

## STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT

This Contract is executed by and between the STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION (“Commission”), a commission established under the laws of the State of Hawaii, whose mailing address is 1111 Bishop Street, Suite 516, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813, and SEEQS: THE SCHOOL FOR EXAMINING ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY (“School”), whose mailing address is 845 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Cottage Five, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96816, singularly “Party” and collectively “Parties.”

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution provides for the establishment, support and control of a statewide system of public schools free from sectarian control, a state university, public libraries and such other educational institutions as may be deemed desirable, including physical facilities therefor;

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature enacted Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, effective June 19, 2012 and codified as Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), which sets forth the laws under which charter schools are created and governed;

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature found that this Act will support new approaches to education that accommodate the individual needs of students and provide the State with successful templates that can dramatically improve Hawaii’s educational standards for the twenty-first century, and that this Act will create genuine opportunities for communities to implement innovative models of community-based education;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 302D, HRS, the Commission has statewide chartering jurisdiction and authority and is empowered to authorize public charter schools and enter into a charter contract with approved public charter schools;

WHEREAS, Sec. 302D-1, HRS, defines the “charter contract” as a fixed-term, bilateral, renewable contract between a public charter school and a charter school authorizer that outlines the role, powers, responsibilities and performance expectations for each party to the contract;

WHEREAS, through this Contract, the Parties are desirous of ensuring clear requirements for accountability while preserving the autonomy of the School to support new, innovative approaches to education and contribute to the development of high quality public charter schools throughout the State;

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2012, the School submitted an application to establish a charter school;

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2012, the Commission approved the School’s charter school application; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ch. 302D, HRS, the Commission has authority to enter into a charter contract with the School.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants, representations, warranties and agreements contained here, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. General Terms

- 1.1. Term. The term of this Contract shall be one (1) year, commencing on July 1, 2013 and terminating on June 30, 2014.
- 1.2. Legal Status of School. Pursuant to Sec. 302D-25(e), HRS, the School is a public school and entity of the State and may not bring suit against any other entity or agency of the State. The School shall be nonsectarian in its operations.
- 1.3. Compliance with Laws. The School shall comply with all applicable federal, State and county laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time.

2. Governance of School

- 2.1. The School's Governing Board is the independent board of the School that is responsible for the financial, organizational and academic viability of the School; possesses the independent authority to determine the organization and management of the School, the curriculum and the instructional methods; has the power to negotiate supplemental collective bargaining agreements with exclusive representatives of their employees and is considered the employer of School employees for purposes of chapters 76, 78 and 89; and ensures compliance with applicable laws.
- 2.2. The School's Governing Board shall comply with the Code of Ethics (Ch. 84, HRS) and shall adopt and adhere to a conflict of interest policy which is consistent with Ch. 84, HRS, and which includes provisions related to nepotism.

3. Educational Program

- 3.1. School's Control. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract, the School shall have control over and responsibility for the design and delivery of the educational program and for attaining the academic performance standards and targets established in the Performance Frameworks attached as Exhibit B and, subject to par. 3.2, shall have the discretion to modify, amend, adapt and otherwise change its educational program as it deems necessary to achieve the academic performance standards and targets.
- 3.2. Material Elements of Educational Program. The material elements of the School's Educational Program, including but not limited to the School's mission and vision statements, are as set forth in Exhibit A to this Contract. The School shall, at all times, operate in a manner consistent with its Educational Program as defined in Exhibit A. Revisions to any of the elements in Exhibit A shall be considered a material change to the Contract and shall require prior written approval by the Commission; provided that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, particularly to the extent that such changes are intended to improve educational outcomes.
- 3.3. Academic Standards.
  - 3.3.1. Consistent with State law, the School shall implement the Common Core or other State academic standards as may hereafter be approved by the State Board of Education (BOE).

- 3.3.2. The School shall retain the autonomy to select a particular curricular and/or instructional approach consistent with the Common Core or other State academic standards.
- 3.4. Graduation Requirements for High Schools. The School shall comply with BOE Policy 4540, as the same may be amended from time to time, which shall apply starting with the incoming ninth graders for the school year 2013-2014, and shall provide evidence of such compliance; provided that the School may request a waiver of this Policy from the BOE.
- 3.5. Education of Students with Disabilities.
- 3.5.1. The State Department of Education (DOE) is statutorily responsible for the provision of a free appropriate public education. If the School enrolls special education students or identifies one of its students as eligible for special education, the School shall be responsible for providing the educational and related services required by a student's individualized education program. The programs and services for the student shall be determined collaboratively by the student's individualized education program team, which includes the student's parents or legal guardians.
- 3.5.2. If the School is unable to provide all of the required services, then the DOE is responsible for providing the student with services as determined by the student's individualized education program team. The Commission shall collaborate with the DOE to develop guidelines related to the provision of special education services and resources to each charter school. The DOE is responsible for reviewing all of the current individualized education programs of special education students enrolled in a charter school and may offer staff, funding or both, to the charter school based upon a per-pupil weighted formula implemented by the DOE and used to allocate resources for special education students in the public schools.
- 3.5.3. The DOE is the State of Hawaii's "local education agency" (LEA) for purposes of compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). All public schools, including charter schools, are part of and fall under the LEA. As such, the School shall comply with all applicable federal and State laws, rules, policies, procedures and directives regarding the education of students with disabilities, including but not limited to Ch. 8-60, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR).
- 3.6. Section 504 and ADA. The School shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act and all related DOE rules, policies and procedures in its general curriculum, including but not limited to implementation of any formal Section 504 plan that has been developed for a student, all as may be amended from time to time. The Commission and/or the DOE will provide training, consultation and advice to the School as needed with regard to Section 504 compliance, including legal interpretations, recommendations for intervention strategies and assistance in conducting Section 504 plan and review meetings.
- 3.7. English Language Learners. The School shall provide services to students with limited English proficiency in compliance with all federal and State laws, regulations, rules, court orders, policies, procedures and guidance, all as may be amended from time to time, to ensure linguistic accessibility to the School's educational program. The Commission shall provide the School with technical assistance similar to those services provided by the DOE complex areas to the DOE-operated public schools. The School shall also assist Immigrant Children and Youth, as defined in Section 3301(6), Title III, Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as the

same may be amended from time to time, in meeting the State academic content and student academic achievement standards that all public school students are expected to meet.

#### 4. School Performance

##### 4.1. Performance Frameworks.

4.1.1. Consistent with the requirements of Sec. 302D-16(a), HRS, the School's academic performance under this Contract shall be evaluated based on the School's record of performance according to the State accountability system as may be amended from time to time consistent with State and federal requirements and shall give due consideration to the School's performance based on any Commission-approved school-specific indicators adopted by the School.

4.1.2. The School's organizational and financial performance under this Contract shall be evaluated using the Organizational and Financial Performance Frameworks, respectively, attached as Exhibit B to this Contract. These Performance Frameworks shall supersede and replace any and all financial operation metrics and organizational performance metrics established prior to the execution of this Contract and not explicitly incorporated into the Performance Frameworks. The specific terms, forms and requirements of the Performance Frameworks, including any required indicators, measures, metrics and targets, are maintained and disseminated by the Commission and shall be binding on the School. Material amendments to the Performance Frameworks shall require approval by the Commission.

4.2. Modification to Performance Frameworks. The Parties acknowledge that specific terms, forms and requirements of the Performance Frameworks may be modified to the extent required to align with changes to applicable State or federal accountability requirements as set forth in law or policies or based on other circumstances that make assessment based on the existing Performance Framework requirements impracticable. In the event that such modifications are required, the Commission will make its best effort to apply expectations for school performance in a manner as reasonably consistent with those set forth in the Performance Frameworks and the School's Educational Program as set forth in Exhibit A to this Contract.

4.3. State Accountability System. The School shall be subject to and comply with all requirements related to the State assessment and accountability system for all public schools. The School shall administer all student testing as required by federal and State law, rule, policies and procedures. The School may elect to administer assessments in addition to the State's summative test. These additional assessments will not be factored into the School's index score for the purposes of the State school accountability system but the School may use them for the School's Commission-approved school-specific goals and measures, if any, and the Commission shall factor them into the overall accountability assessments in accordance with the Performance Frameworks.

4.4. Board of Education Authority. Pursuant to its duties under Article X, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, the BOE has the power to formulate statewide educational policy. The School shall only be subject to BOE policies that are specified in this Contract or are expressly identified by the BOE as applying to charter schools. If there is any conflict between an applicable BOE policy and a provision in this Contract, the BOE policy shall control.

#### 5. Student Admission, Enrollment & Dismissal

- 5.1. Non-Discrimination. The School shall make all student recruitment, admissions, enrollment and retention decisions in a nondiscriminatory manner and without regard to race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, income level, academic or athletic ability, disability, need for special education services or lack of proficiency in the English language.
- 5.2. Admissions. The School shall comply with its Admission Policies and Procedures as approved by the Commission and provided in Exhibit A (Educational Program). If the number of applicants exceeds the School's capacity of a program, class, grade level or building, the School shall select students to attend using a random selection process that shall be publicly noticed and open to the public; provided that if the School is a conversion charter school serving as the home school for the DOE district, then the School shall follow DOE policies and procedures regarding admissions and shall not be subject to the random selection requirements.
- 5.3. Enrollment. The School shall maintain accurate and complete enrollment data and daily records of student attendance.
- 5.4. Joint Enrollment. Only for the purpose of calculating funding based on enrollment, no student may be jointly enrolled in the School and another public or private school.
- 5.5. Enrollment Preferences. The School shall not impose enrollment preferences, except as provided for in Exhibit A (Educational Program) or otherwise approved by the Commission.
- 5.6. Dismissal. The School shall not dismiss or transfer a student involuntarily, unless the dismissal or transfer is accomplished through established administrative procedures provided for by this Contract, or by administrative procedures in the Commission's rules or policies; provided that any dismissal of a student with a disability shall comply with the requirements of Ch. 8-60, HAR.
6. Operation of School
  - 6.1. Student Conduct and Discipline. The School shall adopt, update and adhere to written policies concerning standards of student conduct and discipline which shall comply with federal and State laws. The School shall provide copies to the School's parents and students at the start of each school year.
  - 6.2. Punishment of Pupils Limited. No physical punishment of any kind may be inflicted upon any pupil, but reasonable force may be used by a principal, principal's agent, teacher or a person otherwise entrusted with the care or supervision for a special purpose of a minor in order to restrain a pupil in attendance at school from hurting oneself or any other person or property, and reasonable force may be used as delineated in Sec. 703-309(2), HRS.
  - 6.3. Conflict Resolution Policy. The School shall adopt, update and adhere to a Conflict Resolution Policy to provide parents and students due process in the event that a conflict arises; provided that where a dispute resolution process is defined for a particular program area (e.g., IDEA, Section 504, etc.), the School shall comply with the process for that particular program area which shall control. The Commission shall not intervene in the School's Conflict and Resolution procedures except where the dispute pertains to a possible violation of any law or term under this Contract.
  - 6.4. Complaints Process. The School shall establish and adhere to a process for resolving public complaints which shall include an opportunity for complainants to be heard. The final

administrative appeal shall be heard by the School's Governing Board, except where the complaint pertains to a possible violation of any law or term under this Contract.

- 6.5. Contracting for Educational Services. The School shall not enter into a contract or subcontract for comprehensive management or administration services of its core educational program or services, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Commission or identified in Exhibit A (Educational Program). Such contracting is conditioned upon the School developing a management agreement with the educational service provider that meets the conditions in Exhibit C to this Contract; provided requirements of a School Improvement Grant or other federal grant shall control.
- 6.6. Health and Safety
  - 6.6.1. Safe Environment. The School shall maintain a safe learning environment at all times. The School shall file a safety plan with the Commission.
  - 6.6.2. Health Clearances. The School shall comply with Secs. 302A-1154 to 302A-1163, HRS, and Ch. 11-157, HAR, requiring documentation that each student has received immunizations against communicable diseases, is free from tuberculosis in a communicable form and has received a physical examination. Pursuant to Sec. 302A-1161, HRS, if a child does not complete the immunizations or physical examination required within the period provided by Sec. 302A-1155, HRS, after provisional entry into school, the School shall notify the parent or guardian of the child that if the required immunizations or physical examination is not completed within thirty days of the date of the notice, the child shall not be admitted to the School.
  - 6.6.3. School Employees Afflicted with Tuberculosis. The School shall not allow any person who has contracted tuberculosis, while afflicted with the disease, to teach or work at the School.
  - 6.6.4. Student Health Services. The School shall provide appropriate student health services and safety protections including providing first aid care for ill and injured students. The school may recommend that parents seek the help of a medical professional or appropriate health agencies for cases beyond its scope of responsibility.
- 6.7. Insurance. The School shall be covered under the Statewide Risk Management Program pursuant to Ch. 41D, HRS, for liability, property, crime and automobile insurance. The School shall comply with all laws, rules, policies, procedures and directives of the Department of Accounting and General Services' Risk Management Office. The School may purchase additional insurance coverage if so desired.
- 6.8. Procurement. Pursuant to Secs. 302D-25(b) and 302D-12(d), HRS, the School and its Governing Board shall be exempt from Ch. 103D, HRS. The School's Governing Board shall develop policies and procedures for the procurement of goods, services and construction consistent with the goals of public accountability and public procurement practices.
- 6.9. Records
  - 6.9.1. Student Records. The School shall maintain student records for current and former students in accordance with the requirements of State and federal law, including the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, as may be amended from time to time. Should a student transfer to another school, the School shall transfer the student's records to the new school in a timely manner and may maintain copies of the

departing student's academic records created during the student's attendance at the School.

6.9.2. Records Retention. The School shall comply with all federal and State record keeping requirements. As a State entity, the School shall comply with the policies and guidelines of the Department of Accounting and General Services, Archives Division, Records Management Branch, with regard to the retention and disposal of government records.

6.9.3. Open Records Law. The School shall comply with Ch. 92F, HRS, the Uniform Information Practices Act.

6.10. Reporting of Crime-Related Incidents. The School shall adopt policies and procedures to:

- (a) Require a report to appropriate authorities from a teacher, official or other employee of the School who knows or has reason to believe that an act has been committed or will be committed, which:
  - (1) Occurred or will occur on School property during School hours or during activities supervised by the School; and
  - (2) Involves crimes relating to arson, assault, burglary, disorderly conduct, dangerous weapons, dangerous drugs, harmful drugs, extortion, firearms, gambling, harassment, intoxicating drugs, marijuana or marijuana concentrate, murder, attempted murder, sexual offenses, rendering a false alarm, criminal property damage, robbery, terroristic threatening, theft or trespass;
- (b) Establish procedures for disposing of any incident reported; and
- (c) Impose appropriate disciplinary action for failure to report these incidents, including probation, suspension, demotion and discharge of School officials.

6.11. Smoking Prohibited. As a public school, the School shall prohibit the use of tobacco at its school or at School functions.

6.12. Transportation. The School may provide transportation through an agreement or contract with a private provider. The School shall ensure the safety of students in any transportation arrangement.

## 7. Facilities

7.1. Location. The School shall provide educational services, including the delivery of instruction, at the location(s) identified in Exhibit A (Educational Program); provided that the School may conduct class site visits to temporary locations not identified in Exhibit A and may provide instruction at such temporary locations not to exceed 30 days. The School shall not operate in any other location without the prior written approval of the Commission.

7.2. Occupancy Rights. The School shall possess the lawful right to occupy and use the premises on which the School operates. The School shall provide the Commission a copy of the School's lease, deed or other occupancy agreement for all locations identified in Exhibit A (Educational Program), except if the School occupies DOE school facilities.

7.3. Compliance with Codes. The School shall be located in facilities that comply with all applicable State and county building, zoning, fire, health and safety code requirements.

7.3.1. If the School is located in facilities other than DOE facilities, the School shall obtain and maintain any necessary certificates or permits required for use and occupancy of the School's facilities from the applicable building, zoning, fire, health and safety authorities.

The School shall immediately notify the Commission in the event that any such certificate or permit is jeopardized, suspended or revoked.

7.3.2. The School shall comply at all times with the occupancy capacity limits set by zoning, building, fire and other applicable regulations.

7.3.3. Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, any exemptions from building, zoning, fire, health and safety laws, regulations, codes, standards and requirements shall not be applicable to the School except as authorized by the Commission, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Where necessary, the School shall be responsible for requesting permits and approvals from appropriate governmental agencies in compliance with this subparagraph.

7.4. Relocation or Expansion. The School's relocation or expansion to different facilities shall constitute a material change in the Contract and shall require prior written approval by the Commission. Approval shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Prior written request to the Commission for approval of such relocation or expansion;
- (b) Submission to the Commission of a Certificate of Occupancy for the new facilities at least 30 days prior to the first day of occupancy;
- (c) Submission to the Commission of a lease, deed or other document showing the School possesses the right to occupy the new premises;
- (d) Documentation that the new facilities meet applicable health, safety, fire, building and zoning code requirements; and
- (e) Documentation that the new facilities are of sufficient size to safely house anticipated enrollment.

## 8. Funding

8.1. Per-Pupil Funding. The School's non-facility general fund per-pupil funding shall be as defined in Sec. 302D-28, HRS. The Commission shall distribute the School's per-pupil allocation each fiscal year pursuant to Sec. 302D-28(f), HRS, and shall provide the School with the calculations used to determine the per-pupil amount each year. All funds distributed to the School from the Commission shall be used solely for the School's educational purposes as appropriated by the Legislature, and the School shall have discretion to determine how such funding shall be allocated at the school level to serve those purposes subject to applicable laws and this Contract.

8.2. Funding Subject to Appropriation. The general fund per-pupil funding is contingent upon legislative appropriation and allocation of funds. If the Legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies or if the appropriation is reduced by the Governor or by any other means and the effect of such non-appropriation or reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the School, this Contract shall terminate on the last day of the fiscal year for which sufficient funds are available.

8.3. Adjustments to Funding. The Commission's disbursement of per-pupil funds may be adjusted for the following reasons: (a) To reconcile projected versus actual enrollment counts; (b) To adjust the per-pupil amount due to restriction by the Governor or other reduction action; (c) To adjust the actual enrollment count based on an audit of pupil counts and per pupil revenue that impact the funding received by the School; or (d) To withhold funds due to non-compliance in accordance with Sec. 302D-28(f), HRS. The Commission shall have the discretion to determine whether to make an adjustment by: (i) Reconciling the adjusted amount in a



subsequent disbursement to the School; or (ii) Either making payment to the School or requiring reimbursement from the School with at least thirty (30) days' written notice by the Commission.

- 8.4. Facility Funds. In each year in which funds are appropriated for charter school facility purposes, the Commission shall allocate the funds among eligible charter schools. All funds distributed to the School shall be restricted to the purposes of the appropriation.
  - 8.5. Federal Funding. Pursuant to Sec. 302D-28, HRS, the School shall be eligible for all federal financial support to the same extent as all other public schools. The Commission shall timely distribute federal funds to the School based on the same methodology used by the DOE to distribute the funds to DOE-operated public schools; provided that the Commission may, by a majority vote at a public meeting, elect to employ an alternative distribution method where such discretion is allowed. The Commission shall make the DOE allocation methods publicly available and shall work with the DOE and the School where questions of equity may arise.
  - 8.6. Title I Funding. The Commission shall furnish the School with a Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act eligibility measure and shall provide Title I, Part A funds to the School based on that information. The School, if eligible, shall use Title I, Part A funds in accordance with applicable federal law and regulations including programmatic and fiscal requirements, and the Commission shall provide information to assist the School in understanding Title I, Part A requirements. The School shall provide a school plan that includes the components and school improvement elements required under Title I, Part A, and the Commission shall approve school plans within a reasonable timeframe. The Commission shall allocate set-aside funds in accordance with the intent and purpose of Title I, Part A to support academic progress in the School.
  - 8.7. Additional Funds. The School may accept gifts, donations or grants and shall comply with all applicable State or federal laws regarding such gifts, donations or grants. The School shall keep separate accounting records of all gifts, donations and grants.
  - 8.8. No Tuition. The School shall not assess tuition, contribution or attendance fees of any kind as a condition of enrollment.
  - 8.9. Fees. The School may charge reasonable fees, to the extent permitted by law, for summer school programs, after school programs, student activities and any other service, materials or equipment for which the DOE-operated public schools may charge a fee.
9. Financial Matters
- 9.1. The School shall maintain accurate and comprehensive financial records, operate in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and use public funds in a fiscally responsible manner.
  - 9.2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year for the School shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the subsequent calendar year.
  - 9.3. Management and Financial Controls. At all times, the School shall maintain appropriate governance and management procedures and financial controls which shall include, but not be limited to: (a) budgets, (b) accounting methods, (c) payroll procedures, (d) financial reporting and (e) internal control procedures for receipts, disbursements, purchases, payroll and fixed assets.

- 9.4. Assets. The School shall maintain a complete and current inventory of all of its property and shall update the inventory annually. The School shall take all necessary precautions to safeguard assets acquired with public funds.
- 9.5. Chart of Accounts. The Commission may require the School to follow a uniform chart of accounts; provided that the Commission shall provide a reasonable time period for the School to convert to such chart of accounts.
- 9.6. Transfer of Funds to Nonprofits. The School shall not transfer funds provided to it by the Commission to any affiliated nonprofit organization except for legitimate and reasonable payments from the School to the nonprofit pursuant to a written agreement.
- 9.7. Financing Agreements. The School shall comply with Ch. 37D, HRS, relating to financing agreements. "Financing agreement" means any lease purchase agreement, installment sale agreement, loan agreement, line of credit or other agreement of the department or, with the approval of the director, and any agency, to finance the improvement, use or acquisition of real or personal property that is or will be owned or operated by one or more agencies of the State, the department or any agency, or to refinance previously executed financing agreements including certificates of participation relating thereto. The School shall not act as a guarantor of any such financing agreement.

## 10. Personnel

- 10.1. Collective Bargaining. The School shall be subject to collective bargaining under Ch. 89, HRS, and shall comply with the master agreements as negotiated by the State; provided that the School may enter into supplemental collective bargaining agreements that contain cost and non-cost items to facilitate decentralized decision-making. The School shall provide a copy of any supplemental collective bargaining agreement to the Commission within 14 days of full execution.
- 10.2. Nondiscrimination. No person performing work under this Contract, including any employees or agents of the School, shall engage in any discrimination that is prohibited by any applicable federal, State or county law including but not limited to Sec. 378-2, HRS.
- 10.3. Teacher Credentials. The School's teachers shall comply with applicable State licensing requirements consistent with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and collective bargaining agreement, as such requirements may be amended. Teachers shall be licensed by the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board and shall meet the federal designation of "Highly Qualified" as adopted by the DOE and defined in the "*Title IIA Highly Qualified Teacher Guidelines*," updated May 2012, as may be amended. If the School receives Title I funding, the School shall ensure that 100% of teachers in core academic subjects are Highly Qualified, and federal funds shall not be used to pay for teachers who do not meet this requirement.
- 10.4. Evaluations. Pursuant to Board of Education Policy 2055, the School is responsible for implementing principal and teacher evaluation systems that are based on efficiency, ability, contribution to student learning and growth. The School may elect to implement the State-developed educator evaluation system or to develop and implement its own educator evaluation system that meets the criteria outlined in BOE Policy 2055, as may be amended from time to time.
- 10.5. Non-Instructional Employees. The School shall ensure that the School's non-instructional employees or agents are experienced and fully qualified to engage in the activities and perform the services required under this Contract, and that all applicable licensing and

operating requirements imposed or required under federal, State or county laws, and all applicable accreditation and other standards of quality generally accepted in the field of the activities of such employees and agents are complied with and satisfied.

10.6. Criminal History Checks. The School shall conduct criminal history checks in accordance with Sec. 846-2.7, HRS, to determine whether a prospective employee or agent is suitable for working in close proximity to children. Information obtained pursuant to this provision shall be used exclusively by the School for the purposes of determining whether a person is suitable for working in close proximity to children. All such decisions shall be subject to applicable federal laws and regulations currently or hereafter in effect. The School may terminate the employment of any employee or deny employment to an applicant if the person has been convicted of a crime, and if the School finds by reason of the nature and circumstances of the crime that the person poses a risk to the health, safety or well-being of children.

10.7. Personnel Policies. The School shall adopt, update and adhere to personnel policies.

## 11. Reporting & Data

### 11.1. Reports, Generally.

11.1.1. The School shall provide to the Commission, in the format and timeframe prescribed by the Commission, any reports necessary and reasonably required by the Commission to meet its oversight and reporting obligations. The Commission shall annually update the list of required reports and due dates and provide this information to the School.

11.1.2. The Commission shall endeavor to reduce the reporting burden it places on the School by providing reasonable notice for requests, providing timely notification when due dates are changed, avoiding duplicate requests and limiting requests to what is reasonably required by the Commission and other State entities.

11.2. Enrollment Count Reports. The School shall provide to the Commission actual and projected enrollment counts as required for funding and reporting purposes. The Commission may elect to obtain actual enrollment counts directly from the student information data system.

### 11.3. Financial Reports

11.3.1. Budget and Cash Flow. The School shall prepare and provide to the Commission a copy of its annual budget as approved by the School's Governing Board and cash flow projections for each upcoming fiscal year by **June 15**.

11.3.2. Quarterly Financial Reports. The School shall prepare and submit quarterly financial reports to the Commission within 45 days of the end of each fiscal year quarter.

11.3.3. Unaudited Financial Statements. The School shall prepare and submit its unaudited annual financial statements to the Commission by **September 15** of the subsequent fiscal year; provided that the Commission, with reasonable notice to the School, may change the deadline depending on circumstances.

11.3.4. Annual Audits. Each fiscal year, the School shall provide for an independent annual financial audit conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Governmental Auditing Standards and performed by a certified public accountant (CPA). The Commission shall provide the guidelines and/or scope of the audit and may require minimum CPA qualifications or that the School select from a list of qualified CPAs as provided by the Commission. The School shall provide the completed audit to

the Commission by **November 15** after the conclusion of the fiscal year; provided that the Commission, with reasonable notice to the School, may change the deadline depending on circumstances. The School shall pay for the audit if an appropriation is not made by the Legislature for such purpose.

11.4. **Governing Board Reporting.** The School shall make the following documents available at a publicly accessible area in its office and on its website, if applicable, by the respective due dates. Additionally, the School shall make the following documents available on the Commission’s website by either posting them directly onto the Commission’s website or sending an electronic version to the Commission, by the respective due dates.

<b>Document Description</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Governing Board member list (current names and contact information)	By July 30th of each year
Governing Board member changes	Within 30 days of any change
Schedule of Governing Board meetings	By July 30th of each year
Revisions to schedule of Governing Board meetings	Not less than six days prior to changed meeting date
Governing Board meeting notices and agendas	Not less than six days prior to the Governing Board meeting
Governing Board meeting minutes	Within 30 days following the Governing Board meeting

11.4.1. **School Policies and Procedures.** By **July 30** of each year, the School shall submit electronically to the Commission its most current policies and procedures as follows:

- (a) Conflict of interest policy;
- (b) Student conduct and discipline policy;
- (c) Conflict resolution policy;
- (d) Complaints procedures;
- (e) Procurement policies and procedures; and
- (f) Personnel policies.

11.4.2. **Collective Bargaining.** Within **14 days** of full execution, the School shall provide to the Commission a copy of any supplemental collective bargaining agreement.

11.4.3. **Other Reporting.** Upon request, the School shall provide the Commission any other documents deemed by the Commission to be relevant to the implementation of any term or condition of this Contract.

11.5. **Educational Data.** Pursuant to Sec. 302D-23, HRS, the School shall comply with the minimum educational data reporting standards established by the Board of Education (BOE) and with additional data reporting required by the Commission in its oversight of this Contract and shall ensure all data is accurate and complete. For the purposes of complying with the BOE’s educational data reporting standards, the School shall only use data systems that have been approved by the BOE as complying with the BOE-approved data reporting standards and shall obtain prior written approval from the BOE for any data system that has not been so approved.

- 11.6. Personnel Data. The School shall maintain accurate and complete personnel and payroll information and shall provide such information to the Commission, in the format and timeframe prescribed by the Commission, as required for the Legislature or any State agency including but not limited to the Department of Budget & Finance, Employees' Retirement System and the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund. The School shall ensure each employee receiving State benefits qualifies for such benefits.
- 11.7. School's Annual Report. The School shall submit an annual report to the Commission in the format and timeframe needed to assist the Commission in gathering complete information about the School.
- 11.8. Commission's Annual Report. The Commission shall publish and provide an annual report on the School's performance in accordance with the Performance Frameworks.
- 11.9. Immediate Notice. The School shall immediately notify the Commission (and other appropriate authorities) of any of the following:
- (a) Any circumstance requiring the closure of the School, including, but not limited to, a natural disaster, such as an earthquake, storm, tsunami, flood or other weather related event, other extraordinary emergency or destruction of or damage to the School facility;
  - (b) Any condition that may cause the School to vary from the terms of this Contract or applicable requirements, federal and/or State law;
  - (c) The arrest of any members of the School Governing Board or School employees for a crime punishable as a felony or any crime related to the misappropriation of funds or theft;
  - (d) Misappropriation of funds;
  - (e) Any complaint, citation or default filed against the School by a government agency or lessor;
  - (f) Any inaccuracy found in enrollment count or other data provided to the Commission;
  - (g) The School receives a notice or is otherwise informed that the School or Commission is a party to a legal suit;
  - (h) The discipline of employees at the School arising from misconduct or behavior that may have resulted in harm to students or others, or that constituted violations of law;
  - (i) A default on any obligation, which shall include debts for which payments are past due by ninety (90) days or more; or
  - (j) The School's enrollment at any time decreases by 10% or more compared to the most recent pupil count submitted to the Commission.

## 12. Monitoring & Intervention

- 12.1. Monitoring. The Commission shall continually monitor the performance and legal compliance of the School. The Commission shall have the authority to conduct or require oversight activities that enable the Commission to fulfill its responsibilities under Ch. 302D, HRS, including conducting appropriate inquiries and investigations, so long as those activities are consistent with the intent of Ch. 302D, HRS and adhere to the terms of this Contract. The Commission may take the necessary steps to evaluate the educational, legal, fiscal and organizational condition of the School and to ensure that the School is in compliance with this Contract.
- 12.2. DOE Monitoring. To meet its oversight and reporting obligations, the DOE, as the State Education Agency or Local Education Agency, may monitor the School for compliance with programmatic or fiscal requirements, including requiring reports or other documentation, under any federal or State law. The School shall comply with all such monitoring by the DOE.

- 12.3. Access to Records. The School shall make all School records open to inspection by the Commission, the DOE, the Office of the Auditor, law enforcement officials, contracted evaluators or any other federal or State regulatory agency within five business days after request is made, or sooner if required by law.
- 12.4. Site Visits. The Commission may visit the School informally without notice at any time and may, at its discretion, conduct announced formal school visits. Such site visits may include any activities reasonably related to fulfillment of its oversight responsibilities including, but not limited to, inspection of the facilities, audit of financial books and records, inspection of records maintained by the School, interviews and observations of the principal, staff, school families and community members, and observation of classroom instruction.
- 12.5. Intervention. If the Commission finds deficiencies in the School's performance or legal compliance, the Commission and the School shall follow the Intervention Protocol attached as Exhibit D. Intervention may be initiated when the Commission finds that the School has failed to:
- (a) Comply with applicable laws, rules, policies or procedures;
  - (b) Comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract; or
  - (c) Meet performance expectations as set forth in the Performance Frameworks.

Failure to invoke the Intervention Protocol shall not be (i) construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any requirement under applicable laws, rules, policies, procedures, contractual terms and conditions or performance expectations; or (ii) deemed a necessary precedent to non-renewal or revocation.

### 13. Renewal, Revocation & Closure

- 13.1. Renewal. The Parties agree that this Contract, upon its expiration, will not be subject to the renewal process pursuant to Sec. 302D-18, HRS. The Parties agree that, upon expiration of this Contract term, they intend to execute a new charter contract for a subsequent term to be determined by the Commission.
- 13.2. Revocation. The Commission may revoke a contract for reasons stated in Sec. 302D-18(g), HRS, provided that the Parties agree that the Contract will not be revoked for failure to meet or make sufficient progress toward performance expectations set forth in the Contract. The Commission shall follow the revocation criteria and process as defined in Sec. 302D-18, HRS, administrative rules and Commission policies and procedures.
- 13.3. School-Initiated Closure. Should the School choose to voluntarily surrender this Contract before the end of the Contract term, it may do so in consultation with the Commission at the close of any school year and upon written notice to the Commission given at least ninety (90) days before the end of the school year.
- 13.4. Dissolution. In the event that the School ceases operation for any reason, including but not limited to non-renewal, revocation or voluntary surrender of this Contract, the School agrees to continue to operate its educational program until the end of the school year; provided that if the School voluntarily surrenders this Contract due to lack of funds, the School shall cooperate with the Commission in scheduling cessation of operations. The School shall cooperate with the Commission in ensuring the orderly closure of the School and shall comply with the Commission's closure policies and protocol.

13.5. Remaining Assets. In the event that the School closes, the School shall return any remaining public assets to the State, provided that any outstanding obligations of the School are fulfilled first pursuant to Sec. 302D-19, HRS.

#### 14. Miscellaneous Provisions

14.1. Entire Contract. The Parties intend this Contract, including all attachments and exhibits, to represent a final and complete expression of their agreement, which shall be considered the Contract. All prior representations, understandings and discussions are merged herein, and no course of prior dealings between the Parties shall supplement or explain any terms used in this document. The Parties recognize that amendments to this Contract may be approved from time to time hereafter.

14.2. Amendments. Any amendment to this Contract shall be effective only if approved by a majority vote of the Commission at a public meeting.

14.2.1. The School may submit any proposed requested amendment to the Commission in accordance with instructions provided by the Commission. The School shall not take action related to the requested amendment until the Commission has approved said amendment.

14.2.2. Changes in operation that require the School to obtain an amendment to this Contract include but are not limited to the following changes:

- (a) To any material term of the School's Educational Program (Exhibit A);
- (b) In school location (relocation of site or adding or terminating sites);
- (c) In School management arrangement (such as intention to hire or terminate a management provider);
- (d) In admissions or enrollment policies or procedures.

14.3. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Hawaii, including all requirements imposed by DOE policy and regulation, and all applicable federal laws of the United States.

14.4. Conflict Between Contract, Law and Administrative Rules. In the event of a conflict between this Contract, State law and the administrative rules pertaining to charter schools, the order of precedence shall be State law, followed by administrative rule, followed by the terms and conditions of this Contract.

14.5. Disputes Resolution. It is the intent of the parties to communicate on a regular basis in a positive and effective manner. The parties agree to communicate areas of concern as they arise and to address those concerns in a professional manner. Any disputes between the Commission and the School which arise under, or are by virtue of, this Contract and which are not resolved by mutual agreement, shall be decided by the full Commission in writing, within 90 calendar days after a written request by the School for a final decision concerning the dispute; provided that where a disputes resolution process is defined for a particular program area (e.g., IDEA, Section 504, etc.), the Parties shall comply with the process for that particular program area; and further provided that the parties may mutually agree to utilize the services of a third-party facilitator to reach a mutual agreement prior to decision by the full Commission. Any such final decision by the Commission shall be final and conclusive.

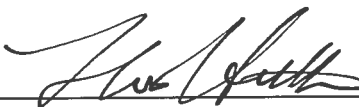
- 14.6. Non-Assignability. The School shall not assign or subcontract any duty, obligation, right or interest under this Contract without prior written approval of the Commission. A violation of this provision shall be considered material and substantial and shall be grounds for immediate revocation of this Contract.
- 14.7. Notices. Unless otherwise specified by law, any written notice required to be given by a Party to this Contract shall be: (a) delivered personally, or (b) sent by United States first class mail, postage prepaid. Notice shall be sent to the Parties' mailing addresses first indicated in the Contract. A notice shall be deemed to have been received three (3) days after mailing or at the time of actual receipt, whichever is earlier. Parties are responsible for notifying each other in writing of any change of mailing address.
- 14.8. Severability. In the event that any provision of this Contract is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms of this Contract.
- 14.9. Waiver. The failure of either Party to insist upon the strict performance of or compliance with any term, provision or condition of this Contract shall not constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver or relinquishment of the Parties' right to enforce the same in accordance with this Contract.
- 14.10. No Third-Party Beneficiary. The enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Contract shall be strictly reserved to the Commission and the School. Nothing contained in this Contract shall give or allow any claim or right of action whatsoever by any other person. It is the express intent of the Parties to this Contract that any person receiving services or benefits hereunder shall be deemed an incidental beneficiary only, without enforceable rights against a Party to this Contract.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have made and entered into this Contract as of the effective date.

STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

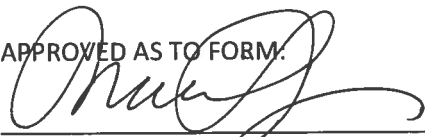
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EXHIBITS:

- A - School's Educational Program
- B - Performance Frameworks (Organizational and Financial and School-Specific if applicable)
- C - Educational Service Provider Requirements
- D - Intervention Protocol

## Exhibit A Educational Program

Material Term	
<b>School Name:</b>	SEEQS: the School for Examining Essential Questions of Sustainability
<b>Mission: (Not formally evaluated)</b>	<i>The diverse community of SEEQS fosters a joy of learning through collaborative and interdisciplinary investigation of questions essential to Hawai‘i’s future. SEEQS graduates are stewards of planet Earth and healthy, effective citizens of the world.</i>
<b>Vision: (Not formally evaluated)</b>	SEEQS offers an interdisciplinary project-based, community-based secondary school experience for Oahu families. SEEQS’ foundational educational philosophy can be described with five core concepts: (1) Real-world learning; (2) Student choice; (3) Teachers as learners and students as teachers; (4) Place-based, community-based learning (5) Continuous improvement.  SEEQS’ weekly schedule includes both core academic courses and an interdisciplinary, project-based course designed around Essential Questions of Sustainability (EQS). SEEQS prioritizes developing an intellectually safe school culture. Students at SEEQS engage with content experts in the real work of problem-solving and solution-finding, and simultaneously learn the skills and tools necessary for understanding and engaging with such work.
<b>Essential Term #1: (formally evaluated)</b>	<b>Student Choice:</b> Students will play a significant role in determining their own educational choices, including Morning Physical Activity and projects within the Essential Question of Sustainability (EQS) blocks. Additionally, students will have voice in developing and maintaining community behavior norms through the use of p4c (philosophy for children).
<b>Essential Term #2: (formally evaluated)</b>	<b>Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary Learning:</b> Students’ weekly schedule will include both disciplinary content courses (Mathematical Applications, Scientific Explorations, English Language Arts, Historical Perspective, and Artistic Expression) and an interdisciplinary Essential Question of Sustainability block.
<b>Essential Term #3: (formally evaluated)</b>	<b>Community-building:</b> Students and teachers will engage in community-building activities and use the “Good Thinkers Toolkit” within Advisory groups and within academic and non-academic blocks in the school to develop a school-wide intellectually safe culture.
<b>Essential Term #4: (formally evaluated)</b>	<b>Authentic Assessment:</b> All students will develop and implement projects that incorporate the skills and tools of disciplinary content areas, as well as presentation skills. Students will help develop the measures of their progress and success by creating their own rubrics based on high-quality sample rubrics provided for them. Students will present their completed projects and products to an authentic audience of their teachers, peers, and community members, and will be assessed according to the rubric. In addition, students will collate a digital portfolio of their work across disciplines.

<b>Geographic Area Served:</b>	Honolulu, Oahu
<b>Location:</b>	845 22 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Cottage Five, Honolulu HI 96816
<b>Grades Served 2013-14:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Current Enrollment:</b>	31 as of June 6, 2013
<b>Projected Enrollment 2013-14:</b>	65
<b>Virtual or Online Program Provider:</b>	N/A
<b>Educational Service Provider:</b>	N/A

EXHIBIT B.1.  
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

The Financial Performance Framework is an accountability tool that provides the Commission with data necessary to assess the financial health and viability of charter schools in its portfolio on an ongoing basis and for the purposes of an annual review. The framework summarizes a charter school's current financial health while taking into account the school's financial trends over a period of three years. The measures are designed to be complementary. No single measure gives a full picture of the financial situation of a school. Taken together, however, the measures provide a comprehensive assessment of the school's financial health and viability based on a school's historic trends, near-term financial situation and future viability.

Within each annual reporting period, the Financial Performance Framework provides for an initial review and a follow-up assessment that together produce two ratings: a Preliminary Rating and a Final Rating. The Preliminary Rating indicates whether the school has met the standard for financial viability based on the Commission's initial review of financial information, which, for an annual review, will be drawn from the school's audited financials. The Final Rating documents the Commission's revised assessment based on more current financial information and/or more detailed examination of the school's financial position, as needed.

**Preliminary Ratings**

The Preliminary Rating is either *Meets Standard* or *Pending Further Analysis*. The *Meets* rating means that the information contained in the financials under review indicates that the school is meeting or exceeding the target for the standard in question. The *Pending* rating means that the school is not meeting the target based on the financials under review. A school that misses the standard on any one measure may or may not be at financial risk. It may be in immediate distress, financially trending negatively, both or neither. There are two types of additional information that the Commission may need before assigning a Final Rating. The first is more current information. When conducting a year-end evaluation of a school's financials, the Commission will be reviewing audit numbers that are typically at least four months old by the time the audit has been finalized. The Commission's further analysis will often include review of current, unaudited, financials. The second is more detailed information about the school's financial position to assess the reasons behind the failure to meet the standard. For example, a school might make a strategic long-term financial decision that results in it missing a standard in the near term. The Commission's follow-up will consider the more current and more detailed information to determine whether the Preliminary Rating is still applicable and the degree to which it is, in fact, an indication of financial risk or distress.

**Final Ratings**

The Final Rating is either *Meets Standard*, *Does Not Meet Standard* or *Falls Far Below Standard*.

*Meets Standard*

A *Meets* rating indicates sound financial viability based on the overall financial record. Either the school has already met the standard based on the financials under review, or previous financial concerns that produced a preliminary *Pending* rating have been adequately remedied based on more current financial data or addressed adequately based on additional information such that the Commission concludes that performance against the standard indicates sound financial viability.

*Does Not Meet Standard*

A *Does Not Meet* rating indicates that upon further review following a preliminary *Pending* rating, the Commission concludes that there is financial risk such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention may be warranted. A *Does Not Meet* rating means that even based on more current financial information, the school is not currently meeting the standard or concerns previously identified, although not currently manifested, have been of a depth or duration that

warrants continued attention.

*Falls Far Below Standard*

A *Falls Far Below* rating indicates that upon further review following a preliminary *Pending* rating, the Commission identifies significant financial risk and has concerns about financial viability such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention are necessary. The school’s rating will be based on both the most recent audited financials and more current unaudited financials. The Commission will also consider any relevant context for the school’s financial position that informs the causes of the school’s substantial shortcomings for the area in question. Appropriate monitoring and/intervention will be determined, in part, by how the rating on the standard in question fits within the school’s overall performance on the framework.

**1. NEAR TERM INDICATORS**

<b>1.a. Current Ratio (Working Capital Ratio): Current Assets divided by Current Liabilities</b>	
Preliminary Rating	Final Rating (Following Additional Analysis)
<p><b>Meets Standard:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Current Ratio is greater than or equal to 1.1 or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Current Ratio is between 1.0 and 1.1 <i>and</i> one-year trend is positive (current year ratio is higher than last year’s)</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> For schools in their first or second year of operation, the current ratio must be greater than or equal to 1.1.</p>	<p><b>Meets Standard:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Indicates sound financial viability based on the overall financial record. Either the school has already met the standard based on the financials under review, or previous financial concerns that produced a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating have been adequately remedied based on more current financial data or addressed adequately based on additional information such that the Commission concludes that performance against the standard indicates sound financial viability.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pending Further Analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Current Ratio is between 1.0 and 1.1 <i>and</i> one-year trend is negative or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Current Ratio is less than or equal to 1.0</li> </ul>	<p><b>Does Not Meet Standard:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission concludes that there is financial risk such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention may be warranted. A <i>Does Not Meet</i> rating means that even based on more current financial information, the school is not currently meeting the standard or concerns previously identified, although not currently manifested, have been of a depth or duration that warrants continued attention.</li> </ul> <p><b>Falls Far Below Standard:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission identifies significant financial risk and has concerns about financial viability such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention are necessary.</li> </ul>

<b>1.b. Unrestricted Days Cash: Unrestricted Cash divided by ((Total Expenses-Depreciation Expenses)/365)</b>	
Preliminary Rating	Final Rating (Following Additional Analysis)
<b>Meets Standard:</b>	<b>Meets Standard:</b>

<p><input type="checkbox"/> 60 Days Cash or <input type="checkbox"/> Between 30 and 60 Days Cash <i>and</i> one-year trend is positive</p> <p>Note: Schools in their first or second year of operation must have a minimum of 30 Days Cash.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Indicates sound financial viability based on the overall financial record. Either the school has already met the standard based on the financials under review, or previous financial concerns that produced a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating have been adequately remedied based on more current financial data or addressed adequately based on additional information such that the Commission concludes that performance against the standard indicates sound financial viability.</p>
<p><i>Pending Further Analysis:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Days Cash is between 30 and 60 days <i>and</i> one-year trend is negative or <input type="checkbox"/> Days Cash is below 30 days</p>	<p><i>Does Not Meet Standard:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission concludes that there is financial risk such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention may be warranted. A <i>Does Not Meet</i> rating means that even based on more current financial information, the school is not currently meeting the standard or concerns previously identified, although not currently manifested, have been of a depth or duration that warrants continued attention.</p> <p><i>Falls Far Below Standard:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission identifies significant financial risk and has concerns about financial viability such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention are necessary.</p>

1.c. Enrollment Variance: Actual Enrollment divided by Enrollment Projection in Charter School Board-Approved Budget	
Preliminary Rating	Final Rating (Following Additional Analysis)
<p><i>Meets Standard:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Variance equals or exceeds 95% in the most recent year</p>	<p><i>Meets Standard:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Indicates sound financial viability based on the overall financial record. Either the school has already met the standard based on the financials under review, or previous financial concerns that produced a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating have been adequately remedied based on more current financial data or addressed adequately based on additional information such that the Commission concludes that performance against the standard indicates sound financial viability.</p>
<p><i>Pending Further Analysis:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Variance is below 95% in the most recent year</p>	<p><i>Does Not Meet Standard:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission concludes that there is financial risk such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention may be warranted. A <i>Does Not Meet</i> rating means that even based on more current financial information, the school is not currently meeting the standard or concerns previously identified, although not currently manifested, have been of a depth or duration</p>

	that warrants continued attention.
	<p><b>Falls Far Below Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission identifies significant financial risk and has concerns about financial viability such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention are necessary.</p>

**2. SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS**

<b>2.a. Total Margin: Net Income divided by Total Revenue</b>	
Aggregated Total Margin: Total 3 Year Net Income divided by Total 3 Year Revenues	
<b>Preliminary Rating</b>	<b>Final Rating (Following Additional Analysis)</b>
<p><b>Meets Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated Three-Year Total Margin is positive <i>and</i> the most recent year Total Margin is positive or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated Three-Year Total Margin is greater than -1.5%, the trend is positive for the last two years <i>and</i> the most recent year Total Margin is positive</p> <p>Note: For schools in their first or second year of operation, the cumulative Total Margin must be positive.</p>	<p><b>Meets Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Indicates sound financial viability based on the overall financial record. Either the school has already met the standard based on the financials under review, or previous financial concerns that produced a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating have been adequately remedied based on more current financial data or addressed adequately based on additional information such that the Commission concludes that performance against the standard indicates sound financial viability.</p>
<p><b>Pending Further Analysis:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated Three-Year Total Margin is greater than -1.5%, but trend does not meet standard or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Aggregated Three-Year Total Margin is less than or equal to -1.5% or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The most recent year Total Margin is less than -10%</p>	<p><b>Does Not Meet Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission concludes that there is financial risk such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention may be warranted. A <i>Does Not Meet</i> rating means that even based on more current financial information, the school is not currently meeting the standard or concerns previously identified, although not currently manifested, have been of a depth or duration that warrants continued attention.</p> <p><b>Falls Far Below Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission identifies significant financial risk and has concerns about financial viability such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention are necessary.</p>

<b>2.b. Debt to Asset Ratio: Total Liabilities divided by Total Assets</b>	
<b>Preliminary Rating</b>	<b>Final Rating (Following Additional Analysis)</b>

<p><b>Meets Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debt to Asset Ratio is less than 0.50</p>	<p><b>Meets Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Indicates sound financial viability based on the overall financial record. Either the school has already met the standard based on the financials under review, or previous financial concerns that produced a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating have been adequately remedied based on more current financial data or addressed adequately based on additional information such that the Commission concludes that performance against the standard indicates sound financial viability.</p>
<p><b>Pending Further Analysis:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Debt to Asset Ratio is greater than or equal to .50</p>	<p><b>Does Not Meet Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission concludes that there is financial risk such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention may be warranted. A <i>Does Not Meet</i> rating means that even based on more current financial information, the school is not currently meeting the standard or concerns previously identified, although not currently manifested, have been of a depth or duration that warrants continued attention.</p> <p><b>Falls Far Below Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission identifies significant financial risk and has concerns about financial viability such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention are necessary.</p>

<p>2.c. Cash Flow:</p> <p>Multi-Year Cash Flow = (Year 3 Total Cash) – (Year 1 Total Cash);</p> <p>One-Year Cash Flow = (Year 2 Total Cash) – (Year 1 Total Cash)</p>	
Preliminary Rating	Final Rating (Following Additional Analysis)
<p><b>Meets Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Year cumulative cash flow is positive <i>and</i> cash flow is positive each year or <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-year and most recent year cash flows are positive</p> <p>Note: Schools in their first or second year of operation must have positive cash flow.</p>	<p><b>Meets Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Indicates sound financial viability based on the overall financial record. Either the school has already met the standard based on the financials under review, or previous financial concerns that produced a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating have been adequately remedied based on more current financial data or addressed adequately based on additional information such that the Commission concludes that performance against the standard indicates sound financial viability.</p>
<p><b>Pending Further Analysis:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Year cumulative cash flow is positive, but trend does not meet standard or <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Year cumulative cash flow is negative</p>	<p><b>Does Not Meet Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission concludes that there is financial risk such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention may be warranted. A <i>Does Not Meet</i> rating</p>



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	<p><b>Falls Far Below Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission identifies significant financial risk and has concerns about financial viability such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention are necessary.</p>

**2.d. Unrestricted Fund Balance Percentage: Fund balance / Total Expenses**

Preliminary Rating	Final Rating (Following Additional Analysis)
<p><b>Meets Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fund balance percentage is greater than or equal to 25%</p>	<p><b>Meets Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Indicates sound financial viability based on the overall financial record. Either the school has already met the standard based on the financials under review, or previous financial concerns that produced a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating have been adequately remedied based on more current financial data or addressed adequately based on additional information such that the Commission concludes that performance against the standard indicates sound financial viability.</p>
<p><b>Pending Further Analysis:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fund balance percentage is less than 25%</p>	<p><b>Does Not Meet Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission concludes that there is financial risk such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention may be warranted. A <i>Does Not Meet</i> rating means that even based on more current financial information, the school is not currently meeting the standard or concerns previously identified, although not currently manifested, have been of a depth or duration that warrants continued attention.</p> <p><b>Falls Far Below Standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further analysis, the school's performance on this component signals a significant financial risk to the school.</p>

<p><b>2.e. Change in Total Fund Balance:</b></p> <p>Multi-Year= (Year 3 Fund Balance) – (Year 1 Fund Balance);</p> <p>One-Year= (Year 2 Fund Balance) – (Year 1 Fund Balance)</p>	
Preliminary Rating	Final Rating (Following Additional Analysis)

<p><b>Meets Standard (in one of two ways):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Year change in fund balance is positive <i>and</i> change is positive each year</li> <li>or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multi-year and most recent year changes are positive</li> </ul> <p>Note: Schools in their first or second year of operation must have positive change each year.</p>	<p><b>Meets Standard:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Indicates sound financial viability based on the overall financial record. Either the school has already met the standard based on the financials under review, or previous financial concerns that produced a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating have been adequately remedied based on more current financial data or addressed adequately based on additional information such that the Commission concludes that performance against the standard indicates sound financial viability.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pending Further Analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Year change in fund balance is positive, but trend does not meet standard</li> <li>or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Year change in fund balance is negative</li> </ul>	<p><b>Does Not Meet Standard:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission concludes that there is financial risk such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention may be warranted. A <i>Does Not Meet</i> rating means that even based on more current financial information, the school is not currently meeting the standard or concerns previously identified, although not currently manifested, have been of a depth or duration that warrants continued attention.</li> </ul> <p><b>Falls Far Below Standard:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Upon further review following a preliminary <i>Pending</i> rating, the Commission identifies significant financial risk and has concerns about financial viability such that heightened monitoring and/or intervention are necessary.</li> </ul>

EXHIBIT B.2.  
ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

The purpose of the Organizational Performance Framework is to communicate to the charter school and public the compliance-related standards which the charter school must meet. The Organizational Framework includes the standards that the charter school is already required to meet through state and federal law, rules or the charter contract.

NACSA Principles & Standards (2012) states that,

“A Quality Authorizer implements an accountability system that effectively streamlines federal, state, and local...compliance requirements while protecting schools’ legally entitled autonomy and minimizing schools’ administrative and reporting burdens” (p. 16).

For each measure a school receives one of three ratings.

**Meets Standard:**

The school materially meets the expectations outlined below.

**Does Not Meet Standard:**

The school has failed to implement the program in the manner described above; the failure(s) were material, but the board has instituted remedies that have resulted in compliance or prompt and sufficient movement toward compliance to the satisfaction of the authorizer.

**Falls Far Below Standard:**

The school failed to implement the program in the described manner; the failure(s) were material and significant to the viability of the school, or regardless of the severity of the failure(s), the board has not instituted remedies that have resulted in prompt and sufficient movement toward compliance to the satisfaction of the authorizer.

**1. EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Measure 1a**

**Is the school implementing the material elements of its Educational Program as defined in the charter contract?**

**Meets Standard:**

The school implemented the material elements of its Educational Program in all material respects, and, in operation, the education program reflects the essential terms as defined in the charter contract, or the school has obtained approval for a modification to the essential terms.

**Measure 1b**

**Is the school complying with applicable education requirements?**

**Meets Standard:**

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to education requirements, including but not limited to:

- Academic standards, including Common Core
- Graduation requirements
- State assessment and student testing
- Implementation of mandated programming as a result of state or federal funding, including Title I and Title II funding

### Measure 1c

#### Is the school protecting the rights of students with disabilities?

##### *Meets Standard:*

Consistent with the school's status and responsibilities as a school within a single LEA under the State Department of Education, the school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract (including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment Act) relating to the treatment of students with identified disabilities and those suspected of having a disability, including but not limited to:

- Equitable access and opportunity to enroll
- Identification and referral
- Appropriate development and implementation of Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and Section 504 plans
- Operational compliance including the academic program, assessments and all other aspects of the school's program and responsibilities
- Discipline, including due process protections, manifestation determinations and behavioral intervention plans
- Access to the school's facility and program to students in a lawful manner and consistent with students' IEPs or Section 504 plans
- Appropriate use of all available, applicable funding

### Measure 1d

#### Is the school protecting the rights of English Language Learner (ELL) students?

##### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to ELL requirements (including Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act [ESEA] and U.S. Department of Education authorities), including but not limited to:

- Equitable access and opportunity to enroll
- Required policies related to the service of ELL students
- Proper steps for identification of students in need of ELL services
- Appropriate and equitable delivery of services to identified students
- Appropriate accommodations on assessments
- Exiting of students from ELL services
- Ongoing monitoring of exited students

## 2. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT

### Measure 2a

#### Is the school meeting financial reporting and compliance requirements?

##### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to financial reporting requirements, including but not limited to:

- Complete and on-time submission of financial reports, including annual budget, revised budgets (if applicable), periodic financial reports as required by the authorizer and any reporting requirements if the board contracts with an Education Service Provider (ESP)
- On-time submission and completion of the annual independent audit and corrective action plans, if applicable
- No charging of tuition
- Adequate management and financial controls
- All reporting requirements related to the use of public funds

### Measure 2b

## Is the school following Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)?

### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to financial management and oversight expectations as evidenced by an annual independent audit, including but not limited to:

- An unqualified audit opinion
- An audit devoid of significant findings and conditions, material weaknesses or significant internal control weaknesses
- An audit that does not include a going concern disclosure in the notes or an explanatory paragraph within the audit report

## 3. GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING

### Measure 3a

#### Is the school complying with governance requirements?

### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to governance by its board, including but not limited to:

- Governing board composition and membership requirements pursuant to Ch. 302D, HRS
- Governing board policies
- Governing board reporting requirements
- Procurement policies
- State Ethics Code (Ch. 84, HRS), including conflict of interest policy

### Measure 3b

#### Is the school holding management accountable?

### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to oversight of school management, including but not limited to:

- (For Education Service Providers [ESPs]) maintaining authority over management, holding it accountable for performance as agreed under a written performance agreement and requiring annual financial reports of the ESP
- (For Others) oversight of management that includes holding it accountable for performance expectations that may or may not be agreed to under a written performance agreement

### Measure 3c

#### Is the school complying with data and reporting requirements?

### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to relevant reporting requirements to the State Public Charter School Commission, State Department of Education as the State Education Agency (SEA) and sole Local Education Agency (LEA) and/or federal authorities, including but not limited to:

- Compliance with minimum educational data reporting standards established by the BOE
- Maintaining and reporting accurate enrollment and attendance data
- Maintaining and reporting accurate personnel data
- Annual reporting and immediate notice requirements
- Additional information requested by the State Public Charter School Commission

## 4. STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

### Measure 4a

#### Is the school protecting the rights of all students?

##### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to the rights of students, including but not limited to:

- Compliance with admissions, enrollment and dismissal requirements (including nondiscrimination and rights to enroll or maintain enrollment)
- The collection and protection of student information (that could be used in discriminatory ways or otherwise contrary to law)
- Due process protections, privacy, civil rights and student liberties requirements, including First Amendment protections and the Establishment Clause restrictions prohibiting public schools from engaging in religious instruction
- Conduct of discipline (discipline hearings, suspension and expulsion)
- Treatment of students that qualify for services under the McKinney-Vento Act

*Note: Proper handling of discipline processes for students with disabilities is addressed more specifically in Section 1c.*

### Measure 4b

#### Is the school meeting teacher and other staff requirements?

##### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and provisions of the charter contract, including the State licensing requirements and federal Highly Qualified Teacher and Paraprofessional requirements within Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, hiring of qualified non-instructional staff, criminal history background checks and teacher/principal evaluations.

### Measure 4c

#### Is the school respecting employee rights?

##### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to employment considerations, including those relating to state employment law, the Family Medical Leave Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and nondiscrimination. The school follows collective bargaining requirements.

## 5. SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

### Measure 5a

#### Is the school complying with facilities and transportation requirements?

##### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to the school facilities, grounds and transportation, including but not limited to:

- Compliance with building, zoning, fire health and safety codes
- Fire inspections and related records
- Viable certificate of occupancy or other required building use authorization
- Compliance with DOE requirements for schools occupying DOE facilities
- Student transportation

### Measure 5b

#### Is the school complying with health and safety requirements?

##### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to health and safety, including but not limited to:

- Health clearances and immunizations
- Prohibiting smoking on campus
- Appropriate student health services
- Safety plan

### Measure 5c

#### Is the school handling information appropriately?

##### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to the handling of information, including but not limited to:

- Maintaining the security of and providing access to student records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and other applicable authorities
- Complying with the Uniform Information Practices Act and other applicable authorities
- Transferring of student records
- Proper and secure maintenance of testing materials

## 6. ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS

### Measure 6a

#### Is the school complying with all other obligations?

##### *Meets Standard:*

The school materially complies with all other legal, statutory, regulatory or contractual requirements contained in its charter contract that are not otherwise explicitly stated herein, including but not limited to requirements from the following sources:

- Revisions to state charter law
- Consent decrees
- Intervention requirements by the Commission
- Requirements by other entities to which the charter school is accountable (e.g., Hawaii Department of Education)

## Exhibit C

### Educational Service Provider (ESP) Requirements

*Educational Service Provider arrangements sometimes give a third party substantial responsibility for the operation of a charter school and control over the school's finances. While the Commission is not responsible for monitoring that contractual relationship, it does have an obligation to ensure that the School's governing board retains its statutory responsibilities and that the School-service provider relationship will not inhibit the Commission from fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. The following requirements ensure that both the School's governing board and the Commission retain authority to fulfill their legal rights and responsibilities under the Contract and applicable law.*

1. The ESP agreement shall be subject to, and shall incorporate by reference, the terms and conditions of the School's Contract.
2. The term of the ESP agreement shall not exceed the term of the School's Contract.
3. No provision of the ESP agreement shall interfere with the School's governing board's duty to exercise its statutory, contractual and fiduciary responsibilities governing the operation of the School. No provision of the ESP agreement shall prohibit the School's governing board from acting as an independent, self-governing public body, or allow decisions to be made other than in compliance with Ch. 302D, HRS.
4. The ESP agreement shall require the ESP to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State of Hawaii, the Commission and the School, and their officers, employees and agents from and against all liability, loss, damage, cost and expense, including all attorneys' fees, and all claims, suits and demands therefore, arising out of or resulting from the acts or omissions of the ESP or the ESP's employees, officers, agents or subcontractors under the ESP agreement. The ESP agreement shall not require the School to defend, indemnify or hold harmless the ESP. The ESP agreement shall contain insurance and indemnification provisions outlining the coverage the ESP will obtain.
5. The ESP agreement shall describe the specific services for which the ESP is responsible and shall clearly delineate the respective roles and responsibilities of the ESP and the School in the management and operation of the School, including development, approval and oversight of the School's budget; development, approval and oversight of the School's curriculum; and oversight of the ESP's services.
6. The ESP agreement shall expressly provide that the School retains, at all times, ultimate responsibility for the School's budget and curriculum.
7. The ESP agreement shall include procedures by which the ESP will be accountable to the School including expressly addressing how the School will evaluate and hold the ESP accountable in relation to the Performance Frameworks (Exhibit B).
8. The ESP agreement shall be terminable by the School in accordance with its established termination procedures.
  - a) Upon default by the ESP, including without limitation any act or omission of the ESP that causes a default under the School's Contract or that causes the School to be in material violation of applicable law; or
  - b) For other good cause as agreed by the School and the ESP.
9. The ESP agreement shall provide that the financial, educational and student records pertaining to the School are School property and that such records are subject to the provisions of the Uniform



Information Practices Act (Ch. 92F, HRS). All School records shall be physically or electronically available, upon request, at the School's physical facilities. Except as permitted under this Contract and applicable law, no ESP agreement shall restrict access to the School's records by the Commission, the DOE, the Office of the Auditor or other authorized party in compliance with par. 12.3 of the Contract.

10. The ESP agreement shall require that the ESP furnish the School with all information deemed necessary by the School or the Commission for the proper completion of the budget, quarterly reports or financial audits required under the School's Contract.
11. The ESP agreement shall provide that all financial reports provided or prepared by the ESP shall be presented in the format prescribed by the Commission.
12. The ESP agreement shall provide that all employees or contractors of the ESP who work in close proximity with students of the School shall be subject to criminal background check requirements in accordance with par. 10.6 of the Contract.
13. The ESP agreement shall contain provisions requiring compliance with all requirements, terms and conditions established by any federal or State funding source.
14. The ESP agreement shall provide that the School retains responsibility for selecting and hiring the auditor for the independent annual audit required by the School's Contract.
15. If an ESP purchases equipment, materials and supplies using public funds on behalf of or as the agent of the School, the ESP agreement shall provide that such equipment, materials and supplies shall be and remain the property of the School.
16. The ESP agreement shall contain a provision that clearly allocates the respective proprietary rights of the School governing board and the ESP to curriculum or educational materials. At a minimum, the ESP agreement shall provide that the School owns all proprietary rights to curriculum or educational materials that (i) are both directly developed and paid for by the School; or (ii) were developed by the ESP at the direction of the School governing board with School funds dedicated for the specific purpose of developing such curriculum or materials. The ESP agreement may also include a provision that restricts the School's proprietary rights over curriculum or educational materials that are developed by the ESP from School funds or that are not otherwise dedicated for the specific purpose of developing School curriculum or educational materials. The ESP agreement shall recognize that the ESP's educational materials and teaching techniques used by the School are subject to state disclosure laws and the Uniform Information Practices Act.
17. If the School intends to enter into a lease, execute promissory notes or other negotiable instruments, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement or other financing relationships with the ESP, then such agreements shall be separately documented and not be a part of or incorporated into the ESP agreement. Such agreements shall comply with Ch. 37D, HRS, if applicable, and shall be consistent with the School's authority to terminate the ESP agreement and continue operation of the School.
18. The ESP agreement shall provide that Hawaii law governs any legal proceeding arising out of a dispute between the School and the ESP.

## EXHIBIT D

### INTERVENTION PROTOCOL

In accordance with Sec. 302D-17, HRS, this intervention protocol is established pursuant to the Commission's authority and responsibility to monitor the performance and legal compliance of charter schools in accordance with the charter contract terms and consistent with nationally recognized principles and standards for quality authorizing. It enables the Commission to take timely and appropriate action to notify schools about performance and/or compliance concerns and provide schools a reasonable opportunity to remedy such problems.

1. Upon finding the School's performance or legal compliance unsatisfactory, the Commission shall issue a Notice of Deficiency to the School. The Notice shall state with specificity the deficiency, the applicable regulatory, performance or contractual provision(s) not satisfactorily met, the expected remedy, including whether a Corrective Action Plan is required, and the timeframe by which the Commission expects the deficiency to be remedied or the Corrective Action Plan to be submitted.
2. Upon receiving a Notice of Deficiency, the School may:
  - 1) Contest the Commission's determination that a breach has occurred in which case the School shall provide a written response to the Commission within 10 days of receipt of the Notice and shall provide evidence in support of its position;
  - 2) Remedy the deficiency and provide evidence of such remedy to the Commission within the timeframe identified in the Notice; or
  - 3) Provide a Corrective Action Plan, where required, to the Commission within the timeframe identified in the Notice.

If the School is not able to meet any of the timeframes in 2) and 3) above, the School shall provide a written response to the Commission within 10 days of receipt of the Notice, which shall include a justification for its inability to meet the timeframe(s) together with a proposed timeframe(s).

**Corrective Action Plan.** A Corrective Action Plan shall include specific actions that the School will take to remedy the violation. The Plan shall include deadlines and responsible person(s) for each action and specific indications of success. The Commission may require the School to provide periodic reports on compliance with the Corrective Action Plan. The School is encouraged to meet and talk with Commission staff to discuss the development of its Corrective Action Plan.

3. If the School contests the Notice of Deficiency, the Commission shall consider the School's evidence and, within 10 days of receipt of the School's response, either: 1) Uphold or amend its finding of a deficiency and reissue the Notice of Deficiency with amended timeframes, or 2) Retract the Notice of Deficiency.

If the School submits a Corrective Action Plan, the Commission shall approve, approve with modifications, or reject the Corrective Action Plan within 15 days of submission of the Plan by the School. If rejected, the School shall have 15 days thereafter to submit an amended Corrective Action Plan. Commission approval of a Corrective Action Plan shall in no way abridge or mitigate the School's ultimate responsibility and accountability for remedying the deficiency and/or the Commission's authority to take additional action in response to the School's failure to remedy the deficiency satisfactorily.

If the School submits a written response on why it is unable to meet the timeframe for remedy or for submission of a Corrective Action Plan identified in the Notice, the Commission shall consider the School's justification and approve, approve with modifications or reject the School's proposed timeframe within 10 days of receipt of the School's written response.

4. The School shall be responsible for notifying the Commission when a deficiency has been remedied, if the School requires an extension of time to remedy a deficiency, or if the School requires a modification to its Corrective Action Plan.
5. The Commission may issue a Notice of Warning to the School under the following conditions:
  - 1) Continued failure to meet performance goals;
  - 2) Repeated failure to comply with applicable law or Contract provisions;
  - 3) Repeated failure to remedy violations, develop approved Corrective Action Plans, or successfully implement Corrective Action Plans;
  - 4) Substantial and serious violation of a material provision of law or Contract provision; or
  - 5) Immediate concern for student or employee health and safety.

A Notice of Warning indicates that revocation proceedings will be initiated if deficiencies are not timely remedied. The Notice of Warning shall state the deficiencies, remedies and timeframe by which the deficiencies shall be remedied. In such Notice, the Commission may require the School to provide periodic reports on progress toward remedying identified deficiencies.

6. If the School does not satisfactorily remedy its deficiencies pursuant to the Notice of Warning, the Commission may initiate revocation proceedings in accordance with Chapter 302D, HRS, and applicable administrative rules.
7. Throughout the intervention process, if the School believes that the Commission has violated any provision of this Contract or disputes the Commission's determination after contesting it and allowing for Commission response, the School may initiate dispute resolution procedures in accordance with par. 14.5 of the Contract.
8. In accordance with Subsection 302D-17(c), HRS, this Intervention Protocol shall not apply in any circumstance in which the Commission determines that a problem or deficiency warrants revocation, in which case established rules, procedures and/or protocols for revocation pursuant to Chapter 302D, HRS, shall apply.
9. Notwithstanding this Intervention Protocol, the Commission may withhold the School's per-pupil allocations in accordance with Subsection 302D-28(f), HRS.