

SECTION III: CERTIFICATION

Charter schools must abide by the following provisions of state law and the policy of the City of Milwaukee (open records for contractors with city, background checks). Please read the following list carefully. Initial each section of the list to certify that you understand these requirements and that the school will honor them. Please sign and date the certification in the space provided and return this section with your application. (Attachment R)

- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application will not charge tuition to charter students. (Schools may charge tuition for students not eligible for charter status. Charter schools may accept students under other programs such as the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. However, schools may not receive tuition payments for the same students from more than one program. Schools may also charge reasonable fees for such items as field trips or extracurricular activities.)
- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application will abide by statutory eligibility requirements in determining who is a charter student. State statutes provide that students must meet the following tests: the student is a city resident.
- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application will administer required state examinations. (State law requires charter schools to administer the state's examinations for fourth, eighth and tenth graders.)
- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application is or will be nonsectarian.
- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application will not discriminate in its admission policies or deny participation in any program or activity on the basis of a person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.
- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application serves at-risk students or, if it does not now serve at-risk students, will serve at-risk students who apply and meet other admission requirements. (State statutes define at-risk students to include students in grades 5 - 12 who are one or more years behind their age group in the number of high school credits attained, or two or more years behind their age group in basic skills levels, and who are also one or more of the following: dropouts, habitual truants, parents or adjudicated delinquents.)
- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application will abide by health and safety codes that apply to public schools, including immunization requirements.
- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application is located in the City of Milwaukee.

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- ☒ I certify that the applicant is not a for-profit entity.
- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application will abide by city requirements for access to records of a contractor with the city.
- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application has conducted criminal background checks on current employees and volunteers and will conduct criminal background checks on all new employees, and that the school will assign only those employees and volunteers who, in the judgment of the school have nothing in their background, including but not limited to pending charges or convictions of criminal offenses, which would render them unfit to work or otherwise have contact with the school's students and employees.
- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application will submit information required by contract, including an annual financial audit, to the sponsor by the date established in the contract.
- ☒ I certify that I understand that the award of a charter school contract is contingent meeting benchmarks identified in the charter school contract.
- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application will comply with federal regulations that apply to charter schools authorized by the City of Milwaukee, including, but not limited to, the provisions in the *No Child Left Behind Act* that apply to schools in need of improvement (The 2001 passage of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, also known as *No Child Left Behind*, contains significant sanctions for schools that do not meet its requirements; charter schools are required to comply with its provisions. For guidance from the US Department of Education, please see Charter School Policy Guidance for NCLB.)
- ☒ I certify that the school named in this application will comply with the requirements of the CSRC regarding tasks required by the academic monitoring and operations monitoring consultants and any additional monitoring requirements that the CSRC develops as needed during the lifetime of the school's contract with the City of Milwaukee.

I hereby certify that I agree to abide by the requirements above and understand that failure to do so may result in revocation of the charter.

Valerie Benton
Applicant Legal Name

Talvir Bhat
Applicant Signature

2/1/14
Date