moment), and you are obviously taking immediate action to remedy the situation. These points will be noted by the CSO and taken into consideration when/if the auditor does include the \$25K needed for the escrow account in his/her report.

Please keep me updated on the situation so that I know when everything is all set.

Thank you, Laura

From: Erienne Rojas < <a href="mailto:erojas@emblazeacademy.org">erojas@emblazeacademy.org</a>>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021 4:45 PM **To:** Laura Hill < <u>Laura.Hill@nysed.gov</u>>

Cc: Shakina Hinton <shinton@emblazeacademy.org>

Subject: Emblaze - Escrow Account

Dear Laura,

Thank you so much for all of your time over zoom and the phone today.

As per our discussion, we would like to request an extension for the yearly requirement that was due at the end of the previous fiscal year to transfer the \$25k into our escrow account. We were not able to initiate the transfer back in June because I do not have access to the escrow account (Business Savings account ending in 3731). I realized only at the end of June 2021 that I had not been added as an authorized user to the escrow account though I do in fact have access to all of the other school

accounts. Our business banker advised me to go to my Chase local branch to have my name added to the account then but when I went to do so, I was told by the banker that the window of time had passed for me to be added through the branch. Apparently, I was supposed to have been added back when I was hired in 2017. There is in fact still another way to be added to the account as a signer but this would entail that a manual submission on my behalf be sent to the Chase's back office team.

Please let me know if an extension can be granted. We appreciate your consideration of said request.

In Gratitude, Erienne

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Erienne E. Rojas I Co-Head of School I 917.415.6547



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2021-001 - Minimum Escrow Account Balances:

Subsequent to year-end, the School deposited the additional funds into the escrow account.

## Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Proposed Board of Trustees Member – Board of Regents-Authorized Charter Schools

Name: Dr. Geraldo Vasquez, DBA				
	Name of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, if the charter school is the only school operated by the education corporation):			
Er	mblaze Academy Charter School, Inc.			
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).			
	a. Chair, Board of Trustees			
	<b>b.</b> Chair, Governance Committee			
2	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation? YesNo X			
	If <b>Yes</b> , for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.			
3.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities?			
	Yes <b>No X</b>			
	If <b>Yes</b> , please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.			
4.	Identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you or any of your immediate family members or any persons who live with			

you in your house have held or engaged in with the charter school(s) operated by the education corporation during the time you have served on the Board, and in the six-month period prior to such service. If there has been no such interest or transaction, write **None**. Please note that if you answered **Yes** to Questions 2-3 above, you need not disclose again your employment status, salary, etc.

Date(s)	Nature of financial interest/transacti on	Steps taken to avoid a conflict of interest, (e.g., did not vote, did not participate in discussion)	Name of person holding interest or engaging in transaction and relationship to you
None.			

**5.** Identify each individual, business, corporation, union association, firm, partnership, franchise holding company, joint-stock company, business or real estate trust, non-profit organization, or other organization or group of people doing business with the school(s) operated by the education corporation **and** in which such entity, during the time of your tenure as a trustee, you and/or your immediate family member(s) or person(s) living in your house had a financial interest or other relationship. If you are a member, director, officer or employee of an organization formally partnered with the school(s) that is/are doing business with the school(s) through a management or services agreement, please identify only the name of the organization, your position in the organization, and the relationship between such organization and the school(s). If there was no financial interest, write "**None**."

Organization conducting business with the school(s)	Nature of business conducte d	Approximat e value of the business conducted	Name of Trustee and/or immediate family member of household holding an interest in the organization conducting business with the school(s) and the nature of the interest	Steps taken to avoid conflict of interest
None.				

Geraldo Vasquez	October 13, 2021
Signature	Date

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# Disclosure of Financial Interest by a Current or Proposed Board of Trustees Member – Board of Regents-Authorized Charter Schools

Name: Tameka Beckford-Young				
if	Name of Charter School Education Corporation (the Charter School Name, if the charter school is the only school operated by the education corporation):			
En	nblaze Academy Charter School, Inc.			
1.	List all positions held on the education corporation Board of Trustees ("Board") (e.g. president, treasurer, parent representative).			
	Secretary and Acting Vice President			
2.	Are you an employee of any school operated by the education corporation? Yes X_No			
	If <b>Yes</b> , for each school, please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.			
	n/a			
3.	Are you a past, current, or prospective employee of the charter school, education corporation, and/or an entity that provides comprehensive management services ("CMO"), whether for-profit or not-for-profit, which contracts, or may contract, with the charter school or education corporation; or do you serve as an employee, officer, or director of, or own a controlling interest in, a business or entity that contracts, or does business with, or plans to contract or do business with, the charter school, education corporation, and/or a CMO, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited to, the lease of real or personal property to the said entities?			
	YesXNo			
	If <b>Yes</b> , please provide a description of the position(s) you hold, your responsibilities, your salary and your start date.			

N/A

4. Identify each interest/transaction (and provide the requested information) that you or any of your immediate family members or any persons who live with you in your house have held or engaged in with the charter school(s) operated by the education corporation during the time you have served on the Board, and in the six-month period prior to such service. If there has been no such interest or transaction, write None. Please note that if you answered Yes to Questions 2-3 above, you need not disclose again your employment status, salary, etc.

Date(s)	Nature of financial interest/transacti on	Steps taken to avoid a conflict of interest, (e.g., did not vote, did not participate in discussion)	Name of person holding interest or engaging in transaction and relationship to you
N	ONE.	NONE.	

5. Identify each individual, business, corporation, union association, firm, partnership, franchise holding company, joint-stock company, business or real estate trust, non-profit organization, or other organization or group of people doing business with the school(s) operated by the education corporation and in which such entity, during the time of your tenure as a trustee, you and/or your immediate family member(s) or person(s) living in your house had a financial interest or other relationship. If you are a member, director, officer or employee of an organization formally partnered with the school(s) that is/are doing business with the school(s) through a management or services agreement, please identify only the name of the organization, your position in the organization, and the relationship between such organization and the school(s). If there was no financial interest, write "None."

Organization conducting business with the school(s)	Nature of business conducte d	Approximat e value of the business conducted	Name of Trustee and/or immediate family member of household holding an interest in the organization conducting business with the school(s) and the nature of the interest	Steps taken to avoid conflict of interest
NONE.		N O N	E .	

Tameka Beckford-Goung	10/13/21	
Signature	Date	

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## **Entry 8 Board Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Trustees must upload this complete set of monthly board meeting minutes (July 2020-June 2021).



July 2020 Board Meeting Date: August 5, 2020. Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM.

Location: Virtual conference via

https://connect cuny. we be x. com/meet/Dr.G. Vasquez.

Board Members in Attendance:	Absent Board Members:	Other Attendees:
Geraldo Vasquez, Board Chair Rosann Santos, Vice Chair Tameka Beckford-Young Matthew Kirby-Smith	Harini Mittal, Treasurer	<ul> <li>Collin Thompson</li> <li>CShaevz</li> <li>Katlin Mckenough</li> <li>T. Waller</li> <li>Andrew Hunts MOM (Diana)</li> <li>James Hunt</li> <li>Francesa Lujan</li> <li>Derian</li> <li>Erienne Rojas</li> </ul>

Lead	Scheduled Time/ Actual time	Agenda Item
Gerry	6:30 /6:42	Call to order  Presently, the Leadership and Operations Teams have been working on our Reopening Plan that is due on July 31st.  We are planning on reopening on September 8th with this schedule:  The '20 - '21 school year will be operating on a hybrid schedule (specifically: 5th and 6th in person on Monday and Tuesday and virtual Wednesday- Friday; 7th virtual on Monday, Tuesday and Friday and in person on Wednesday and Thursday). In this version of the schedule, classes are split in half so distance can be kept, students never congregate together (lunch and breakfast will be in homerooms) and no more than 15 students will be in a class at a time. (Draft in management report)  Extra operational precautions will be put in place.  Parents: ➤ A new survey will be shared with parents next week on "ParentSquare" to assess their feelings and thoughts about the school's reopening.  After reading the parent feedback, we will communicate our Reopening Plans on August 7 th , 2020 from 6:00-7:00. All Board Members are welcome to attend.  The Leadership and Operations teams have been meeting virtually for their summer training and preparations since July 13th and will continue to do so.  We have scheduled a fully virtual August Professional Development plan for teachers
Gerry	6:30-6:35/	Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes To be addressed at a future board meeting  • June 2020 Board Meeting

Francesca/	6:35-7:15/	Review and Vote
Erienne	6:50	Cleaning Services (Table until we have pricing structure for current situations)
		<ul> <li>Looking at 3 vendors for services: Executive Cleaning, Summit Facility, Pro-clean</li> </ul>
		maintenance (current provider)
		<ul> <li>Pro-Clean: The proposal includes, which is part of the contract provided at no</li> </ul>
		extra charge: (Porter #1: 8am-5pm; Porter #2: 11am-8pm; Porter #3 5pm-9pm>
		Monday – Friday)
		<ul> <li>day porter services for 3 hours/day,</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>nightly cleaning for 3 hours/night,</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>specialty floor care, supplies</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>deep cleaning of school during Summer break and as a complimentary</li> </ul>
		service we will also provide hand soap and toilet paper dispensers for
		restrooms.
		o \$109,116.00 anticipated cost
		Summit Facility
		<ul> <li>\$100 for Day Porter cleaning supplies &amp; \$250 for NC supplies included in</li> </ul>
		monthly charge; equipment is included and there is no charge.
		<ul> <li>Consumables (Toilet Tissue, Roll Towels, etc) are not included and can be</li> </ul>
		provided for an additional price.
		o Floor Stripping and Buffing was not included in the spec. This work is
		typically performed during the summer months.
		o \$129,900.00 anticipated cost
		Executive Cleaning    Sequential Continued on the Continue of the Continu
		Executive Cleaning Services, LLC will furnish all necessary equipment,
		cleaning supplies, labor and supervision necessary to perform the service
		herein.
		<ul> <li>All materials such as plastic liners, paper products and hand soap will be furnished by the School.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>As a general company policy we do not provide consumable supplies. If</li> </ul>
		we do, there will be a 20% charge to every item that is ordered. It is much
		cheaper if you purchase this on your end. If you are referring to cleaning
		supplies. The price for the 12month program DOES include all supplies
		that WE use for the cleaning. We would ask that you purchase additional
		supplies to be used by your staff, if needed during the day for any
		emergencies. Our porter will have their own cleaning items supplies by us.
		<ul><li>\$107,700 anticipated cost</li></ul>
		Cleaning service needs to more amped up because of COVID-19 school is to be
		remote at
		<ul> <li>Add a line item for covid supplies and other cleaning supplies as part of</li> </ul>
		the contract.
		<ul> <li>Cleaning services for credit for months</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Month to month</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Painting Services (table the painting services till the next meeting)</li> </ul>
		Want to give the school a facelift for the students for when they come back
		30,000 sqft project
		<ul> <li>Proclean \$47,500 estimated cost (Worked with them in the past)</li> </ul>
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		<ul> <li>MLA Construction \$61,870 estimated cost</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Worked with landlord</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Art Pop LLC (do no prime walls) \$36,000</li> </ul>
		Health Care Defined Contributions Increase and Allocation
		<ul> <li>Absorbing cost of Covid-19 healthcare costs or share cost with staff</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>MOTION TO APPROVE to absorbed cost increased</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>UNNANOMOUSLY APPROVED</li> </ul>
		Insurance Policies
		<ul> <li>Coverage for 280 students from 180 students</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Limits 200 to 300 thousand</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Removing the exclusion of communicable disease policies</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Was 54k now to 77k because of pupil increase</li> </ul>
		MOTION TO VOTE
		<ul> <li>UNNANOMOUSLY APPROVED</li> </ul>
Francesca	7:15-8:00 /	Management Report
	7:50	• July 2020 Update
		Enrollment
		Enrollment Goal for 20-21: 280
		Total Currently Enrolled: 248
		Total Seats Left to Fill: 32
		-10 away from our desired goal of 60 students in 5th grade
		-20 away from our desired goal of 110 students in 6th grade
		-2 away from our desired goal of 110 students in 7th grade
		Total Students Offered & on Waitlist:73
		a Decuration Disease
		Reopening Plans  A Standard And Santanahan October 2nd Students and staff will appear in a 1000% sixtual
		1. Stage 1: September-October 2nd: Students and staff will engage in a 100% virtual
		learning environment. At the end of September, Emblaze Academy will evaluate if
		the school will move to Stage 2 based on the current state of the Hunts Point area in regard to COVID.
		2. Stage 2: October 5th-the end of the pandemic: Given that COVID cases have not
		spiked or it is otherwise not unsafe for students to be in the school building
		Emblaze will begin returning students to the building on a limited basis. Students
		will be split into two groups. Lower School will attend school in person Monday
		and Tuesday and will be taught virtually Wednesday-Friday. Upper School will be
		taught virtually Monday - Tuesday and Friday and will attend school in person on
		Wednesday and Thursday.
		3. Stage 3: Once it is safe to do so, because there is a vaccine or herd immunity, staff
		and students will return to in-person learning.
Harini/Derian	No financial	Finance and Facilities Committee Report
(Edtec)	results	June 2020 Financial Results
(=000)	available	• June 2020 Finance Report
	available	Facilities Update To discuss during August 2020 strategic meeting with EdTec
		• PPP Forgiveness

		Enhancing Financial and Cash Flow Reporting
		Relationship and responsibilities between "Friends of" and Board
		Financial Results Timeline Revisited
Marlin	8:00-8:05 /	Enrollment and Development Committee Report To be addressed at a future board
		meeting
		Enrollment Update
		Development Update
		Branding Program
Gerry	8:05-8:10 /	Governance Committee Report To be addressed at a future board meeting
		Board Candidates Status
		o 1 candidate in final phase of review
		Vice Chair Resignation effective 12/31/2020
Gerry	8:10-8:15 /	Next Steps To be addressed at a future board meeting
		Virtual Board Retreat Day and Time Discussion
		Approve Past Meeting Minutes
		Develop Fundraising Approach and Branding Program
		Succession Planning – Selection of New Board Chair
Gerry	8:15 /8:28	Adjournment



September 2020 Board Meeting

Date: October 6, 2020. Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM.

Location: Virtual conference via

https://connectcuny.webex.com/meet/Dr.G.Vasquez.

Board Members in Attendance:	Absent Board Members:	Other Attendees:
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Lead	Scheduled Time/Actu al	Agenda Item
Gerry	6:30/6:44	Call to Order
Gerry	6:30-6:40/	Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
		July 2020 Board Meeting To be addressed at a future board meeting
Harini/	7:30-8:00/	Finance and Facilities Committee Report
Derian	6:50	August 2020 Financial Results
(Ed- Tech)		Budget vs. Actuals - Expenses
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				2020-21 Budget YTD	2020-21 Actuals YTD	Variance		
			Per Pupil Funding & State Grants Federal Grants Contributions & Grants	1,168,907	1,093,467 29,091	(75,440) 29,091		
		Revenue	Fundraising Interest Miscellaneous Revenues		4	4		
			Total Revenue Personnel	1,168,907 305,027	1,122,561 292,535	(46,345) 12,492		
			Benefits & Insurances Curriculum & Classroom Administrative Expenses & Insurances	82,687 45,696 99,968	50,056 39,433 107,129	32,631 6,263 (7,161)		
		Expenses	Professional Development & Services Marketing & Recruitment Facilities	52,889 7,511 372,068	42,478 3,250 371,354	10,411 4,262 713		
			Miscellaneous Expenses Total Expenses	39,080 <b>1,004,926</b>	(290) 905,945	39,370 98,981		
			Operating Income  Beginning Balance (Audited)	163,980 726,394	<b>216,616</b> 837,340	<b>52,636</b> 110,946		
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		Ending Fund Bal	ance as % of Expenses	88.6%	116.3%	27.7%		
		Facilities	Update To be ac	ldressed	at a fut	ure boar	d meeting	
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			explains the PPP		_			
		<ul> <li>5 months after application we should expect loan forgiveness</li> </ul>						
		Received first two per pupil payments as expected						
			onfirmed FY20 Se					
		• Received	\$77k in CARES A	ct alloca	tion			
Gerry	8:05-	Governanc	e Committee Re	port				
/	8:10/7:07		ndidates Status					
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	8:10-	Next Steps						
	8:15/7:07	-	oard Retreat Day	and Tim	e Discus	ssion		
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Frances	6:40-7:00/ 7:20	<ul> <li>A parent said that online schooling has made assignment accountability hard as it has fallen more on the parents</li> <li>7:15 we have corium</li> <li>Review and Vote</li> <li>Cleaning Services To be addressed at a future board meeting</li> </ul>					
ca/Erie nne	7.20	<ul> <li>An updated cleaning proposal is forthcoming</li> <li>Updates will include cleaning for prices for current online style classes</li> <li>Contract will adjust according to services and price will adjust as well</li> <li>Vendor will be flexible for coming in and out of the building</li> <li>Facility will be cleaned on a regular basis twice a month</li> <li>Painting Services (Tabled)</li> </ul>					
Frances ca/Erie nne	7:30-8:00/ 7:35	Management Report  ❖ Enrollment is at 252 currently due to covid-19 circumstances  ❖ Would like to be at 265				es	
		Grade	Overall Enrollme nt Goal	Current Students Returnin g from 19-20	Current Students Retained from 19-20	Filled Seats on SchoolMint (Enrollment Platform)	Total Seats Filled for 20-21 (new offers + returning + retained students)
		5th	50	N/A	5	43	48
		6th	100	42	1	40	82
		7th	130	108	N/A	45	113
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The '20 - '21 school year will begin on a 100 % virtual schedule on 9/8/2020 Parents: We communicated our Reopening Plans with returning families on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 6:00-7:00 We communicated our Reopening Plans with new families on August 17th, 2020 from 6:00-7:00 ❖ Beginning of Year School Supplies Package, 2 free uniform shirts, Chromebook and hotspot will all be provided and distributed to ALL of our families on the following dates: > 7th Grade, 8/26: 6:30am-6:30pm > 6th Grade, 8/27: 6:30am-6:30pm > 5th Grade, 8/28: 6:30am-6:30pm Science Lab was installed Wednesday: August 5th Virtual Teacher Professional Development for Lab Learner Curriculum: August 6<sup>th</sup> + 7<sup>th</sup> was completed • Reopening Plan Update o waiting to hear from the governor's office and the Board of Education on this **Recruitment Strategies:** Active Facebook & Instagram Ad Campaign Online Impressions (amount of times that the advertisement has been displayed): 132,476 > Reach (total number of people that have viewed this Ad): 68,471 ➤ Local community mailer targeting 6 zip codes (10454, 10455, 10459, 10472, 10473, and 10474) > Total Student Reach: 5,364 Schola Marketing Campaign (5k for year-round support with recruitment) ➤ Money-back guarantee if we do not generate leads ➤ Campaign up and running in ~24 hours No more guesswork about ROI and marketing spend > 1 enrolled student pays for the system 7:50 **Executive Session begins:** Discussed management level personnel matters Gerry and Rosann will be responsible for getting the paperwork together for informing personnel about matters

Gerry 9:00/ Adjournment



October 2020 Board Meeting Date: October 27, 2020. Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM. Location: Virtual meeting via

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/686031872

Board Members in Attendance:	Absent Board Members:	Other Attendees:
Geraldo Vasquez, Board Chair Tameka Beckford-Young Secretary Matthew Kirby-Smith Marlin Jenkins	Rosann Santos, Vice Chair Harini Mittal, Treasurer Raghav Thapar	<ul> <li>Erienne Rojas, Director of Operations</li> <li>Derian &amp; 2 Others from EdT ech team</li> <li>Francesca Lujan</li> <li>Collin Thompson</li> <li>CShaevz</li> <li>Katlin Mckeough</li> <li>T. Waller</li> <li>Joseph Albano CPA</li> <li>James Hunt</li> <li>Ana Dibra,</li> <li>Bryson Wilson,</li> <li>Janneth Goana</li> <li>Jeanette Rodriguez</li> <li>Brad Blosser</li> <li>Tarore Kassoum,</li> <li>Ana Lorea</li> </ul>

Lead	Scheduled Time/ Actual time	Agenda Item
Gerry	6:30/ 6:35	Call to order
		<ul> <li>Opened floor to questions before addressing agenda items</li> </ul>
		Parent asked how likely schools are to open soon?
		Erienne responded saying that as soon as Department of Education tells
		them it is safe to they will.
Joseph	6:40-7:10/ 6:45	Audit Report (Draft) Presentation Schall and Ashenfarb, CPA's, L.L.C.
Albano,		The audit needs to be submitted to the State by by November 2, 2020
CPA		Auditor's opinion is that we have a "clean bill of health" in this year's audit
		Liquidity is tight June 2020; the school should aim to have 2 to 4 months' worth of



- Rent is the 1-million-dollar liability
  - o As the payments are made towards the facilities rent, which is seen as a liability, the liabilities financially should decrease
- 89% of dollars spent were spent directly on the school; this is very good (means the Commented [TBY1]: Did the accountant say why this money is being well spent and mostly benefitting the students directly)
- The cost of Facilities and income seemed a tad high but not too outrageous (see below)

	,	rogram Service		Supporting Services		
	Regular Education	Special Efficience	Total Program Services	Management and General	Tetal Expenses 6/30/2020	Tetal Expenses 6/30/2019
Solaries	\$1,174,762	\$179,712	\$1.657401	\$209,097	\$1,942,578	1241503
Payroll tabes and benefits	213,750	15,100	203,054	51,633	352,486	229,275
Total personnel coste	1.788.812	565,833	1.984.335	140.729	3.295.064	1,480,778
Professional fees	78,401	15,448	54,048	164.724	218,772	289,401
Corriculum and classroom expenses	49,703	20,254	69.957		69,957	90,054
Facilities expense	3,551,399	766,595	2,647,794		3,647,794	716,009
Equipment	41/12	BALT	0.604	16879	23,474	34,057
Office expenses	367	150	517	53,989	54,506	72,200
Professional development	12562	5,278	18.230		18,230	34,308
Intrace.	26 373	10.747	37,120	6,371	43,491	33,147
Recruitment	49.614	18.181	62,795		62,795	23.154
Other expenses	2819	118	407	17.180	17,587	12,274
Degreciation	54,799	22,131	77.131		77,130	23,196
Total emerses	\$3.501.908	\$1,427,637	\$4,928,937	\$599.861	\$5.518.808	2.809.458

was good? Was it good because a large percentage of funds were spent on the directly on the school, as opposed to

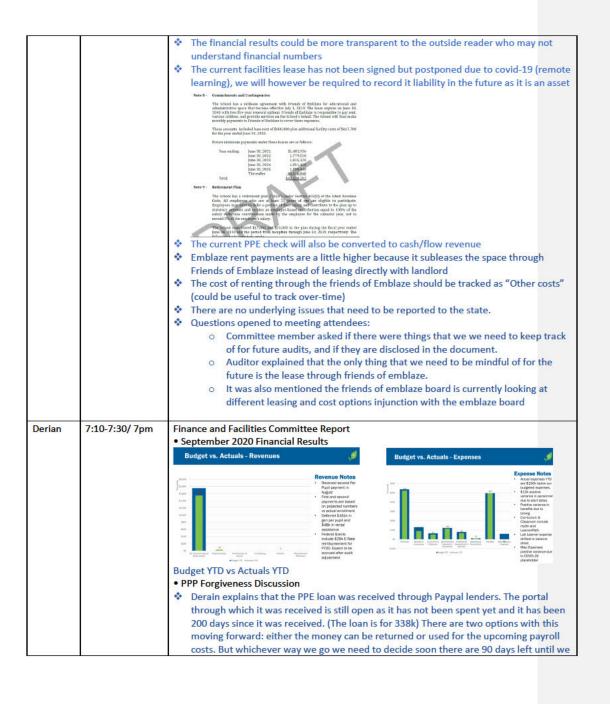
Commented [AD2R1]: Did not say why

### Commented [AD3R1]:

Commented [TBY4]: Did income seem high? What

Commented [AD5R4]: I believe he meant income as in money coming into the school as much wasn't used on facilities be of covid but the ongoing cost of repairs to the school were also high

#### Commented [AD6R4]:



		can apply for the loan's forgiveness, as it is a loan under 2 million and was taken out in
		good faith.
		Little Bird (Emblaze's) HR company being bought out.
		Derain also informs the board of the merger of Tri-net and Little Bird the schools HR
		and Payroll. There will be changes to the relationship between EdTech and Emblaze
		because of this new merger, as they will not be allowed to offer a Payroll processor to
		Emblaze because of the contract that Tri-net has with its clients.
		Tri-net has asked Emblaze to sign a new contract but management and board to get
		additional information from Tri-Net about change in services.
Erinee	7:40-7:55/ 7:40	Ms. Rojas presents the Management Report as Mrs. Lujan absent due to illness
		Management Report
		<ul> <li>Cleaning Services Contract</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Erienne re-negotiated with and updated its cleaning proposal</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>The cost has been reduced from [previous monthly amount] to \$950 a month.</li> </ul>
		The cleaning service is for twice a week- at night during this period of remote
		learning.
		<ul> <li>Supplies included in this cost.</li> </ul>
		October 2020 Update
		Enrollment
		Currently at 252 students
		❖ A teacher talk about state exams and how testing for the school in this covid-19
		remote learning environment is difficult not only to collect but to validate.
		A conversation about the school's measurement of improvement, through testing has
		also been affected according to teachers and school operators, as they would normally
		be having an assessment every 6-8 weeks during normal schooling circumstances
		<ul> <li>There is a high possibility that state exams will even be canceled once again this year</li> </ul>
		Members from the board discuss communicating with other charter school educators
		about what they are doing to measure the progress of their students during the
		current schooling environment.
		Reopening Plan Update      Weiting for direction for the department of advantage at the
		❖ Waiting for directive for the department of education on this
Gerry	7:30-7:40/7:50	Review and <mark>Vote</mark> :
		Audit Report
		o Unanimously approved
		<ul> <li>Unanimously approved</li> <li>ADDED VOTING ITEM: Cleaning contract</li> </ul>
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Gerry	8:05-8:15/	Next Steps	
	Tabled	To be Addressed at Next Month's Meeting	
		Virtual Board Retreat Day and Time Discussion	
		Approve Past Meeting Minutes	
		Develop Fundraising Approach and Branding Program	
		Succession Planning – Selection of New Board Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer	
Gerrv	8:15/8:13	Adjourned meeting	

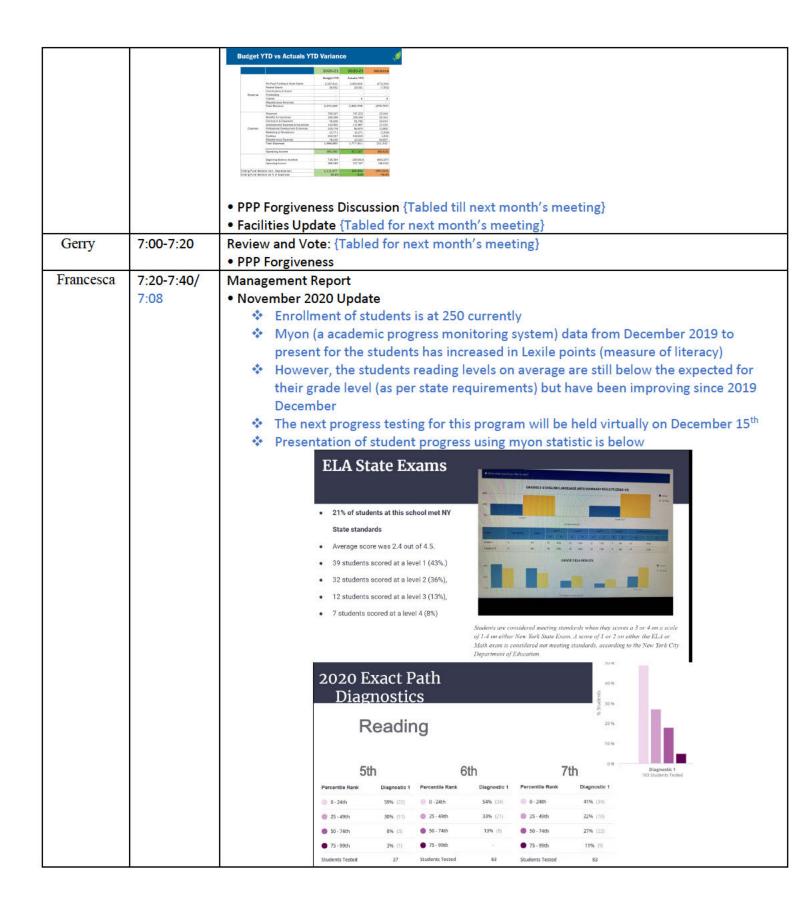


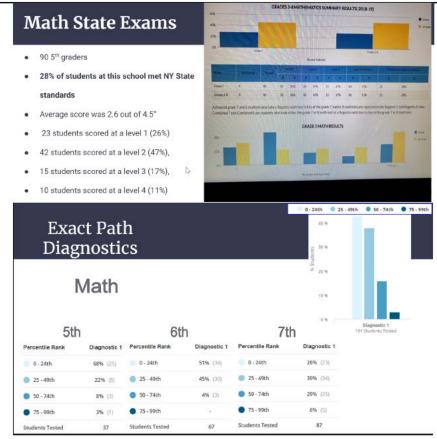
**November 2020 Board Meeting** 

Date: December 1, 2020. Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM. Location: Virtual meeting via

Board Members in Attendance:	Absent Board Members:	Other Attendees:
Geraldo Vasquez, Board Chair Rosann Santos, Vice Chair Tameka Beckford-Young Marlin Jenkins	Harini Mittal,  Matthew Kirby-Smith,	<ul> <li>Collin Thompson</li> <li>CShaevz</li> <li>Katlin Mckenough</li> <li>Erienne Rojas</li> <li>Ana Dibra</li> <li>Bryson Wilson</li> <li>A. Korona</li> <li>Ana Lora</li> <li>Colin Thompson</li> <li>Elizabeth Goana</li> <li>Ronaire Morris</li> <li>Tiana Waller</li> <li>Francesa Lujan</li> <li>Derian</li> </ul>

Lead	Scheduled Time/ real time	Agenda Item	
Gerry	6:30/ 6:38	Call to order	
Gerry	6:30-6:40	Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes {Tabled for next month's meeting }  • July-Sept 2020 Board Meeting	
Derian	6:40-7/6:40	Finance and Facilities Committee Report  November 2020 Financial Results  Budget vs. Actuals - Revenues  Budget vs. Actuals - Expenses	
		Revenue Notes  - Actual expenses YTO as \$2121, below our touglesde despenses to 124 years and 144 years our touglesde despenses to 124 years and 144 years our touglesde despenses to 124 years and 144 years our touglesde despenses to 124 years and 144 years our touglesde despenses to 124 years our touglesde despenses to	





Another report is forthcoming after the testing that will show more details on the exact students and how they have improved since their start with Emblaze Academy

### • Reopening Plan Update

- State exams will most likely be cancelled for 2020 and 2021 till all schools are open
- Schools will continue to get remote learning from January to June of this academic year
- Floor opened for questions.
  - Q: If there is a way to get a survey out to the students about how the online learning experience has been for them
  - A: There is currently a survey that goes out to families and teachers.
     However, getting a survey out to the students will be looked into for the rest of the academic year.
  - Q: Is the current system (Myon) comparable to the state exams
  - A: The Myon system measures different skills than the state exams would, but it is a good indicator of the things that the students have learned and what their levels are compared to state standards.
- The Head of School has submitted an official request to be mentored by the principal of a South Bronx public school, MS 223, who is very connected to the Latin American communities and the Teaching communities.

Marlin 7:40-7:50 Enrollment and Development Committee Report {Tabled for next month's meeting}
• Enrollment Update

		Development Update			
		Branding Program			
Gerry	7:50- 8	Governance Committee Report {Tabled for next month's meeting}			
		Board Candidates Status			
		o 1 candidate in final phase of review			
Gerry	8:15	Next Steps {Tabled for next month's meeting}			
		Virtual Board Retreat Day and Time Discussion			
		Approve Past Meeting Minutes			
		Develop Fundraising Approach and Branding Program			
		Succession Planning – Selection of New Board Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer			
Gerry	8:15/8:15	Evaluation time is coming up and one-one meetings with Rosann, the results of			
		which will be presented to help improve how the board runs as an entity			
		Adjournment			



January 2021 Board Meeting Date: January 26, 2021. Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM. Location: Virtual meeting via

Board Members in Attendance:	Absent Board Members:	Other Attendees:
Geraldo Vasquez, Board Chair  Tameka Beckford-Young Secretary  Matthew Kirby-Smith  Marlin Jenkins	Rosann Santos, Vice Chair  Harini Mittal, Treasurer  Raghav Thapar	<ul> <li>Erienne Rojas</li> <li>Derian</li> <li>Francesca Lujan</li> <li>Luis Guaman</li> <li>Collin Thompson</li> <li>Floribel Rodriguez</li> <li>Jamie Gomez</li> <li>Janneth Gaona</li> <li>Jeanette Rodriguez</li> <li>Markus</li> <li>Ms.Hinton</li> <li>Ms.McKeough</li> <li>Roniare Morris</li> <li>Shanell Sharpe</li> <li>Stacy Chavez</li> <li>Tiana Waller</li> <li>Dolice Smith</li> </ul>

Lead	Scheduled/ Actual Time	Agenda item		
Gerry	6:30/ 6:37	Call to order		
Gerry	6:30-6:40	Gerry Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes {Tabled till next month's meeting}  • July-Nov 2020 Board Meeting Forthcoming		
Harini/	6:40-7:00/	Finance and Facilities Committee Report		
Derian	6:40	December 2020 Financial Results     Budget vs. Actuals - Revenues  Budget vs. Actuals - Expenses		
			xpense Notes Actual expenses YTD are \$3.28 how our budgeted expenses \$757 kpositive variance in personnel due to start dates Positive variance in Benefits due to timing. Curriculum & Cuericulum & Cuericulum & Cuericulum & Cuericulum & Expense positive variance have lied to real savings Portlessionard Dev & Services variance due to timing.	

# **Budget YTD vs Actuals YTD Variance**

		2020-21	2020-21	Variance
		Budget YTD	Actuals YTD	
	Per Pupil Funding & State Grants	3,506,719	3,303,771	(202,949)
	Federal Grants	153,731	29.091	(124,640)
	Contributions & Grants	- 1	4,990	4,990
Revenue	Fundraising	- 1	-	-
	Interest	-	14	14
	Miscellaneous Revenues	- 1	-	-
	Total Revenue	3,660,451	3,337,865	(322,586)
	Personnel	1,284,467	1,226,736	57,731
	Benefits & Insurances	282,599	219,860	62,739
	Curriculum & Classroom	100,653	57,907	42,746
	Administrative Expenses & Insurances	190,398	124,855	65,543
Expenses	Professional Development & Services	163,168	118,711	44,456
	Marketing & Recruitment	20,030	19,271	760
	Facilities	906,305	866,082	40,223
	Miscellaneous Expenses	117,239	103,381	13,858
	Total Expenses	3,064,858	2,736,802	328,057
	Operating Income	595,592	601,063	5,471
	Beginning Balance (Audited)	726,394	(156,814)	(883,207)
	Operating Income	595,592	601,063	5,471
ing Fund Bala	ance (incl. Depreciation)	1,321,986	444,250	(877,736)
	ance as % of Expenses	43.1%	16.2%	-26.9%

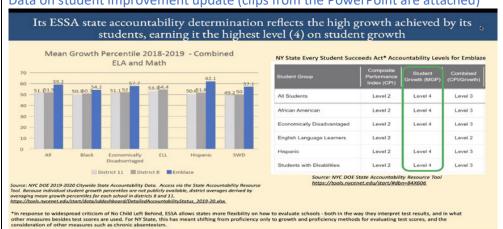
- Cash on hand December 31<sup>st</sup> was \$2.2M, which currently sits at \$1.9M
- PPP Forgiveness Discussion
  - The PPE Loan forgiveness process is currently ongoing
  - The Loan is not currently categorized as revenue, it is now considered a special loan part of the covid-19 Stimulus package
  - Once the loan has been fully forgiven and used, the full \$338k then it will be moved into the revenue column
- Facilities Update {Tabled till next month's meeting}
- 2019 990 {Tabled till next month's meeting}

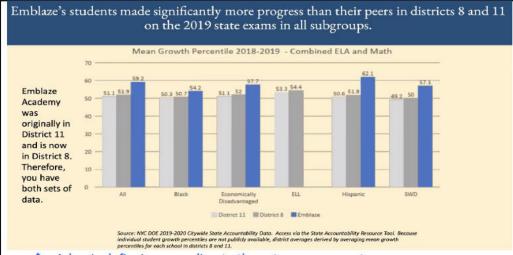
## Francesca 7:30-7:50/

6:50

## Management Report

- January 2020 Update
  - Enrollment is a 247, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at 48 students, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at 88, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students 111
- Reopening Plan Update
- \* Awaiting the Department of education to give a directive related to this Data on student improvement update (clips from the PowerPoint are attached)





- Ademic defincies according to the sates accessment:
  - o The proficiency datat form the 2018-2019 administration of the state grade ELA exam, Emblaze Academy's overall perfomance is below that of NYC CSD 8, the school's district of location, and the New York State avergae for all student as well as the English lanuage learner/multilingual learner and economically disadvataged studentpolulation of ELA
  - The same is true for grade 5 math as well
- Visual explanations for why this may be the case. With background in types of testing. Norm based vs. criterion based evaluations

Gabriella is 10 years old in 2018. She is 4' 7" tall. A panel of physicians have decided that all 10 year old girls from 4'7" - 5'0" are a Level 3. Thus, she is considered a Level 3 in height

Lisa is also 10 years old in 2018, but is 4' 6" inches tall. A panel of physicians have "Gabriella" is 10 years old in 2018. She is 4 feet 7 inches tall. decided that all 10 year old girls from 4'1" - 4'7" are a Level 2. Thus, she is considered a Level 2 in height



For example, let's define: Norm-based vs. Criterion-based evaluations

She is in the 57th percentile by height

This means she is:

- Taller than 57% of all other 10
- year old girls
   Shorter than 43%



This is a norm-based evaluation

#### How do we evaluate Gabriella's progress?

Gabriella was 10 years old in 2018, and started at Emblaze as a 5th grader in 2018-2019

points on her the ELA state exam at the end of her 4th grade year in 2018.

She earned a proficiency rating of 2.63



At the end of her 5th grade year in 2019, she earned 66% of possible points on her ELA state exam

She earned a proficiency rating

Her growth percentile is 68, meaning she scored better than 68 percent of other students in the state who also scored a 2.63 on the 4 grade exam in 2018

## So what is growth percentile? Let's consider an example

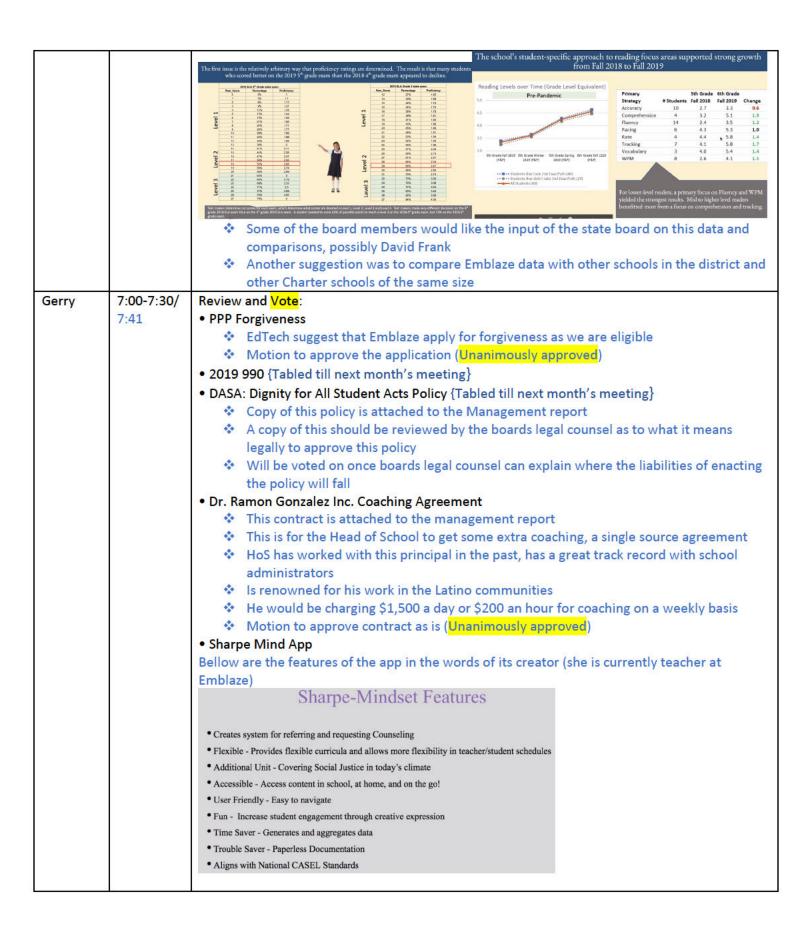
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She scored a 2.63 on her the ELA state exam at the end of her 4th grade year in 2018.

She is grouped with all other students in NY who a scored a 2.63 on the 4th grade ELA exam at the end of 2018. She scored a 2.47 on her ELA state exam at the end of her 5th grade year in 2019.

Her 2,47 was a better score than 68 percent of other students in her group. Thus, her growth

Each student in the school is assigned a student growth percentile in each subject. All the students in the school's growth percentiles are then averaged together to make a mean growth percentile.



		Features on why it is helpful to both teachers and parents especially is this covid environment:	learning
		Plus for Parents Too	ls for Teacher
		<ul> <li>Whole School Approach: Our students are growing, so our parents should be growing with us</li> <li>Ability to view student academic promotion between school team and parents</li> <li>Tools to improve relationships with</li> <li>Tools for parents to utilize at home with their children</li> <li>Teachers can infuse SEL into their does not be a compared to the compared t</li></ul>	ogress students and parents
		<ul> <li>Board would like more time to evaluate the options of buying the app or liscene to use the program</li> <li>Possibly look at other apps that currently exist and compare the rates</li> <li>Board agrrees that more options need to be looked at before a decesion</li> </ul>	uright vs just a
Marlin	7:50-8:00	Enrollment and Development Committee Report {Tabled till next month's meeting}  • Enrollment Update  • Development Update  • Branding Program	
Gerry	8:00-8:10	Governance Committee Report {Tabled till next month's meeting}  • Board Candidates Status  o 1 candidate in final phase of review  o 2 candidates under review	
Gerry	8:10-8:15	Next Steps {Tabled till next month's meeting}  • Virtual Board Retreat Day and Time Discussion  • Approve Past Meeting Minutes  • Develop Fundraising Approach and Branding Program  • Succession Planning – Selection of New Board Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer	
Gerry	8:15/8:30	Adjournment	



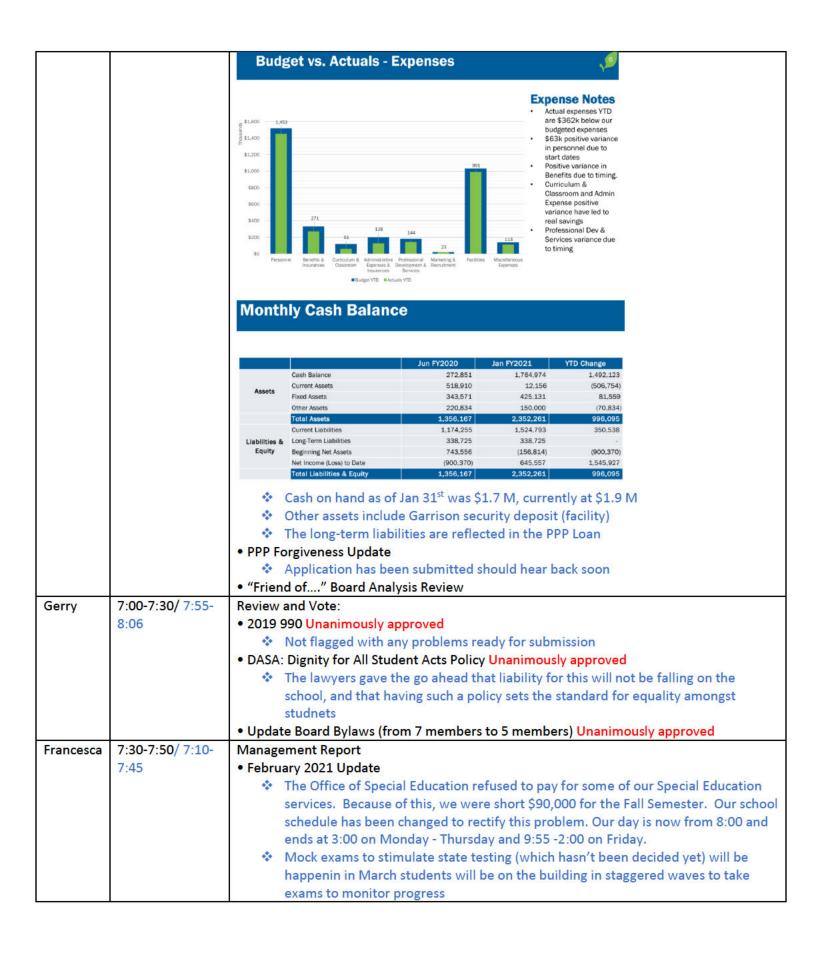
February 2021 Board Meeting Date: February 23, 2021. Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM.

Location: Virtual meeting via https://us02web.zoom.us/j/686031872

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		<ul> <li>Janneth Goana</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Brad Blosser</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Shanieka Descartes</li> </ul>
		Alicia Padilla
		Shanell Sharpe
		Ms.Okeh

Lead	Scheduled Time/ Actual time	Agenda Item				
Gerry	6:30/ 6:40	Call to order				
Gerry	6:30-6:40 / 7:45-	Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes				
	7:55	Nov 2020 Board Meeting Unanimously approved				
	7.00	Jan 2021 Board Meeting Unanimously approved				
		Add to these minutes the cap of \$6,000 towards HOS mentorship proposal				
		July 2020 – Oct 2020 and Dec 2020 Board Meetings				
		Forthcoming and website update is required				
Gerry/	6:40-7:00/ 6:45	Finance and Facilities Committee Report				
Derian	0.40-7.00/ 0.43	January 2021 Financial Results				
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(Edtec)		Budget vs. Actuals - Revenues				
		s4.500 Revenue Notes				
		• Received fourth Per Pupil payment in				
		\$3,500 December				
		Actuals are based on January invoice				
		* \$317K variance in Per Pupil Funding, expect				
		\$2,000 variance to continue  • Federal Grants				
		\$1,500 variance due to timing				
		of Title funding, we did receive IDEA				
		\$5K in Contributions     from Yankee Stadium				
		5 0 Community Benefits Fund.				
		Per Pupil Funding & Federal Grants Contributions & Fundinatising Interest Miscotlaneous State Grants  # Budget YTD # Actuals YTD				



		Reopening Plan Update				
		Dep of education hasn't given any solid outline as it if schools will be reopening in				
		the Fall of 21				
		<ul> <li>But there is a plan to have both distanced and in person learning that is</li> </ul>				
		being figured out with the schools administrators				
		Hopefully students and teachers will all be vaccinated which would give a				
		little bit more leeway with how many students can be in the building				
		Sharpe Mind App Update				
		Board would like a written proposal of cost benefit analysis of this app and its competitors				
		Needs more time to vote on this item and approve				
		App Enrollment: Sharpe-Mindset: \$3,499 (Less than \$15.00 per student a year)				
		Other Curricula:				
		<ul> <li>Respectful Ways: \$249 per lesson sold separately. Over 10 month school period \$50,000 lifetime buy</li> </ul>				
		<ul> <li>Second Step: \$2,749.00 + 500 for kit (sold separately). NO whole school</li> </ul>				
		approaches				
		<ul> <li>Emozi: \$500 per grade. Implementation sold separately. \$10,000 per year</li> </ul>				
		<ul> <li>Dangers of the Mind: \$13,000 per year. Kit sold separately. Not digital.</li> </ul>				
Marlin	7:50-8:00/	Enrolment and Development Committee Report				
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		Branding Program				
Gerry	8:00- 8:10/ 8:06	Governance Committee Report				
Gerry	8.00- 8.10/ 8.00	·				
		Board Changes     o Vice Chair				
		<ul> <li>Tameka will serve as acting Vice Chair (this is temporary for the time being could become permeant)</li> </ul>				
		o Treasurer				
		• Gerry will serve as acting Treasurer (currently working with Derian from				
		Edtech to keep the finance reports coming for every meeting)				
		o Board Member				
		Currently looking for possible candidates that would be a good fit for the				
		role more information is forthcoming				
		Board Candidates Status				
		o 1 candidate in final phase of review				
		o 2 candidates under review				
Gerry	8:10-8:15/8:10	Next Steps				
		Virtual Board Retreat Day and Time Discussion				
		This will count as the Annual meeting				
		Approve Past Meeting Minutes				
		This will be forthcoming the next few meetings and there is a backlog of minutes				
		to be approved and eventually to be made available on the Emblaze website				
		Develop Fundraising Approach and Branding Program				
		• Succession Planning – Selection of New Board Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer				
		Will be hearing more about this in couple meetings as search for possible candiates				
Gerry	8:15/8:13	Adjourned meeting				
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March 2021 Board Meeting

Date: March 30, 2021. Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM. Location: Virtual meeting via

Board Members in Attendance:	Absent Board Members:	Other Attendees:
Geraldo Vasquez  Tameka Beckford-Young  Matthew Kirby-Smith	Marlin Jenkins	<ul><li>Erienne Rojas</li><li>Derian</li><li>Francesca Lujan</li></ul>

Lead	Scheduled Time/ Actual time	Agenda Iter	n				
Gerry	6:30/6:40	Call to order					
Gerry							
			2020 – Oct 2020 a  Forthcoming			d Meetir	ngs
Gerry/ Derian (Edtec)	6:40-7:00/ 6:45	• Februa	nd Facilities Comming 2021 Financial I All federal loans ha TD vs Actuals YT	Results ve come i	n as a rei	mburser	ment of expenses
				2020-21	2020-21	Variance	
		Revenue	Per Pupil Funding & State Grants Federal Grants Contributions & Grants Fundraising Interest Miscellaneous Revenues Total Revenue	Budget YTD 4,675,626 153,731 - - - 4,829,357	Actuals YTD 4,243,029 90,799 4,990 - 19 - 4,338,836	(432,597) (62,932) 4,990 - 19 - (490,521)	
		Expenses	Personnel Benefits & Insurances Curriculum & Classroom Administrative Expenses & Insurances Professional Development & Services Marketing & Recruitment Facilities Miscellaneous Expenses Total Expenses Operating Income	1,748,687 380,171 139,376 211,947 202,565 26,290 1,154,794 163,519 4,027,348	1.684.904 333.395 60,681 132.304 165.137 35.139 1.114.955 121.138 3,647,652	63,782 46,776 78,695 79,642 37,428 (8,849) 39,639 42,381 379,696	
			Beginning Balance (Audited) Operating Income Ince (Incl. Depreciation) Ince as % of Expenses	726,394 802,009 <b>1,528,403</b> 38.0%	(156,814) 691,184 534,371 14.6%	(883,207) (110,825) (994,032) -23.3%	

		DDD Farri are a Harleta			
		PPP Forgiveness Update			
		Has been filed waiting and approved waiting for final paperwork  "Final of " Paper Analysis Paris"			
		"Friend of" Board Analysis Review			
		Fiends of emblaze moneys not in budget projections yet			
		FY 2022 Budget Update			
		PPP loan when forgiven will be marked as revenue not debt (Liability long			
		term)			
		<ul> <li>Academic schedule 58,000 sped reimbursement from state</li> <li>Does not include two grants one yankee stadium and from state (The PPP</li> </ul>			
		loan \$338k and additional funding from the FOE grant, it's currently at \$120k			
		but most likely will end around \$280k)			
		Currently Emblaze not receiving rental assistance because the number of			
		sudents is less than expected			
		Budget discussion-FY22 Budget Timeline			
		March Finance Call: Present FY22 budget draft at Finance Committee			
		<ul> <li>April Finance Call: Present FY22 budget draft at Finance Committee</li> </ul>			
		<ul> <li>April Board Meeting: Present preliminary budget draft with the Board</li> </ul>			
		<ul> <li>May Board Meeting: Review 2nd draft and make any necessary adjustments</li> </ul>			
		•June Board Meeting: Approve FY22 Budget before 6/30			
	Gerry	Review and Vote:			
		No voting items.			
Francesca	7:30-7:50/ 7:11	Management Report			
		March 2021 Update			
		Enrollment is currently at 249 students			
		<ul> <li>Is there SPED money that will not be recuperated?</li> </ul>			
		<ul> <li>Pre-2021 the state did not inform and update the schools that the</li> </ul>			
		standards for special education had been changed and billing			
		would be or would not be recuperated			
		<ul> <li>the school schedule has been re-done completely to</li> </ul>			
		accommodate the needs of the special ed students			
		<ul> <li>The schools' internal assessments are very important in new state</li> </ul>			
		updates and they will help to inform school and state curricula moving			
		forward (Emblaze students are exempt from state testing as they are			
		fully remote)			
		<ul> <li>English and language arts has been shown growth whereas math</li> </ul>			
		has just stagnated (these are finding of the assessments)			
		<ul> <li>Concern from the assessment is mostly towards ESL students about</li> </ul>			
		their limited learning because of limited exposure			
		<ul> <li>Two new teachers' have been hired they are both male math teachers</li> </ul>			
		<ul> <li>Some pending updates from townhall meeting and some changes have</li> </ul>			
		been made to student performance expectations			
		<ul> <li>Voting item for opt-in for covid state sick leave (need to opt-in) tax</li> </ul>			
		credit offeredif we don't opt in what will happen			
		<ul> <li>YES, IN THE CASE IF IT CAN BE CLAIMED AS A TAX CREDIT. AND</li> </ul>			
		THERE ARE NO NEGATIVE AFFECTS THEN BOARD VOTETED			
		(UNANMOUSLY APPROVED UNDER THIS CASE ONLY)			
		Mentorship plan update and sharp mind			

		• [If it is safe to do so] The school would like to have an end of the year "Block Party together with the Board, Faculty, Students, and their Families to celebrate the end of the school year. We will award students and community members for a variety of accomplishments. We would like to know if the board would be interested in co-sponsoring this event - if it is safe to have an outdoor gathering? Projected Dates: 6/11/21-6/18/21 •Reopening Plan Update Still waiting on more information from the state but currently there are plans to
		be semi-virtual and or fully in school.
Marlin	7:50-8:00/ Tabled	<ul> <li>Enrolment and Development Committee Report</li> <li>Enrollment Update</li> <li>Development Update</li> <li>Branding Braggam</li> </ul>
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Gerry	8:00- 8:10/ 7:55	<ul> <li>Governance Committee Report</li> <li>Follow-up Items         <ul> <li>Sharpe Mind App: Review of at least 2 othervendors.</li> <li>Submitted to the committee</li> <li>Board Meeting Minutes Project Update.</li> <li>Board Meeting Supporting Docs Project Update.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Board Candidates Status         <ul> <li>1 candidate in final phase of review. Next board meeting another candidate will possibly be at the board meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2 candidates under review.</li> </ul>
Gerry	8:10-8:15/ Tabled	<ul> <li>Next Steps</li> <li>Virtual Board Retreat Day and Time Discussion</li> <li>Approve Past Meeting Minutes</li> <li>Develop Fundraising Approach and Branding Program</li> <li>❖ Succession Planning – Selection of New Board Chair, ViceChair and Treasurer</li> </ul>
Gerry	8:15/8:15	Adjourned meeting



May Special 2021 Board Meeting

Date: April 6, 2021.

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM. Location: Virtual meeting via

Board Members in Attendance:	Absent Board Members:	Other Attendees:
Geraldo Vasquez	Matthew Kirby-Smith	
Tameka Beckford-Young		
Janneth Gaona		
Marlin Jenkins		

Lead	Time/actual	Agenda Item					
Gerry	6:30/6:45	Call to Order					
Gerry	6:45/6:50	Salary discussion/ New S	Structure				
ā.	192	There will be a salar	y increase overall of 3%	as it is currently propos	ed		
		<ul> <li>Board mem</li> </ul>	bers realize that there w	ill be some pushbacks fo	orm the teachers abou		
		increase					
		o There is one	salary that needs to be	adjusted, it is Director of	of Operations, this char		
			proved by the legal depa				
		125 Table 1	e of the school that has		•		
		senior Management					
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			Board of Trustees				
			Head of School				
		Director Of Operations	Lower School Counselor	Assistant Principal			
		Operations Manager (5/6)	Upper School Counselor	Director of Math Dept			
		Operations & IT Manager (7/8)	Associate Director of Data & Testing	Director of SPED Dept			
		Facilities Manager	Director of School Culture	Director of ELA Dept			
		Office Manager	Restorative Justice Coordinator	Associate Director of Science			
			Director of ESL	Associate Director of History			
		The Distance Management of the	ound this change are if it		e to the students and		
			I they react to this re-str				
		o Another	concern is around how	this change will be impl	emented		
		<ul><li>What w</li></ul>	ill the tone of this imple	mentation take?			
		<ul><li>There is</li></ul>	already a history of mis-	communication within t	he current senior		
		manage	ment structure, how wil	I this change prevent fu	ture miscommunicatio		
		and dea	l with them should the a	rise again			
		This change has	been proposed by the h	ead of school as a way f	for them to improve th		
		chain of manage	ement for the senior mar	nagement team to strea	mline		

Gerry	8:30/8:40	Adjourned meeting

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## gerry

Hiring of the Assistant head of school- Board responsibility- ensure the appropriate skill level we are providing the head of school the opportunity to create a good structure aka a well oiled machine—clean house—

There are some people who should not be returning to the team and will not be, we are giving the head of school to be successful by able to create her team.

No issues with the actual structure—worried about her capability to implement all of these structural changes/ taken a lot of time off/ communication is an issue and being forthcoming/ capacity and ability and availability

- -responsibility of the board to nurture this leadership
  - Most of the staff like her/ we need to give the HOS an opportunity to be successful in a way that is conducive to growth
  - What is the leadership development going to look like a year from now?
  - How much does she rely on Erriene? Does she actively engage with DoE?

In comparison she communicates with the state more often and significantly so than previous HOS

- -New plan sets succession planning
- -training

All agree on the structure and salary raise of 3%. Give the director of operations roll back to earlier salary then the 3% raise on that

Worst case scenario we have many vacancies –Francesca

#### VOTE:

MOTION TO approve the organizational structure unanimously approved

Motion to approve of 3% salary increase except director of operations

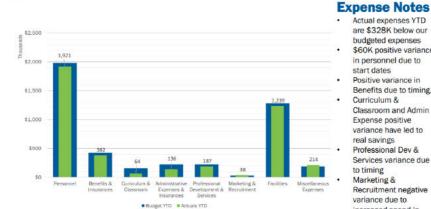


April 2021 Board Meeting

Date: April 27, 2021. Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM. Location: Virtual meeting via

Board Members in Attendance:	Absent Board Members:	Other Attendees:
Geraldo Vasquez		Erienne Rojas
Tameka Beckford-Young		Derian
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Matthew Kirby-Smith		<ul> <li>Janneth Gaona</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Ms.Mckeough</li> </ul>
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		Rosin Ramos
		Tania Cruz
		E. Marku
		Ms. Hinton
		Tiana Waller
		Stacy Chavez
		Dolice Smith
		Dasmin Croft
		Collin Thompson
	4	Maritza Barreto

Lead	Scheduled Time/ Actual time	Agenda Item
Gerry	6:30/ 6:42	Call to order
Gerry	6:30-6:40 / 6:42	Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (Tabled for review at next months meeting)  • Mar 2021 Board Meeting  • July 2020 – Oct 2020 and Dec 2020 Board Meetings
Gerry/ Derian (Edtec)	6:40-7:00/ 6:45	<ul> <li>Finance and Facilities Committee Report</li> <li>PPP Forgiveness Update</li> <li>❖ PPP loan forgiveness paperwork has been submitted through Paypal (the lender)-which has been approved waiting for SBA (small business association) for PPP forgiveness approval</li> <li>❖ Board member asked if there a requirement to pay during forgiveness period.         <ul> <li>○ Derian explained that it is not required until 2 years after loan disbursement</li> </ul> </li> <li>March 2021 Financial Results</li> </ul>



## Classroom and Admin Expense positive

variance have led to real savings Professional Dev & Services variance due to timing Marketing &

Actual expenses YTD are \$328K below our budgeted expenses \$60K positive variance in personnel due to start dates Positive variance in Benefits due to timing. Curriculum &

Recruitment negative variance due to increased spend in student recruitment

# Budget YTD vs Actuals YTD Variance

		2020-21	2020-21	Variance
		Budget YTD	Actuals YTD	
	Per Pupil Funding & State Grants	5.260,079	4,727,334	(532,746)
	Federal Grants	199,547	93,221	(106,326)
	Contributions & Grants		4,990	4,990
Revenue	Fundraising	7.0		
	Interest	141	21	21
	Miscellaneous Revenues	4.4		
	Total Revenue	5,459,626	4,825,565	(634,060)
	Personnel	1,980,797	1,920,566	60,231
	Benefits & Insurances	428,957	381,694	47,263
	Curriculum & Classroom	158,738	64,159	94,579
	Administrative Expenses & Insurances	222,721	136,024	86,697
Expenses	Professional Development & Services	222,263	187,276	34,988
	Marketing & Recruitment	29,420	38,139	(8,719
	Facilities	1,279,039	1,238,533	40,506
	Miscellaneous Expenses	186,659	214,130	(27,471)
	Total Expenses	4,508,593	4,180,520	328,073
	Operating Income	951,033	645,045	(305,988)
	Beginning Balance (Audited)	726.394	(156.814)	(883,207)
	Operating Income	951,033	645,045	(305,988)
ding Fund Bal	ance (Incl. Depreciation)	1,677,426	488,232	(1,189,195)
ding Fund Bal	ance as % of Expenses	37.2%	11.7%	-25.5%

## FY 2022 Budget Update

## FY 2022 Proposed Budget at a Glance



#### Projects a \$1M operating income by June 2022

# Emblaze Academy Charter School 2020-21 Year 4 Budget 2021-22 Limit Total Enrolled Per Pupil Funding & State Grants Expenses 2,790,199 3,846,149 3,846,149 674,322 765,666 765,666 135,332 51,734 184,335 137,277 58,146 281,185 380,377 265,676 331,447 69,116 2,660 66,127 1,510,107 1,778,235 1,826,412 80,505 6,000 182,32 5,828,295 6,841,190 7,447,186 Carticularn & Classimorn Administrative Expenses & Insurances Professional Development & Services Managing & Recruitment Pacifies Miscellaneous Expenses Total Expenses 861,466 1,689,455 1,063,365

#### Total revenues of \$8.5M

- \$8.1M in per [upil funding and state grants
   \$271K in federal grants
   \$100K in fundraising and contributions

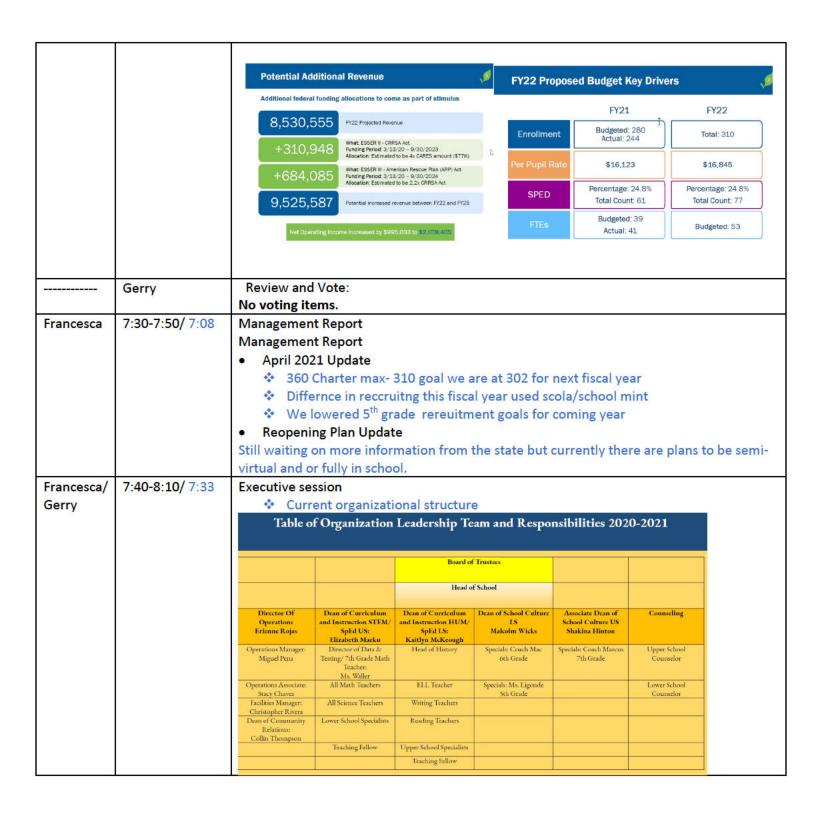
#### Total expenses of \$7.4M

% of Category

- Personnel reflects payroll increases and new hires
- 63% of the budget is going towards staffing and benefit costs for 53 staff members
- Rent projected to be \$1.7M based on FOE sublease

#### COVID related adjustments

- In FY21 Miscellaneous Revenues includes CARES Act



## Table of Organization Instructional Staff 2020-2021

5th C	Frade Team	6th Gr	ade Team	7th G	rade Team	
Role	Person	Role	Person	Role	Person	
5th Literature	Brittany Watson	6th Specials	D'Andre McPhatter	7th Math & Data and Testing Coordinator		
5th Literacy Rachel Scarano Specialist		6th Science	Jasmine Bridges	7th Problem Solving	Michael McCray	
5th Writing	Rebecca Tilakdharry	6th STEM Specialist	Megan Ricigliano	7th Specials	Mia Marcus	
5th History	Kolene Holsopple	6th Math	Chloe Ricci	7th Specialist	Julio de la Cruz	
Literacy Specialist	Tiffany McRae	6th History	Viviana Budhu	7th Science	Ronaire Morris	
History Department Head	Augusta Koroma	6th Writing	Dasmin Croft	7th Literature	Charles Kline	
5th Math	Mezeno Okeh	6th Literacy Specialist	Stephanie Grau	7th Literature	Claudia Mercurio	
5th Fellow	Angel Ortega	6th Literature	Braden Waller	7th Writing	Kira Reyman	
				7th History	Adina Gefen	
				ENL Teacher	Marvin Duarte	

## Proposed structure

	Board of Trustees	
	Head of School	
Director Of Operations	Lower School Counselor	Assistant Principal
Operations Manager (5/6)	Upper School Counselor	Director of Math Dept
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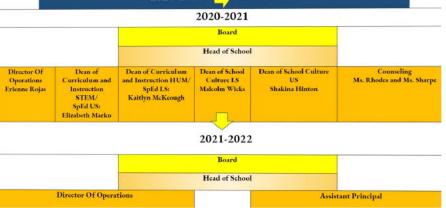
## Organizational Chart Instructional Staff 2021-2022

Director of Math: Marku	Director of SPED: McKeough	Director of FLA: Hinton	Associate Director of Science: Dibra	Associate Director of ESL:	Associate Director of History: Koroma	Director of School Culture: Wicks
Teaching: 2 periods	Teaching: 2 periods	Teaching: 2 periods	Teaching: 2 -4 periods	Teaching: 2-4 periods	Teaching: 2-4 periods	Music and Video Production
5 <sup>th</sup> Math Okeh	5th STEM Specialist Tibbs	5 <sup>th</sup> Literacy Watson	5 <sup>th</sup> Science Dibra	US ESL Teacher Duarte	5 <sup>th</sup> History Holsopple	Restorative Justice Coordinator Vacancy
6 <sup>th</sup> Math Ricci	5 <sup>th</sup> Lit Specialist Scarano	5th Writing Tilakdharry	6th Science Vacancy	Teaching Fellow: STEM: Vacancy	6 <sup>th</sup> History Budhu	5th /6th Specials: Ligonde
7 <sup>h</sup> Math and Data Coordinator Waller	6 <sup>th</sup> STEM Specialist Vacancy	6 <sup>th</sup> Literacy Waller	7th Science Bridges	Teaching Fellow: LIT McRae	7 <sup>th</sup> History Gefen	6 <sup>th/7th</sup> Specials: Ortega
8 <sup>th</sup> Math De La Cruz	6th Lit Specialist Grau Vacancy	6th Writing Mercurio	8th Science Vacancy		8 <sup>th</sup> History Vacancy	8th Specials: Marcus
5 <sup>th</sup> PS Tibbs	7 <sup>th</sup> STEM Specialist McCray	7 <sup>th</sup> Literacy Vacancy				
6 <sup>th</sup> PS Ricigliano	7th Lit Specialist Vacancy	7 <sup>th</sup> Writing Vacancy				
7 <sup>th</sup> PS McCray	8th STEM Specialist Vacancy	8 <sup>th</sup> Literacy Croft				
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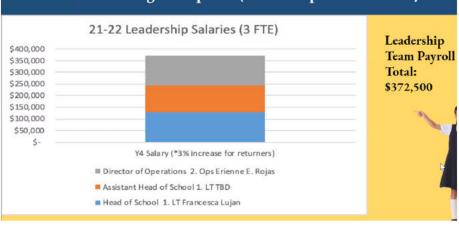
Past /Present Organizational Charts Difference				
2020-2021	2021-2022			
Has a larger Leadership Team 6 people	Has a smaller Leadership Team of 3 people			
Has no AP	Has an AP			
Has 3 grades	Has 4 grades			
Has 249 students	Has 310+ students			
Grades 5-7	Grades 5-8			
Has 41 FTE	Has 51 FTE			
Total FTE Salaries: \$ 2,858,038 Leadership FTE Salaries (6): \$581,500	Total FTE Salaries: \$3,716,407 Leadership FTE Salaries (3): \$372,500			
Virtual	In-Person			
5 Deans do not teach, 1 Dean teaches 1 class	Deans are replaced with Directors who teach 12 periods or more			

#### Details Leadership Table of Organization Comparison 2020-2021 2021-2022



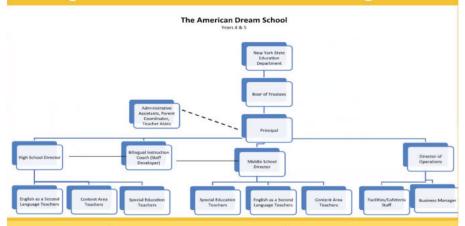
Proposed salary change for leadership





### Comparative to other Organizations

# Comparative Charter School Org Chart



## Assistant Principal Data:

#### NYC DOE:

First Assistant Principal: 250 Second Assistant Principal: 500 Third Assistant Principal: 750

#### Comparable DOE Schools with Assistant Principals

Academy of Public Relations (198 students)
South Bronx Academy for Applied Media (164 students)
Lou Gehrig JHS (234 students)

The critical role of the assistant principal is ever-evolving. Instead of an administrator that handles discipline matters, the AP ensures the principal has access to instructional data and all aspects of the instructional program. Further, the AP's primary role is to support initiatives and to support and attend to the moral imperatives of the school. Finally, the principal will have a necessary partner in leadership that lead 'change' conversations when the need arises.

#### Staff and students

## Staff to Students Ratio

Theoretically: When we count staff to students, we should consider instructional staff to students, not operational and instructional staff to students. Nonetheless, they are being counted in the Charter School ratio.

#### For Regional Charter Schools:

American Dream Charter School has 600 students

Ratio: 6:1

Org chart:

Exec Director

->DOO

-> MS Director

-> HS Director

---> Deans + teachers

We have a SPED coordinator, a MS Dean and HS Dean, Ops friends (about 12 between two campuses) and the rest are instructional staff.

#### For Regional Public Schools:

MS/HS 223: 11:1

(However, public schools do not need as many Operations staff, since the DOE offers that support.)

		CREO This Year: Students: 165 FTE: 25 and 9 PT Ratio: 6:1 Next Year: 250-270 FTE 40
		<ul> <li>Ratio: 6:1</li> <li>Current ratio of student is 12:1 proposed is 8:1</li> <li>This according to HOE this needs to be cleared soon         <ul> <li>Need more time for this discussion between board members will hold special meeting</li> <li>Budget must be approved first before this structure can be approved by the budget must wait for Board and letter will be received</li> <li>Week of May 10 have a response back from the vote on Budget</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Gerry	8:15/8:40	Adjourned meeting



May 2021 Board Meeting Date: May

25, 2021.

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM. Location: Virtual meeting via

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83127516672 Meeting ID: 831 2751 6672 Password:

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Board Members in Attendance:	Absent Board Members:	Other Attendees:
Geraldo Vasquez	Matthew Kirby-Smith	Erienne Rojas
Tameka Beckford-Young		• Derian
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Janneth Gaona		<ul> <li>Ms.Mckeough</li> </ul>
		E. Marku
Marlin Jenkins		Korma
		<ul> <li>Mr. Waller,</li> </ul>
		Melissa- (old
		head of little
		bird)
		• peter
		Dombrowski
		(w/ Melissa)
		<ul> <li>MS. Hinton,</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Ronaire Morris</li> </ul>
		Granger S.
		<ul> <li>Stacey Chavez</li> </ul>
		Tiana waller
		Virgina Croxtan
		Tiana Cruz
		<ul> <li>Ipad</li> </ul>
		Jasmine Gomez
		Dasmin Croft
		• Rob (ADP)
		<ul> <li>Hudson</li> </ul>
		Adrian
		Gonzalez
		Kim Kalyins
		mom
		• Collin
		Thompson
		Edyna Elya
		Mike Breem
		<ul> <li>Floribel</li> </ul>
		Rodriquez
		Anthony Birch
		(trinet)
		Miguel Pena

6:30-		Agenda Item
0:30-	Gerry	Call to order
6:30-6:40	Gerry	Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
		Mar 2021 Board Meeting
		July 2020 – Oct 2020; Dec 2020 and April 2021 Board Meetings
6:40-7:00	Francesca	PEO/HR Vendor Presentation (MELISSA OLD LITTLE BIRD) 6:40
		Emplova, is the company
		Prism HR is the program
		Benefits; signa metlife, pepm offer savings
		Tentative issues with managing payroll
		Paylocity plotform edtech was payroll lite  Triput model has their own triput processing corries Edtech isn't providing any.
		<ul> <li>Trinet model has their own trinet processing service-Edtech isn't providing any services for payroll—head of school approval</li> </ul>
		Edtech was only able to support through paylocity
		There is a fixed pricing structure that will be forthcoming
7:00-7:20	Francesca	PEO/HR Vendor Presentation ADP TEAM –Rob 7:00
		Hudson also part of team
		and the part of th
		Note lateral march
		Not a lateral move
		ADPTS is a Human Capital Management (HCM) organization that is
		tied to a PEO Business Model — drive business performance and
		longevity
		2. Organic technology — seamless transition of data and access to
		information  3. Underwriting and due diligence processes — insulate from economic
		3. Underwriting and due diligence processes — insulate from economic trends and control costs
		4. Breadth of services — scalability
		5. Size and reputation
		Marketplace
		Benefit renewal tied to fiscal year currently in October  Leader in a second to the second to t
		Leader in payroll, customer support, tech, certified PEO
		No.
		Co-employment model with ADP TotalSource®
		In a co-employment (or PEO) relationship, the client partners with a PEO, which means the PEO contractually shares certain employer responsibilities with the client company. This allows a company to tap into comprehensive HR
		outsourcing to help manage a company's human resources, employee benefits, regulatory compliance, and payroll.
		Benefits of PEO Benefits of HCM
		Consolidate vendors —     imirinize administrative
		burdens  • Streamline processes — Strategy  Volvaria Surfaction Human resources  * Streamline processes — Strategy
		create cost efficiencies Gain competitive edge EMBLAZE ADD TotalSource ADDRY TotalSource
		Integrate systems —     lower risk and enhance     employee experience     Finich the lives and wellbeing     People  Renefits     actific     People  Renefits     actific
		Mitigate risk — gain HR     of Workforce — Access     Fortune 500° caliber benefits
		increasing headcount and strategies
		Single digit renewal—underwriting upfront makes it cheaper—claims then
		adjustment
		These internal systems is a single services// concept of pooling

#### The Benefits of ADPTS Workers Compensation

- · Shift in Liability to ADP
  - Underwriting pool of all groups (DR Offices, Law Firms, Manufacturing,
  - Construction, etc.)

     Pool of 15,000 Clients, 600,000 worksite employees

#### What's the Difference? Claim with Open Market WC VS. ADPTS

- Claims get filed, Insurance increases MOD (Experience Rating), Increases the base rates/premium
- · Claim with ADP is shared in a pool of \$400mm+ in WC premium

#### Use ADP's Buying Power to Lower Your Base Rates!

 Using the 15K Clients and 600K WSE mentioned before, able to offer base rates that are unrivaled through other WC providers

#### Pay As You Go (No Annual Audit)

- Payroll and Workers Comp are tied together, you pay WC with every payroll cycle.
   So no need to over pay for WC at the beginning of the year or under pay and get stuck with an unexpected bill.
- · Adds predictability to your costs.
- · ADP Validates that all WC codes being used are accurate

#### Do You Belong to a Safety Group?

 You are paying a premium to be in this group, along with being grouped with others in your industry. So even if you have no losses, doesn't mean your premiums won't be affected.

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 Pull liability///certified PEO eliminate backend cost// workers comp cost is significantly less about \$10,000

Summary			^
	,		
	Current Cost	Total Source	
Talent	\$56,128.00	\$3,886,20	^
Payroll Processing	\$53,628.00	\$45,623.00	
Recruitment Services	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	
Time & Attendance	\$0.00	\$2,115.00	
Talent Sube	\$0.00	\$1,771.20	
Risk	\$44,350.00	50.00	^
Workers' Compensation Insurance	\$24,514.00	\$14,879.00	)
State Unemployment insurance	\$19,836.00	\$16,885.00	
Compensation & Benefits	\$271,608.00	\$240,667.00	^
401(k) Plan Administration	\$4,200.00	\$0.00	
Medical Benefits	\$267,408.00	\$240,667.00	
Service Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total	\$372,086.00	\$325,871.20	
Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total + Benefits	\$372,086.00	\$325,871.20	
Promptional value		\$0.00	18
TotalSource Investment		-\$46,214.80	
implementation Fee		\$7,437.50	

### 7:20-7:40 Francesca

- PEO/HR Vendor Presentation 7:30 Anthony Birch Trinet and Joanna
- Transition has added work to the staff load/ been having a difficulty with the work
- Shortfalls in servicing that are currently received -- Diana is support on the payroll side
- There is currently no direct integration of retirement benefits
- Is there a trinet preferred -Transamerica- that would be automated retirement plan is currently handled by someone

		Worker	s Compensat	ion Coverage	9			
		WC State Code	Estimated Current WC Rate*	TriNet Calculated Bill Rate	WC Billable Wages	Estimated Current WC Fee	Estimated TriNet Annual WC Fee*	
		NY8868	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.69	\$2,641,886	\$ 21,528	\$ 18,299	
		NY9101	\$ 5.50	\$ 4.68	\$293,543 <b>\$2,935,429</b>	\$ 16,146 \$ 37,674	\$ 13,724 \$ 32,023	
		TriNet's "Pay-As	-You-Go" WC model is differe	nt from the traditional open m		\$ 37,674	\$ 32,023	
		on an es the end Our mod have to; flow. The chai  Catego Depos Payment Audit Carrier R. Deducti	With our model, you are billed a WC fee each pay cycle. Open market models are based on an estimated annual payroll. Under the open market model, an audit is performed at the end of the policy period to true-up the payroll and premium.  2. Our model eliminates the need for an annual WC audit and premium true-up. You don't have to pay a depost, and you have greater certainty about your expenses and cash flow.  3. The chart below shows additional differences in the two models:    Category   TriNet   Open Market					
7:40-7:50	Gerry	Financ	e and Facilitie	es Committee	e Report use	docs for the	nis 7:50	
	/Deria		April 2021 Financial Results					
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	(Edte	• FY	• FY 2022 Budget Update					
7:50-8:00	c) Francesca	Manag	Management Report 7:56					
7.50 0.00	Trancesea	_	36 000171 1					
		• 300 students for 2021-2022						
		Reopening Plan Update						
8:00-8:05	Francesca	Review and Vote: Tabled till next board meeting						
		• \$35,000 Furniture Purchase for New Grade (8 <sup>th</sup> )						
8:05-8:10	Marlin	Enrollment and Development Committee Report						
			P 11					
		Development Update						
		Branding Program						
8:10-8:15	Gerry/Ta		Governance Committee Report Tabled					
	meka		ard Candidate	_				
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				lates under re				
8:15	Gerry	Adjour	nment adjour	ned at 812				



June 2021 Board Meeting Date: June 30, 2021.

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM.

Location: Virtual meeting at meet.google.com/jgi-uoay-

zfq.

Board Members in Attendance:	Absent Board Members:	Other Attendees:
Geraldo Vasquez		Elizabeth Marku
Tameka Beckford-Young		Jasmine Gomes
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Janneth Gaona Marlin Jenkins		Megan Ricigliano
Elizabeth Goana		Collin Thompson
Matthew Kirby-Smith		Tiana Waller
Machew Kirby-Sillen		C. Rhodes

Time	Lead	Agenda Item						
6:30/6:40	Gerry	Call to order Intro of Elizabeth Gaona						
		Motion to serve as treasurer, also finance and facilities chairperson committee						
		Approved Unanimously  Approved Figure Martine Minutes (Will be discussed a set process)						
6:30-6:40	Gerry	Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (Will be discussed next meeting)						
		May 2021 Board Meeting						
		<ul> <li>July 2020 – Oct 2020; Dec 2020 and March 2021 – April 2021Board Meetings</li> </ul>						
6:40-7:00	Gerry/Derian	Finance and Facilities Committee Report (Will be discussed next meeting)						
	(Edtec)	June 2021 Financial Results						
		FY 2022 Budget Update						
7:00-7:30	Francesca	Management Report Using a baseline need clarification on this						
		June 2021 Update						
		Reopening Plan Update						
7:30-8:00	Francesca/Gerry/	Review and Vote:						
	Derian (Edtec)	• \$35,000 Furniture Purchase for New Grade (8 <sup>th</sup> )						
		• FY 2022 Budget						
		Primary items are Salary and rent						
		<ul> <li>Salary: proposed escalations from HoS, board is looking to bring on a</li> </ul>						
		consultant to review salaries across board, to make sure they are marketable and equitable						
		<ul> <li>Current budget doesn't have a lot of leeway for these changes—proposed contingency for salaries</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Gerry moves to tentative approval of the budget, soft approval, pending certain</li> </ul>						
		modifications; approved unanimously						
		Insurance Renewal						
		Two main points increase of 10%+, covid related spikes, this does not include						
		cybersecurity (previously \$63). (Need bids for this)						
		All commutable diseases (COVID), new policy does not cover if we are liable						
		and get sued. State educational entity, the only change is if there has been some						
		shortsightedness on the school's part then we are not covered. We have access						
		to lower rates because of our participation in board pool. (Negligence)						
		• Increase in policy and cybersecurity policy may increase and still needs to be						
		renegotiated, we are still looking for COIVD related policies						
	1	Approved Unanimously						

		More COVID protocols to come from the State and city level for the Charter school division
		<ul> <li>Audit Firm Renewal</li> <li>13,000 audti fee plus 1500 tax</li> <li>Engagement letter for auditing</li> <li>We want agreement separate from tax services and management services</li> <li>Motion the approval of the audit who is external pending multiyear agreement and tax information (990 tax number)</li> </ul>
		Approved Unanimously
8:00-8:05	Marlin	<ul> <li>Enrollment and Development Committee Report (Will be discussed next meeting)</li> <li>Enrollment Update</li> <li>Development Update</li> <li>Branding Program</li> </ul>
8:05-8:15	Gerry/Tameka	Governance Committee Report  • Welcome New Board Member  • Prior to previous meeting there were discussions had with staff and parents  • Several staff have reached out to the board, unable to have collective meeting  • HR team is looking to provide the board with proposals with how to communicate complaints with broken down steps (formal complaints)  • A written policy and procedure is being created for compliant process  • Specific individuals with issues, and some anonymous issues to address as well  • Legal is addressing this, emails have been responded to, currently working to create an approach for this also an updated policy for this
8:15	Gerry	Adjournment



### Principal of Operations Founding Dean of Community/Government Relations and College Prep Dean of Culture 5th & 6th Operations Manager 2020-2021 ORGANIZATONAL CHART Operations Associate Lower School Counselor Associate Dean of School Culture 7th Literature Writing, Literacy Head of School Specialists, ENL Teacher, Founding Dean of Community/Government Upper School Counselor Relations and College Prep (12) Board of Trustees History Teachers (2) History Department Lead (1) Dean of Curriculum Humanities Teaching Fellow (1) Math, Science Teachers, STEM Dean of STEM Specialists (10)

Facilities Manager



## 2020-2021 Instructional Calendar

Trimester 1	Instructional Cycle 1
September 1 – November	September 1-October 9
24	27 instructional days
56 instructional days	Instructional Cycle 2
	October 14-November 24
	29 instructional days
Trimester 2	Instructional Cycle 3
December 1 – March 19	December 1 – January 22
62 instructional days	28 instructional days
	Instructional Cycle 4
	January 26 – March 19
	34 instructional days
Trimester 3	Instructional Cycle 5
March 22 – June 17	March 22 – April 30
62 instructional days	25 instructional days
	Instructional Cycle 6
	May 3 – June 23
	37 instructional days

	CALENDAR KEY					
	Testing	Student Events	Family Events	Staff Events	No School	Data Day/Teacher Workday
		Instructional Cycle 1		Instructional Cycle 2	Instructio	nal Cycle 3
		Instructional Cycle 4	Ł	Instructional Cycle 5	Instructio	nal Cycle 6
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	September 2020						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
31	<b>1</b> Instructional Day 1	<b>2</b> Instructional Day 2	<b>3</b> Instructional Day 3	4			
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	Student Orientation	Student Orientation	Student Orientation				
7	<b>8</b> Instructional Day 4	<b>9</b> Instructional Day 5	<b>1</b> Instructional Day 6	<b>11</b> Instructional Day 7			
Labor Day – No School	Beginning of Trimester 1	·		All Student Fun Friday			
				Proctoring the Test Meeting			
				11:30 - 12:30			



				Exact Path PD Cafecito 6:00 Exact Path PD
14 Instructional Day 8	15 Instructional Day 9 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins ParentSquare message to families regarding ExactPath	16 Instructional Day 10	17 Instructional Day 11 Williamsbridge begins Reading Diagnostic	18 Instructional Day 12 Student Fun Friday 2:00 MyOn PD
21 Instructional Day 13  Reading Diagnostic during Health *WB finishes/works on learning path* Homeroom Icebreakers	22 Instructional Day 14 Language Arts Diagnostic during Health  Homeroom Icebreakers	23 Instructional Day 15  Math Diagnostic during Problem-Solving  Homeroom Icebreakers	24 Instructional Day 16  Homeroom Icebreakers	25 Instructional Day 17  Make-Up/Extended Time testing (9 am-10) *This may extend if students need more time* Teachers work in groups or alone on Smart Start with MyON. No coaching meetings. 2:00 SEL PD
28 Instructional Day 18  MyOn During 8th Period	29 Instructional Day 19  ExactPath During 8th Period Family Cafecito	30 Instructional Day 20 MyOn During 8th Period	1 Instructional Day 21 History IA Exact Path During 8th Period	2 Instructional Day 22 8:00-9:30 Exact Path PD SuperFun Friday  OFriday 10/2: Whole staff- Teacher Report & IEP Meetings (purpose, expectations, systems

		October 2020	70	70.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Instructional Day 23	6 Instructional Day 24	7 Instructional Day 25	8 Instructional Day 26	9 Instructional Day 27



Instructional Cycle #1 Interim Assessments Math IA	Instructional Cycle #1 Interim Assessments Science IA	Instructional Cycle #1 Interim Assessments Literature IA	Instructional Cycle #1 Interim Assessments Writing IA	Extended Friday Schedule: Homeroom, Advisory, ExactPath and MyOn Hours Emblaze Carnival Student Surveys #1 IA Make-up Testing during office hours) PD: On Cyber Security with iWise 2:30-3:30
12 Native American Remembrance Day – No School	Data Day – No School for Students 3:00 MyOn PD	14 Instructional Day 28	15 Instructional Day 29  Data Night	16 Instructional Day 30 Roll - out transition from Google Meets Exact Path Office Hours Spelling Bee 3:00 Grade Team Meeting/ PD
19 Instructional Day 31	20 Instructional Day 32 Exact Path Reading	21 Instructional Day 33	22 Instructional Day 34 Family Roundtable	23 Instructional Day 35 Exact Path Office Hours Emblaze Trivia + Lunch
26 Instructional Day 36  Spirit Week – Pajama Day	27 Instructional Day 37 Spirit Week – Career Day Exact Path Reading	28 Instructional Day 38 YOM KIPPUR Spirit Week – Multicultural Day	29 Instructional Day 39 Spirit Week – Twin Day	30 Instructional Day 40 Spirit Week – Halloween Costume Party Exact Path PD  • Friday 10/30: Specialists only- Teacher Report & SESIS training (reading reports,



		transferring,
		uploading, writing
		goals)

		November 2020		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Instructional Day 41	3 Instructional Day 42 ELECTION DAY Exact Path Reading	4 Instructional Day 43	5 Instructional Day 44	6 Instructional Day 45 Exact Path Math Office Hours LA Testing Prop for PD
				<ul> <li>Friday 11/6:         <ul> <li>Specialists only-</li> <li>Follow up &amp;</li> <li>support specialists</li> <li>(transferring,</li> <li>uploading &amp;</li> <li>writing goals)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
9 Instructional Day 46	10 Instructional Day 47 Exact Path Reading Family Cafecito	11 Veteran's Day- No School	12 Instructional Day 48 Exact Path Language Arts	13 Instructional Day 49 Performance Review PIO Exact Path Office Hours Hispanic Culture Celebration
16 Instructional Day 50 Instructional Cycle #2 Interim Assessments Grateful Pen Pal	17 Instructional Day 51 Instructional Cycle #2 Interim Assessments Grateful Pen Pal Exact Path Reading	18 Instructional Day 52 Instructional Cycle #2 Interim Assessments Grateful Pen Pal	19 Instructional Day 53 Instructional Cycle #2 Interim Assessments Grateful Pen Pal	20 Instructional Day 54 Exact Path Office Hours Student Surveys #2 Student vs. Teacher Basketball Game Grateful Pen Pal
23 Instructional Day 55 Family Multicultural Potluck & Book Fair	24 Instructional Day 56 End of Trimester 1 Grades Due by EOD	25 Thanksgiving Break – No School	26 Thanksgiving Break – No School	27 Thanksgiving Break – No School



Exact Path Reading

	December 2020						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
30	1 Instructional Day 57	2 Instructional Day 58	3 Instructional Day 59	4 Instructional Day 60			
Data Day –	Beginning of Trimester 2	Trimester 1 Report Card	Trimester 1 Report Card	Exact Path Office Hours			
No School for Students	Exact Path Reading	Afternoon & Family Surveys	Afternoon & Family Surveys	Scholar Dollar Auction #1			
25				Trimester 1 Report Card			
				Afternoon & Family Surveys			
7 Instructional Day 61	8 Instructional Day 62	9 Instructional Day 63	10 Instructional Day 64	11 Instructional Day 65			
	Exact Path Reading		Secret Snowflake Reveal	Exact Path Office Hours			
	V	Mid-Year Surveys Due	Family Roundtable	Trimester 1 Electives			
		78	150	Showcase			
				Emblaze Holiday Party			
14 Instructional Day 66	15 Instructional Day 67	16 Instructional Day 68	17 Instructional Day 69	18 Instructional Day 70			
2	**	2		Exact Path Office Hours			
				Trimester 1 Honor Society			
				Luncheon			
21	22	23	24	25			
Winter Break - No School	Winter Break – No School	Winter Break – No School	Winter Break – No School	Winter Break – No School			
28	29	30	31	1			
Winter Break - No School	Winter Break – No School	Winter Break – No School	Winter Break – No School	Winter Break – No School			

	January 2021					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
4 Instructional Day 71	5 Instructional Day 72	6 Instructional Day 73	7 Instructional Day 74	8 Instructional Day 75		
***	Family Cafecito	***		Picture Day		
	Exact Path Reading			Exact Path Office Hours		
11 Instructional Day 76	12 Instructional Day 77	13 Instructional Day 78	14 Instructional Day 79	15Instructional Day 80		
800	Exact Path Reading	**	***	2290		



				Guess Who Lunch + Challenge Exact Path Office Hours
18 MLK Day – No School	19 Instructional Day 81 Instructional Cycle #3	20 Instructional Day 82 Instructional Cycle #3	21 Instructional Day 83 Instructional Cycle #3	22 Instructional Day 84 Instructional Cycle #3 Ends Grades Due EOD Student Surveys #3
25 Data Day – No School for Students	26 Instructional Day 85 Exact Path Reading Mamba & Mambacita Day	27 Instructional Day 86	28 Instructional Day 87	29 Instructional Day 88 Career Day

	February 2021					
Monday	Tuesday	day Wednesday Thursday		Friday		
1 Instructional Day 89	2 Instructional Day 90	3 Instructional Day 91	4 Instructional Day 92	5 Instructional Day 93		
Black Clothes Day	Exact Path Reading	***	V.	Culture Day &		
	Bronx Hero Day	Dress to Impress Day	Fictional Character Day	Black History Month		
				Celebration		
8 Instructional Day 94	9 Instructional Day 95	10 Instructional Day 96	11 Instructional Day 97	12 Instructional Day 98		
*	98	*	*	LUNAR NEW YEAR		
Bronx Appreciation Day	Dress like Your Hero Day	Throwback Day	Emblaze Swag Day	Formal Friendship Dance		
	Exact Path Reading		Family Roundtable	Friendly Valentine		
				Staff Appreciation Survey		
				sent out by Culture Deans		
15	16	17	18	19		
February Break – No School						
22 Instructional Day 99	23 Instructional Day 100	24 Instructional Day 101	25 Instructional Day 102	26 Instructional Day 103		
Spring Schedule Begins	Dress like Your Favorite	Twin Day	Pajama Day	57		
	Teacher Day		Data Night			
	Exact Path Reading					

March 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Instructional Day 104	2 Instructional Day 105	3 Instructional Day 106	4 Instructional Day 107	5 Instructional Day 108
	Family Cafecito			Trimester 2 Electives
	Exact Path Reading			Showcase
8 Instructional Day 109	9 Instructional Day 110	10 Instructional Day 111	11 Instructional Day 112	12 Instructional Day 113
Family Appreciation Week	Family Appreciation Week	Family Appreciation Week	Family Appreciation Week	Family Appreciation Week
·	Exact Path Reading	1	1	Pi Day Celebration
13 Instructional Day 114	<b>16</b> Instructional Day 115	17 Instructional Day 116	<b>18</b> Instructional Day 117	<b>19</b> Instructional Day 118
	Exact Path Reading			Scholar Dollar Auction
				End of Trimester 2
				Grades due EOD
<b>22</b> Instructional Day 99	<b>23</b> Instructional Day 100	<b>24</b> Instructional Day 101	<b>25</b> Instructional Day 102	<b>26</b> Instructional Day 103
Data Week for Students:	Data Week for Students:	Data Week for Students:	Data Week for Students:	Data Week for
IXL/MyOn/EP/Progress	IXL/MyOn/EP/Progress	IXL/MyOn/EP/Progress	IXL/MyOn/EP/Progress	students?/Have counselors
Report	Report	Report	Report	prepare a lesson about
				meta-cognition and
	Exact Path Reading		Data Night	self-re ection
				Sports Day
				Student Surveys #4
29	30	31	1	2
Spring Break – No School	Spring Break – No School	Spring Break – No School	Spring Break – No School	Good Friday – No School
PASSOVER	PASSOVER	PASSOVER	PASSOVER	
		April 2021		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Instructional Day 124	<b>6</b> Instructional Day 125	7 Instructional Day 126	8 Instructional Day 127	9 Instructional Day 128

April 2021						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
5 Instructional Day 124	<b>6</b> Instructional Day 125	7 Instructional Day 126	8 Instructional Day 127	<b>9</b> Instructional Day 128		
	Exact Path Reading	Trimester 2 Report Card	Trimester 2 Report Card	Trimester 2 Report Card		
		Afternoon & Family Surveys	Afternoon & Family Surveys	Afternoon & Family Surveys		
				Trimester 2		
				Honor Society Luncheon		
				Emblaze Eatery #1		
<b>12</b> Instructional Day 129	<b>13</b> Instructional Day 130	<b>14</b> Instructional Day 131	<b>15</b> Instructional Day 132	<b>16</b> Instructional Day 133		



	Predict Ramadan Begins Exact Path Reading ELA State Test Pep Rally			Student vs. Teacher Basketball Game #2 Emblaze Eatery #2
19 Instructional Day 134 NYSESLAT SPEAKING BEGINS Math State Test Pep Rally	20 Instructional Day 135 NYSESLAT SPEAKING ELA State Test	21 Instructional Day 136 NYSESLAT SPEAKING ELA State Test	22 Instructional Day 137 NYSESLAT SPEAKING (Alternate ELA State Test) Family Roundtable	23 Instructional Day 138 NYSESLAT SPEAKING Square Dance Emblaze Eatery #3
26 Instructional Day 139 NYSESLAT SPEAKING Teacher Appreciation Week	27 Instructional Day 140 NYSESLAT SPEAKING Teacher Appreciation Week	28 Instructional Day 141 NYSESLAT SPEAKING Teacher Appreciation Week	29 Instructional Day 142 NYSESLAT SPEAKING Teacher Appreciation Week	30 Instructional Day 143 NYSESLAT SPEAKING Instructional Cycle 5 Ends Grades Due EOD Teacher Appreciation Week Finale – Emblaze Eatery

May 2021							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
3Instructional Day 144	4 Instructional Day 145	5 Instructional Day 146	6 Instructional Day 147	7Instructional Day 148			
NYSESLAT SPEAKING	Math State Test	Math State Test	(Alternate Math State Test)	**			
Math State Test Pep Rally							
10 Instructional Day 149	11 Instructional Day 150	12Instructional Day 151	13 Instructional Day 152	14 Instructional Day 153			
	Family Cafecito	EID UL FITR Predicted	EID UL FITR Predicted	EID UL FITR Predicted			
				Field Day			
17Instructional Day 154	18 Instructional Day 155	19 Instructional Day 156	20 Instructional Day 157	21 Instructional Day 158			
NYSESLAT READING				Super Fun Friday			
AND WRITING BEGINS				Spring Fling			
24 Instructional Day 159	25 Instructional Day 160	26 Instructional Day 161	27 Instructional Day 162	28 Instructional Day 163			
9				NYSESLAT ENDS			

June 2021							
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday							
31 Memorial Day – No School	1 Instructional Day 164	2 Instructional Day 165	3 Instructional Day 166	4 Instructional Day 167			



7 Instructional Day 168 EOY Testing	8 Instructional Day 169 EOY Testing	9 Instructional Day 170 EOY Testing	10 Instructional Day 171 EOY Testing Family Roundtable	11 Instructional Day 172 EOY Testing Instructional Cycle 4 Ends Grades Due EOD
14 Instructional Day 173 EOY Trips Teacher Breakdown Day	15 Instructional Day 174 EOY Trips Teacher Breakdown Day	16 Instructional Day 175 EOY Trips Teacher Breakdown Day	17 Instructional Day 176 Trimester 3 Electives Showcase Teacher Breakdown Day	18 Instructional Day 177 Stepping Up Ceremonies EOY Emblaze Party
21 Instructional Day 178 Teacher Breakdown Day	22 Instructional Day 179 Teacher Breakdown Day	23 Instructional Day 180 Teacher Breakdown Day Last Day of School	24	25



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

9 METROTECH CENTER BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11201-3857

### **BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION**

Public Buildings Unit **DATE: 08.04.2021.** 

## **PREMISES**

Emblaze Academy Charter School 1164 Garrison Avenue Bronx NY 10474	Emblaze Academy Charter School 1164 Garrison Avenue Bronx NY 10474
To Whom It May Concern:	
The New York City Fire Department ("FDNY"), Bure inspection of the above-referenced premises on <b>10.07.2020</b>	au of Fire Prevention, Public Buildings Unit conducted an
The inspection did not reveal any violations that FI to inspect and enforce.	ONY's Public Buildings Unit is authorized
The inspection resulted in issuance of violations of that FDNY's Public Buildings Unit is authorized to	
<b>XXX</b> —As of <b>02.09.2021</b> documents were submitted to FI acceptable to FDNY	DNY as proof of correction, and such correction was deemed
The inspection, and a review of premises records, he the lawful occupancy established by the New York	nas disclosed that the premises may not be in compliance with City Department of Buildings.
premises is free from any violation for which it has not in This letter shall not prevent FDNY from inspecting the	an approval of the premises. FDNY does not certify that the inspected, in accordance with its standard inspection protocols. The premises at a later date, requiring the correction of any ons against the premises for conditions that do not comply with
Francisco by	
Examined by: Tomasz Korbas, Supervising Inspector, PBU	



## Certificate of Occupancy

CO Number: 220471362F

This certifies that the premises described herein conforms substantially to the approved plans and specifications and to the requirements of all applicable laws, rules and regulations for the uses and occupancies specified. No change of use or occupancy shall be made unless a new Certificate of Occupancy is issued. This document or a copy shall be available for inspection at the building at all reasonable times.

A.	Borough: Bronx	Block Nu	mber:	Certificate Type:	: Final
	Address: 1164 GARRISON AVE	Lot Numb	per(s):	Effective Date:	06/29/2020
	Building Identification Number (BIN):				
		Building Altered	Туре:		
	This building is subject to this Building (	Code: Prior to 1968 Co	ode		
	For zoning lot metes & bounds, please se	ee BISWeb.			
В.	Construction classification:		(Prior to 1968 C	code designation)	
	Building Occupancy Group classification	n:	(2014/2008 Cod	de)	
	Multiple Dwelling Law Classification:	None			
	No. of stories:	Height in feet:		No. of dwelling un	its: 0
C.	Fire Protection Equipment: Standpipe system, Fire alarm system, Sprin	kler system			
D.	Type and number of open spaces: None associated with this filing.				
E.	This Certificate is issued with the following None	ng legal limitations:			
	Borough Comments: None				

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	Permissible Use and Occupancy					
	All B	uilding Co	ode occupan	cy group de	esignations	below are 2008 designations.
Floor From To	Maximum persons permitted	lbs per	Building Code occupancy group	Dwelling or Rooming Units	Zoning use group	Description of use
•	END OF SECTION					

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Borough Commissioner

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Commissioner