Exhibit A:

Minnesota Department of Education Approval

Exhibit B:

Articles of Incorporation of the School

Exhibit C:

Bylaws of the School

Exhibit D: Description of Educational Program: In-School Time

School Name:				
Mission:				
Vision:				
Program Description:		_	_	

Provide a description that outlines the school's educational programs and how they are designed to meet the school's mission and vision. If the school has a preschool or pre-K instructional program, include a description of that program. This document should be no more than two pages and should provide a current, accurate and general overview of the school's programs during the school day.

Exhibit E: Description of Additional Programs - Out-of-School Time

Out-of-School Time Programs include any programs operated before or after school hours, or on weekends, or during school calendar breaks, but does not include school clubs or athletics. The School does not implement out-of-school time programs not otherwise identified and described in this Exhibit.

School Name:

Program Description:

Provide a description that outlines the school's out-of-school time programs and how they are designed to advance the school's mission and vision. Be sure to include information on how these programs are staffed and funded. This document should be no more than two pages and should provide a current, accurate and general overview of the school's out-of-school time programs. For example, do not provide specific days and times of after school programming. Instead, describe the purpose and main activities carried out.

Exhibit F: Statutory Purposes

The <u>primary purpose</u> of <u>SCHOOL NAME</u> is to improve all pupil learning and all student achievement. <u>SCHOOL NAME</u> will report its implementation of the primary purpose in its annual report.

Provide a brief summary of the methods the school will use to achieve this purpose. This should not be more than one page.

must choose at least one additional purpose):
Increase learning opportunities for all pupils.
Encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods.
Measure learning outcomes and create different and innovative forms of measuring
outcomes.
Establish new forms of accountability for schools.
Create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be
responsible for the learning program at the school site.

The <u>additional purpose(s)</u> of <u>SCHOOL NAME</u> is (are) to (check all that apply; the school

SCHOOL NAME will report its implementation of this (these) additional purpose(s) in its annual report.

Provide a brief summary of the methods the school will use to achieve each of these additional purposes. This should not be more than a half page per additional purpose. You do not have to include all additional purposes. In fact, fewer may be better as you must report on each additional purpose you identify here in your annual report, and the school will be held accountable for its performance in each of these areas.

Sunrise Charter School Exhibit G: Academic and Academic-Related Goals Contract Period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021

As articulated in MN Stat. 124E.10, Subd. 1(c), "A charter school must design its programs to at least meet the outcomes adopted by the commissioner for public school students," which means striving for the world's best workforce (WBWF) as outlined in MN Stat. 120B.11. As an authorizer, ACNW must evaluate the school's performance on meeting outcomes adopted by the commissioner (i.e., WBWF). Therefore, these contractual goals and measures have been aligned to WBWF goal areas. Measures are assigned to WBWF goal area(s) as appropriate and as outlined below:

- Ready for Kindergarten [R4K] All students are ready for kindergarten.
- Reading Well by 3rd Grade [RG3]
 All students in third grade achieve grade-level literacy.
- Achievement Gap Closure [AGC]
 All racial and economic achievement gaps between students are closed.
- Career and College Readiness [CCR]
 All students are career- and college-ready before graduating from high school.
- **Graduate from High School [GRAD]** All students graduate from high school.

Each measure is weighted to indicate its overall significance in fulfilling the primary purpose of charter schools as outlined in statute which is to improve all pupil learning and all student achievement. The school earns a rating on each measure based on the school's performance over the term of the contract. Each performance rating is assigned a point value according to the weight of the measure:

- Exceeds Target: ×1.5 points
- Meets Target: ×1.0 points
- Approaches Target: ×0.5 points
- Does Not Meet Target: ×0.0 points

Indicator areas are then assigned a rating based on the percentage of points earned:

- Exceeds Standard = 100.1-150.0% of points earned
- Meets Standard = 75.0-100.0% of points earned
- Approaches Standard = 50.0-74.9% of points earned
- Does Not Meet Standard = 0.0-49.9% of points earned

All goals are for students enrolled as of October 1 in each of the years assessed for all grades assessed unless otherwise indicated.

Summary of Indicator Points

Indicator	Points
1: Mission Related Outcomes	4
2: English Language Learners	8
3: Reading Growth	17
4: Math Growth	17
5: Reading Proficiency	10
6: Math Proficiency	10
7: Science Proficiency (and Growth)	10
8: Other Proficiency or Growth	7
9: Post Secondary Readiness	12
10: Attendance	5
Overall	100

Indicator 1: Mission Related Outcomes

4 Points

School Goal: Over the period of the contract, students at Sunrise Charter School (SCS) will demonstrate independence in the classroom as measured by the school-developed Independence Rubric.

Performance Ratings	Measure 1.1 – 4 Points: From FY17 to FY20, the aggregate percentage of students in grades 1-8 who are rated as independent at least 80% of the time as measured by the Independence Rubric annually in the spring will be at least 70%.	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 80%.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The aggregate percentage is at least 70%.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 60%.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	

Indicator 2: English Language Learners

8 Points

	Measure 2.1 [AGC] – 8 Points: From FY15 to FY18, SCS will meet the State Progress Target (AMAO	
Performance Ratings	1) on the ACCESS assessment for English Learners in at least four of the five years. Targets =	Result:
	48.62% in FY16, 50.85% in FY17, 53.07% in FY18, 55.30% in FY19, and 57.52% in FY20.	
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school met the target in five of five years.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school met the target in four of five years.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school met the target in three of five years.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	

Indicator 3: Reading Growth

17 Points

•	of the contract, students at SCS will demonstrate growth in reading as measured by state accountability	tests and
nationally normed assessment	TS.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 3.1 [CCR] – 3 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the average growth z-score for all students on state accountability tests will be equal to or greater than 0.00.	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The average growth z-score is equal to or greater than 0.50	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The average growth z-score is equal to or greater than 0.00.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The average growth z-score is greater than -0.50.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
Dorformanco Patings	Measure 3.2 [CCR] – 3 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the aggregate percentage of students who	Result:
Performance Ratings	achieve a positive z-score on state accountability tests will be greater than 50.0%.	Result.
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 60.0%.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The aggregate percentage is greater than 50.0%.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 40.0%.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	

Performance Ratings	Measure 3.3 [CCR] – 11 Points: From FY17 to FY21, the aggregate percentage of students in grades 2-12 who meet their fall to spring (except in FY21, fall to winter) NWEA RIT expected growth target will be at least 60%.	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 70%.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The aggregate percentage is at least 60%.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 50%.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	

Indicator 4: Math Growth

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Performance Ratings	Measure 4.1 [CCR] – 3 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the average growth z-score for all students on	Result:
	state accountability tests will be equal to or greater than 0.00.	
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The average growth z-score is equal to or greater than 0.50	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The average growth z-score is equal to or greater than 0.00.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The average growth z-score is greater than -0.50.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
2 (2 ::	Measure 4.2 [CCR] – 3 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the aggregate percentage of students who	- I.
Performance Ratings	achieve a positive z-score on state accountability tests will be greater than 50.0%.	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 60.0%.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The aggregate percentage is greater than 50.0%.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 40.0%.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
	Measure 4.3 [CCR] – 11 Points: From FY17 to FY21, the aggregate percentage of students in	
Performance Ratings	grades 2-12 who meet their fall to spring (except in FY21, fall to winter) NWEA RIT expected	Result:
•	growth target will be at least 60%.	
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 70%.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The aggregate percentage is at least 60%.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 50%.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	

10 Points

Indicator 5: Reading Proficiency

School Goal: Over the period of	of the contract, students at SCS will demonstrate proficiency in reading as measured by state accountable	lity tests.
Performance Ratings	Measure 5.1 [RG3] – 0.5 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in grade 3 will increase by at least 4.0 points from the baseline proficiency index score (FY13-15 baseline – 61.1) OR will be greater than that of the state for the same grade (3).	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 8.0 points greater than the baseline score OR is at least 5.0 points above the state's score.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 4.0 points greater than the baseline score OR is greater than the state's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the baseline score OR is within 10.0 points of the state's score.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 5.2 [RG3] – 0.5 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in grade 3 will be greater than that of the resident district (ISD 256 – Twilight School District) for the same grade (3).	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the district's score.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the district's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 5.0 points of the district's score.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 5.3 [CCR] – 3 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in grades 4-8 and 10 will increase by at least 2.0 points from the baseline proficiency index score (FY13-15 baseline – 82.8) OR will be greater than that of the state for the same grades (4-8 & 10).	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 4.0 points greater than the baseline score OR is at least 10.0 points above the state's score.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 2.0 points greater than the baseline score OR is greater than the state's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the baseline score OR is within 5.0 points of the state's score.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	

Performance Ratings	Measure 5.4 [CCR] – 3 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in grades 4-8 and 10 will be greater than that of the resident district (ISD 256 – Twilight School District) for the same grades (4-8 & 10).	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the district's score.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the district's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 5.0 points of the district's score.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 5.5 [AGC] – 1 Point: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in the Free/Reduced Priced Lunch subgroup will be greater than that of the state for the same subgroup and the same grades (3-8 & 10).	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the state's score.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the state's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 10.0 points of the state's score.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 5.6 [AGC] – 1 Point: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in the Free/Reduced Priced Lunch subgroup will be greater than that of the resident district (ISD 256 – Twilight School District) for the same subgroup and the same grades (3-8 & 10).	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the district's score.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the district's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 5.0 points of the district's score.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 5.7 [AGC] – 0.5 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in the English Learner subgroup will be greater than that of the state for the same subgroup and the same grades (3-8 & 10).	Result:
	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the state's score.	
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The solidars apprehensively index source is at least 1010 points above the state 3 source	
Exceeds Target (x1.5) Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the state's score.	

Exceeds Target (x1.5) The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the district's score. Meets Target (x1.0) The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the district's score. Approaches Target (x0.5) The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 5.0 points of the district's score.	Performance Ratings	Measure 5.8 [AGC] – 0.5 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in the English Learner subgroup will be greater than that of the resident district (ISD 256 – Twilight School District) for the same subgroup and the same grades (3-8 & 10).	Result:
	Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the district's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5) The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 5.0 points of the district's score.	Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the district's score.	
	Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 5.0 points of the district's score.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0) The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	

Indicator 6: Math Proficiency

10 Points

	Measure 6.1 [CCR] – 3.5 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score	
Performance Ratings	for students in grades 3-8 and 11 will increase by at least 3.0 points from the baseline proficiency index score (FY13-15 baseline – 75.4) OR will be greater than that of the state for the same grades (3-8 & 11).	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 6.0 points greater than the baseline score OR is at least 10.0 points above the state's score.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 3.0 points greater than the baseline score OR is greater than the state's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the baseline score OR is within 5.0 points of the state's score.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
	Measure 6.2 [CCR] – 3.5 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score	
Performance Ratings	for students in grades 3-8 and 11 will be greater than that of the resident district (ISD 256 – Twilight School District) for the same grades (3-8 & 11).	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the district's score.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the district's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 5.0 points of the district's score.	
oes Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	

Performance Ratings	Measure 6.3 [AGC] – 1 Point: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in the Free/Reduced Priced Lunch subgroup will be greater than that of the state for the same subgroup and the same grades (3-8 & 11).	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the state's score.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the state's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 10.0 points of the state's score.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 6.4 [AGC] – 1 Point: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in the Free/Reduced Priced Lunch subgroup will be greater than that of the resident district (ISD 256 – Twilight School District) for the same subgroup and the same grades (3-8 & 11).	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the district's score.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the district's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 5.0 points of the district's score.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 6.5 [AGC] – 0.5 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in the English Learner subgroup will be greater than that of the state for the same subgroup and the same grades (3-8 & 11).	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the state's score.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the state's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 10.0 points of the state's score.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 6.6 [AGC] – 0.5 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in the English Learner subgroup will be greater than that of the resident district (ISD 256 – Twilight School District) for the same subgroup and the same grades (3-8 & 11).	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the district's score.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the district's score.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 5.0 points of the district's score.	

Indicator 7: Science Proficiency (and Growth)

School Goal: Over the period of the contract, students at SCS will demonstrate proficiency in science as measured by state accountability tests and growth in science as measured by nationally normed assessments. Measure 7.1 [CCR] – 1.5 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score for students in grades 5, 8, and High School will increase by at least 3.0 points from the baseline **Performance Ratings** Result: proficiency index score (FY13-15 baseline - 73.2) OR will be greater than that of the state for the same grades (5, 8 & High School). The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 6.0 points greater than the baseline score **Exceeds Target (x1.5)** OR is at least 5.0 points above the state's score. The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 3.0 points greater than the baseline score Meets Target (x1.0) OR is greater than the state's score. The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the baseline score OR is within 10.0 **Approaches Target (x0.5)** points of the state's score. Does Not Meet Target (x0.0) The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above. Measure 7.2 [CCR] – 1.5 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the school's aggregate proficiency index score **Performance Ratings** for students in grades 5, 8 and High School will be greater than that of the resident district (ISD Result: 256 – Twilight School District) for the same grades (5, 8 & High School). The school's aggregate proficiency index score is at least 10.0 points above the district's score. **Exceeds Target (x1.5)** The school's aggregate proficiency index score is greater than the district's score. Meets Target (x1.0) **Approaches Target (x0.5)** The school's aggregate proficiency index score is within 5.0 points of the district's score. Does Not Meet Target (x0.0) The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.

Performance Ratings	Measure 7.3 [CCR] – 7 Points: From FY17 to FY21, the aggregate percentage of students in grades 3-9 who meet their fall to spring (except in FY21, fall to winter) NWEA RIT expected growth target will be at least 60%.	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 70%.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The aggregate percentage is at least 60%.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 50%.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	

Indicator 8a: Proficiency or Growth in Other Curricular Areas or Educational Programs Kindergarten Readiness

1 Point

School Goal: Over the period of the contract, preschool students enrolled at SCS will demonstrate readiness for kindergarten as measured by a locally-	
developed Kindergarten Readiness Checklist.	

Performance Ratings	Measure 8a.1 [R4K] – 1 Point: From FY17 to FY20, the aggregate percentage of students enrolled in preschool and entering kindergarten the next school year who meet or exceed kindergarten readiness standards as measured by the Kindergarten Readiness Checklist assessed annually in the spring will be at least 85%.	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 95%.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The aggregate percentage is at least 85%.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 80%.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	

Indicator 8b: Proficiency or Growth in Other Curricular Areas or Educational Programs Writing Growth

6 Points

School Goal: Over the period of the contract, students at SCS will demonstrate growth in writing as measured by a locally-developed assessment rubric.			
Performance Ratings	Measure 8b.1 [CCR] – 6 Points: From FY17 to FY20, the aggregate percentage of students in grades 1-12 who increase (or maintain if above 90%) proficiency in writing skills from winter to spring as measured by the locally-developed assessment rubric will be at least 90%.		Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 95%.		
Meets Target (x1.0)	The aggregate percentage is at least 90%.		
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 80%.		
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.		

Indicator 9: Post Secondary Readiness

School Goal: Over the period of	of the contract, students at SCS will demonstrate readiness for post-secondary success.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 9.1 [GRAD] – 4 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the aggregate 4-year graduation rate will be at least 67.0%.	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The aggregate 4-year graduation rate is at least 75.0%.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The aggregate 4-year graduation rate is at least 67.0%.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The aggregate 4-year graduation rate is at least 60.0%.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 9.2 [CCR] – 4 Points: From FY17 to FY20, the aggregate percentage of graduating students who earn a score of college ready on college placement exams (ACT and ACCUPLACER) will be at least 60%.	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 70%.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The aggregate percentage is at least 60%.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 50%.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 9.3 [CCR] – 4 Points: From FY17 to FY20, the aggregate percentage of graduating students who earned at least one college credit prior to graduation through College in Schools, PSEO, AP, or other means will be at least 60%.	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 70%.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The aggregate percentage is at least 60%.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The aggregate percentage is at least 50%.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	

Indicator 10: Attendance 5 Points

School Goal: Over the period of	of the contract, students at SCS will attend the school at high rates.	
Performance Ratings	Measure 10.1 – 5 Points: From FY16 to FY20, the average of the school's annual attendance rates will be at least 92.0%.	Result:
Exceeds Target (x1.5)	The average of the school's annual attendance rates is at least 96.0%.	
Meets Target (x1.0)	The average of the school's annual attendance rates is at least 92.0%.	
Approaches Target (x0.5)	The average of the school's annual attendance rates is at least 88.0%.	
Does Not Meet Target (x0.0)	The school did not meet the criteria for any of the ratings above.	



EE Performance Indicator 1: Awareness

1. Students and staff at *NAME OF SCHOOL* have the awareness, or are increasing their awareness, of the relationship between the environment and human life.

EE Performance Indicator 2: Knowledge

2. Students and staff at *NAME OF SCHOOL* have the knowledge, or are increasing their knowledge, of human and natural systems and processes.

EE Performance Indicator 3: Attitudes

3. Students and faculty at *NAME OF SCHOOL* have an attitude, or are increasing their attitude of, appreciation and concern for the environment.

EE Performance Indicator 4: Skills

4. Students and faculty at *NAME OF SCHOOL* have or are increasing their problem solving and critical thinking skills as it relates to the environment and human life.

EE Performance Indicator 5: Action

5. Students and staff at *NAME OF SCHOOL* demonstrate the capacity, or are increasing their capacity, to work individually and collectively toward sustaining a healthy natural environment.

The school will develop and update annually an Environmental Literacy Plan (ELP) that will address how the school will implement its environmental education (EE) program and measure progress toward its contractual goals. The ELP will be submitted to ACNW annually no later than September 1 for the current school year and is subject to approval by ACNW. If the ELP does not satisfactorily meet ACNW's expectations for environmental education as determined by ACNW, the ELP will need to be revised until such expectations are met.

The above Indicator Areas focus on student learning as it relates to environmental literacy. Refer to *Exhibit P: Ongoing Evaluation Criteria, Processes, and Procedures* for additional information about Indicator Areas 6-8, which are input-based.

Exhibit I:

Admissions Policies & Procedures

EXHIBIT J - GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATION PLAN

The School shall have all powers, duties and responsibilities provided by law to a charter school.

The School shall abide by all applicable federal laws, statutes and regulations.

The School shall be exempt from all Minnesota statutes and rules applicable to a School, a School board or a School district, except as provided by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 124E unless a statute or rule is made specifically applicable to a charter school or as otherwise specified in this Contract.

The School shall be governed by a Board of Directors elected in accordance with policies and procedures in the School's Bylaws and consistent with statutory requirements.

The School Board of Directors shall decide matters related to operation of the School, including, but not limited to, budgeting, curriculum, and operating procedures.

Meetings of the School Board of Directors shall comply with the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13D.

The School Board of Directors delegates the day-to-day management of the School to the administrator(s) who is/are hired and supervised by the School Board of Directors. The School Board of Directors may choose to contract with a third-party provider (CMO/EMO) for comprehensive education design and operation services or comprehensive management services.

The School Board of Directors shall employ and contract with necessary teachers, as defined by Minnesota Statutes section 122A.15, Subd. 1 who hold valid licenses to perform the particular service for which they are employed at the School.

Teachers employed by the School shall be treated by the School as public school teachers for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes Chapters 354 and 354A.

The School Board of Directors may employ necessary employees who are not required to hold teaching licenses to perform duties other than teaching and may contract for other services.

The School Board of Directors may discharge teachers and non-licensed employees.

The School shall employ or contract with a Minnesota licensed director of special education to be responsible for program development, coordination, evaluation, in-service training, general special education supervision, and administration for the School's total special education system (TSES). This administrator shall also be responsible for overseeing that the School has a written Child Find Policy, and shall oversee the implementation of this policy, as well as the School's continued compliance with this policy and special education services to students.

The School shall pursue all financial resources available to Schools to provide special education services.

The School Board of Directors shall demonstrate governance practices of a viable organization as measured by indicators including but not limited to: ongoing training for the Board of Directors, proper oversight by the Board of Directors, active participation by members of the Board of Directors, adopting of required policies, self evaluation, evaluation of the school administrator(s) and other indicators identified in ACNW performance evaluations.

The School shall demonstrate operational practices of a viable organization as measured by indicators including but not limited to: evaluation of staff, gathering of appropriate student achievement and other data, timely and accurate submission of reports, employing appropriate and qualified staff, implementing effective and efficient transportation and food programs, having appropriate insurances in place, maintaining a safe and healthy School environment, and other indicators identified in ACNW performance evaluations.

Exhibit K - Financial Management Plan

The School Board of Directors is trained in financial oversight.

The School Board of Directors establishes, monitors and amends the School's fiscal year budget.

The School Board of Directors monitors and evaluates the School's recordkeeping, controls, and financial position.

The School will utilize the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS). Student accounting will comply with the Minnesota Accounting and Reporting Student System (MARSS).

The Board of Directors retains an external auditor on an annual basis to review the School's internal controls and processes. The Board initiates and monitors corrective action to ensure that noted deficiencies, if any, are addressed and will not result in repeat findings in subsequent audits.

The School shall be a financially viable and sustainable organization as measured by indicators including but not limited to: fund balance, audit findings, proper use of public funds, appropriate financial systems, quality internal control processes, timely reporting, timely payment of invoices, percentage of funds dedicated to instruction, and other indicators identified in the ACNW performance evaluations.

Exhibit L: Board Member Statement of Assurance

By signing my name below, I acknowledge that:

- I am a Board member of Name of School;
- I have reviewed the charter school contract between Name of School and the Audubon Center of the North Woods:
- I have no conflict of interest as defined by MN Stat. 124E.07, Subd. 3;
- If a conflict of interest arises as defined by MN Stat. 124E.07, Subd. 3, I will immediately vacate my position on the Board;
- If a conflict of interest arises as defined by MN Stat. 124E.14, the Board will not enter into an agreement or contract with the vendor that creates the identified conflict of interest;
- I will participate in all board training as required by MN Stat. 124E.07, Subd. 7 and the charter contract:
- I will immediately vacate my position on the Board if I do not meet training requirements which includes training on the board's role and responsibilities, employment policies and practices, and financial management that must be initiated with six months after being seated and completed within 12 months of being seated, along with ongoing annual training;
- The Board is responsible for ensuring compliance with all federal and state laws governing organizational, programmatic, and financial requirements applicable to charter schools including the expectations contained in the preceding assurances.

Signature	Date
Printed Name	
Phone Number	
E-mail Address	

Exhibit M: Charter School Closure Process and Plan

Audubon Center of the North Woods Charter School Closure Process and Plan

Name of School _		Date
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This document is to be completed by the board of directors of the school, in collaboration with the authorizer, as soon as is practical after the school board is aware of the pending closure of the school.

TASKS	Person Responsible	Date Completed and Comments
Establish ad hoc School Board Committee for wind-up /	restructuring	
Designate School contact person(s) to send and receive communications from ACNW;		
Designate employees or School Board members who will handle various aspects of winding up of School operations;		
Provide contact information, and list of employees / School Board members and correspondent responsibilities to ACNW		
Other:		
Contact MDE – Charter Center Immediately		
The MDE Charter Center needs to be contacted immediately to facilitate the legal transfer of all property of the school that was purchased with Federal Charter School Program funds to other schools. Federal Law and the assurances signed by the school requires special attention be given to this property. Contact the CSP Federal Grant personnel at the MDE for guidelines and assistance. (See Inventory and Liquidation of Assets below.)		
Other:		
Reserve Funds		
Segregate by School Board resolution in a separate checking account up to \$45,000 in funds to be used for legal, accounting and other expenses to execute this Closure Plan and to dissolve the School Corporation.		
Other:		
Notification of Parents / Guardians		
Within 10 days after charter revocation, notify parents / guardians and employees of school regarding the closure of the School, if such notification has not been made. Such notification shall include, but not be limited to, the following: * date of the last day of regular instruction; * cancellation of any planned summer school; * notice to parents that enrollment of children in their district of residence or other school is mandatory under state law for children that are six years of age or older; * offer of copies of student records before the charter revocation. * Provide ACNW with a copy of the notice.		
Other:		
Final Report Cards and Student Records Notice		
Within 7 days after charter revocation, provide parents / guardians with copies of final report cards and notice of where student records will be sent (the student's district of residence) and specific contact information. * The notice must advise the parent/guardian to contact the school		

where the student intends to enroll and to have the student's new	
school contact the student's district of residence to have the student's	
educational records transferred to the new school.	
* Provide ACNW with a copy of the notice.	
Other:	
Transfer of Student Records and Testing Material	
No later than 10 days after charter revocation send student records to the	
student's district of residence, including:	
* Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and all records	
regarding special education and supplemental services;	
* student health / immunization records;	
* attendance records; and	
* all other student records.	
All end of school year grades and evaluations must be completed and made	
part of the student records, including any IEP / Committee on Special	
Education meetings /progress reports. As noted above, parents / guardians	
should be offered copies of students' records before charter revocation.	
Testing material, including scores, test booklets, and annual data files etc.	
required to be maintained by the School by the State Education Department	
must also be forwarded to each student's district of residence. To the extent	
that scores, etc. will come into existence after the charter revocation,	
arrangements should be made with the testing agent to forward such material	
to each student's district of residence. The school should also send a set of	
Individual Student Reports to each student's district of residence and parents.	
Other:	
Notification of School Districts	
Within 7 days after the charter revocation, the School must notify the school	
district in which the School is located regarding the termination of the	
education program and lack of future enrollment.	
* If applicable, notification regarding cessation of food and	
transportation services should be provided.	
* Provide notice to the districts that arrangements should be made to	
pick up any district property; e.g., borrowed books, nursing	
equipment.	
* Provide ACNW with a copy of the notice. Other:	
Notification of Funding Sources / Charitable Partners	
Within 7 days after charter revocation, all other sources of the School's	
operational funding must be notified in writing of the closure of the School	
as well as charitable partners of the School.	
* The School should not accept further loans from management	
companies, etc. nor otherwise incur additional liability. However, it	
may continue to accept gifts from charitable partners as long as the	
charity is aware of the School's closure / restructuring status.	
* Charities with property on the premises of the School should be	
notified to remove same as soon as possible or after charter	
revocation, whichever is appropriate.	
Other:	
Notification of Contractors and Termination of Contracts	s
Within 20 days after charter revocation, formulate a list of all contractors with	
contracts in effect, and notify them regarding cessation of current school	
operations at charter revocation.	
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* If applicable, instruct contractors to make arrangements to remove	

* Provide ACNW with a copy of such notice.		
* Retain records of past contracts with proof that they were fully paid		
(see Records Retention, below) to prevent spurious claims.		
As appropriate, and to the extent possible, terminate contracts for goods and		
services as of the last date such goods or services will be needed to the extent		
not necessary for the educational program or closure of the School.		
* Telephone, gas, electric, water, insurance (premises and E&O		
insurance, see below) should remain operative through the charter		
revocation and to the extent necessary		
Other:		
Notification of Employees and Benefit Providers		
After an employee termination date is established, but in no event later than		
60 days before charter revocation, notify all employees of termination of		
employment and/or contracts, and notify benefit providers of pending		
termination of all employees. Further notify employees and providers of		
termination of all benefit programs, and, if allowable, terminate all programs		
as of the last date of service in accordance with		
applicable law and regulations (i.e. COBRA), including:		
* health care / health insurance;		
* life insurance;		
* dental plans;		
* eyeglass plans;		
* cafeteria plans;		
* 401(k), retirement plans;		
* pension plans;		
* TRA; and		
* PERA		
Specific rules and regulations may apply to such programs especially teacher's		
retirement plans so legal counsel should be consulted. Employees should be		
notified of eligibility for unemployment compensation. (In the event the		
School has not paid into the unemployment program on an ongoing basis,		
the School may have significant financial liability on an ongoing basis after		
the charter revocation, and reserve funds should be set aside for this		
purpose.) See School Wind-Up Plan and Action regarding payment of taxes,		
below.		
Other:		
Notification of Food and Transportation Services and Ca	ncellation of Contra	acts
Within 20 days after the charter revocation, or earlier if required by the		
contractual notice requirements, cancel school district or private food and/or		
transportation services for summer school and next school year.		
Other:		
Notification of ACNW Regarding Lawsuits		
As soon as possible after receiving notice and/or service of process regarding		
litigation against, or initiated by, the School, School Board or School		
employees, notify ACNW and provide copies of legal papers received.		
The School has an ongoing obligation to keep ACNW informed regarding		
such litigation, including bankruptcy, whether voluntary or involuntary, and		
to provide copies of all filings.		
Other:		
List of Creditors and Debtors; UCC Search		
Within 20 days after the charter revocation, formulate list of creditors and		
debtors and any amounts accrued and unpaid with respect to such creditor or		
debtor.		
* This list is not the same as the contractor list, above, but may		
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* Creditors include lenders, mortgage holders, bond holders,	
equipment suppliers, service providers and secured and unsecured	
creditors. Security interests may be recorded and filed pursuant to the	
Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) with the county and State of	
Minnesota, and may include all of the assets of the School	
Corporation or specific assets in which a creditor has an interest as	
long as such debt remains outstanding.	
* The UCC search should be performed by the School to determine	
if there are any secured creditors and to what assets security interests	
are attached.	
* Debtors include persons who owe the school fees or credits,	
lessees or sub lessees of the School, and any person holding property	
of the School.	
* Provide a copy of the list of creditors to ACNW with the amount	
owed to each creditor thereon and the amount owed by each debtor.	
Other:	
Notification to Creditors	
Within 30 days after the charter revocation, the School must notify all	
creditors of its closure. The School should solicit from each creditor a final	
accounting of the School's accrued and unpaid debt owed to such creditor.	
This figure should be compared to the School's calculation of the debt and be	
reconciled between the parties. To the extent possible, the School should also	
begin to negotiate a settlement of debts, which is ultimately consummated by	
a settlement agreement reflecting satisfaction and release of the existing	
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creditors, attorneys, accountants, etc. during the course of the wind-	
up, including funds for a final audit, and (if the School Corporation	
does not submit or the board of directors do not approve a renewal	
application), for dissolution.	
* Cancellation of corporate credit cards and lines of credit.	
* Change authorized signatures on accounts as needed to reflect	
changes in persons authorized to implement the winding down	
operations of the School Corporation, and employment, contract and	
School Board status of those authorized to sign for the School.	
* Status reports on the implementation of the School Wind-Up Plan	
to be submitted to ACNW through Interim Statements and a Final	
Statement (below).	
Other:	
Protection of Assets; Insurance	
The School's assets and any assets in the School that belong to others must	
be protected against theft, misappropriation and deterioration.	
* Existing insurance coverage should be maintained on the assets	
until the disposal of such assets in accordance with the Wind-Up	
Plan.	
* Continue existing insurance for School Facility, vehicles and other	
assets until	
1) disposal or transfer of real estate or termination of lease,	
and	
2) disposal, transfer or sale of vehicles and other assets are	
sold, respectively.	
* Negotiate School Facility insurance with entities that may take	
possession of School Facility – lenders, mortgagors; bond holders,	
etc., if possible.	
* Appropriate security services should be obtained or maintained.	
* Action may include moving assets to secure storage after closure or	
loss of the School Facility.	
Other:	
Inventory	
No later than 30 days prior to charter revocation, all of the School's assets	
must be inventoried with item numbers and quantities and/or its inventory	
updated.	
* All assets of the School, not just ones over a certain dollar value,	
must be inventoried.	
* Provide ACNW with a copy of the inventory.	
* Identify assets purchased with Federal CSP Grant funds.	
* Identify assets belonging to other entities (school district, county,	
municipality, teachers, health department, foundations, vendors,	
PTA, etc.), including those borrowed or loaned.	
* Identify assets encumbered by the terms of a contingent gift, grant	
or donation, or a security interest.	
* Return assets not belonging to School and document same.	
Other:	
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Other:			
Final Financial Statement Audit			
The School must have a financial statement audit performed in accordance			
with the Charter and the Act no later than November 1st of the calendar year			
in which the School ceases instruction.			
Other:			
Closeout of State and Federal Grants	<u>'</u>		
State, federal and other grants must be closed out, (See Contact MDE section			
above) including:			
* notification to the grant entity of the School closure; and			
* filing of any required expenditure reports or receipts and any			
required program reports.			
The School Corporation should continue to pursue grant funds to which it is			
entitled, provided that it fully discloses its current situation and intentions			
with respect to closure. The School Corporation should not seek or accept grant funds for future school years when the School will be closed. Grant			
status should be noted on financial statements.			
Other:			
IRS Status; Reports			
The School Board must continue to take all steps necessary to maintain its			
501(c)(3) status, including, but not limited to, the following:			
* notification to IRS regarding any address change of the School			
Corporation; and			
* filing of required tax returns or reports (e.g., IRS form 990 and			
Schedule A).			
* If the School Corporation proceeds to dissolution, notify the IRS			
of dissolution of the education corporation and its 501(c)(3) status			
and furnish a copy to ACNW.			
O.I.			
Other:			
Corporate Records	T		
In all cases, the School Board shall maintain all corporate records related to:			
* Loans, bonds, mortgages and other financing;			
* Contracts; * Leases;			
* Assets and asset sales;			
* Grants records relating to federal grants must be kept in			
accordance with 34 CFR 8042.			
* Governance (Minutes, by-laws, policies);			
* Employees (background checks, personnel files);			
* Accounting/audit, taxes and tax status, etc.;			
* Personnel,			
* Employee benefit programs and benefits; and			
* Student summary test data files			
* Any items listed in this Closure Plan.			
In the event the School Corporation is dissolved, the members of the School			
Board or other custodian of the records of the School have the duty to			
properly maintain the permanent records of the School according to law and			
stored in a secure, locked container.			
Other:			
Resolution of Dissolution			
The School Board must adopt a resolution that the School Corporation be			
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dissolved and proceed to file the same with the MN Attorney General and/or MN Secretary of State.			

Other:					
Dissolution					
If the School Corporation dissolves, the School Board must follow the dissolution provisions in its articles of incorporation and applicable laws. This may include:					
* a complete statement of all assets, their location and an estimate of their value; and * a statement of the ascertainable debts of the education corporation.					
Whenever the Charter or an order of dissolution is made, the members of the School Board or other custodian of the records of the School have the duty to properly maintain the permanent records of the School according to law and stored in a secure, locked container.					
Copies of all papers related to dissolution should be sent to ACNW.					
Members of the School Board are empowered to continue in office even after the expiration of the Charter and dissolution of the School Corporation for the purpose of winding-up and settling the affairs of the School Corporation, and after the dissolution of the School Corporation. Other:					
Final Distribution of Assets					
All liabilities and obligations of the School must be paid and discharged (or adequate provision must be made therefore) to the extent of the School's assets. Any assets held subject to a lien, encumbrance, security interest or other written conditions or limitations must be disposed of in accordance with and subject to those conditions or limitations. Assets received and held by the School subject to limitations permitting their use only for charitable, benevolent, educational, or similar purposes, but not held upon condition requiring return or with specific disposition instructions, shall be held until dissolution and transferred or conveyed to one or more charter schools in the school district or to the school district. * An itemized receipt must be obtained from each recipient of an asset containing the name, address and telephone number of the recipient. (In case of later question, audit or review by federal bankruptcy or state supreme court, or other governmental body.) * In closing out any federal grant and accounting for any federal grant funds, property owned by the federal government or property acquired under a federal grant must be distributed in accordance with federal regulations.					
Other:					

EXHIBIT N - Provisions for Education Service or Management Contract

In the event the Charter School intends to contract with a third party provider ("Service Provider") for comprehensive school management or operations services ("Service Contract"), all of the following requirements must be met by the Charter School:

- 1. <u>Submission of Service Contract</u>. The Service Contract is subject to review and approval by the authorizer and shall be submitted to the authorizer no later than 30 days prior to its effective date.
- 2. <u>Required Terms of Service Contract</u>. The Service Contract shall include, without limitation, the following Required Terms:
 - a. The Service Contract shall identify the Charter School board of directors as the party ultimately responsible for the success or failure of the school, and clearly define the Service Provider as a vendor of services.
 - b. The Service Contract shall ensure that the Charter School board of directors maintains independent fiduciary oversight and authority over the school budget at all times.
 - c. The Service Contract shall establish the primacy of the charter contract with the authorizer ("Charter School Agreement") over the Service Contract.
 - d. The term of the Service Contract shall be no longer than the term of the Charter School Agreement.
 - e. The Service Contract shall be subject to, and shall incorporate by reference, the terms and conditions of the Charter School Agreement.
 - f. The Service Contract shall articulate the performance measures, consequences, and mechanisms by which the Charter School board of directors will hold the Service Provider accountable aligned with the Charter School Agreement, including the process and criteria to be used for evaluation of the Service Provider by the Charter School.
 - g. The Service Contract shall clearly delineate the respective roles and responsibilities of the Service Provider and the Charter School in the management and operation of each school facility for which the Service Provider shall provide management or operations services, including responsibilities of each party in the event of school closure.
 - h. The Service Contract shall contain provisions requiring Service Provider compliance with all requirements, terms and conditions established by any Federal or State funding source.
 - i. The Service Contract shall clearly state all compensation and payments to be paid by the Charter School to the Service Provider or any affiliated entity for all services including management, administrative, licensing, technology, curriculum, performance bonuses, and any other amounts paid to the Service Provider or any affiliated entity, including to any third party vendors, and shall clearly explain the method for calculating such fees or payments.
 - j. The Service Contract shall acknowledge the existence of any existing or proposed facility agreement between the Charter School board of directors and the Service Provider or any affiliated entity and shall provide a copy of

- said facility agreement to the Authorizer with the submission of the Service Contract.
- k. The Service Contract shall ensure that all payments to the Charter School from the State or other grant making organizations shall be made to an account controlled by the Charter School board of directors, not the Service Provider.
- 1. The Service Contract shall require all instructional materials, furnishings, and equipment purchased or developed with public funds to be the property of the Charter School, not the Service Provider.
- m. The Service Contract shall require the Charter School board of directors to directly select, retain and compensate the school attorney and audit firm, and the school's attorney must be independent and must not represent the Service Provider or principals thereof.
- n. The Service Contract shall provide that all employees or contractors of the Service Provider who have direct, regular contact with students of the Charter School shall be subject to criminal background investigations and checks in compliance with applicable laws.
- o. The Service Contract shall provide that any and all financial books of the Charter School held or managed by the Service Provider shall be available for inspection by the Charter School board of directors and/or the authorizer.
- p. The Service Contract shall provide that all financial reports provided or prepared by the Service Provider shall be presented in GAAP/FASB (Financial Accounting Standards Board) approved nonprofit format consistent with authorizer requirements.

3. Financial Reporting

- a. <u>Budget</u>. The budget prepared by the Charter School board of directors pursuant to applicable provisions of the Charter School Agreement shall include, without limitation, the following itemized information:
 - i. All contract payments, lease payments, management fees, administrative fees, licensing fees, curriculum fees, technology fees, performance bonuses and other amounts budgeted for the Service Provider or any affiliated entity, with the method for calculating such fees or payments clearly explained.
- b. <u>Financial Statements</u>. In the event that monthly or quarterly financial statements are required to be furnished by the Charter School pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Charter School Agreement, such financial statements shall reflect the school's financial operations, including an itemized accounting of all amounts paid to the Service Provider and any affiliated entity or otherwise paid for services in the Service Contract, which amounts shall be itemized in a manner that clearly corresponds to those categories provided in the Charter School's annual budget or the Service Contract.

- c. <u>Annual Audit</u>. The Financial Audits required under applicable provisions of the Charter School Agreement shall include review of all fees and payments made by the Charter School to the Service Provider or any affiliated entity.
- d. Reporting of Loans and Investments. All loans or grants to, or investments in, the Charter School by the Service Provider or any affiliated entity must be evidenced by appropriate documentation and disclosure, either in the Service Contract or through separate agreements. In the case of investments, such documentation shall explain how the investment shall be treated on the books of the Charter School and shall clearly state the Service Provider or affiliated entity's expected return on equity.

Nothing in the document shall be construed to waive or otherwise limit the obligation of the Charter School to provide information otherwise required to be reported by the Charter School under the Charter Schools Law or the Charter School Agreement.

Exhibit 0:

Performance Evaluation of School

Exhibit P: Ongoing Evaluation Criteria, Processes, and Procedures

ACNW Charter School Division (CSD) is comprised of professionals with charter school authorizing and evaluation expertise. This includes both employees of ACNW and contracted service providers. The CSD is overseen and monitored by the Charter School Committee and the ACNW Board. Ultimately, the ACNW Board makes decisions regarding the ongoing authorization of any particular school.

Ongoing Evaluation Criteria

ACNW evaluates schools in four primary areas:

- 1. Academic Performance
- 2. Environmental Education Performance
- 3. Financial Performance
- 4. Operations Performance

Academic Performance

ACNW evaluates its authorized schools' academic performance on 11 primary indicators.

Following are the key questions each indicator addresses:

Indicator 1: Mission Related Outcomes	Are all students achieving significant academic and/or personal growth, knowledge and skill development, and accomplishments related to the school's mission?
Indicator 2: English Language Learners	Are EL students at the school achieving adequate progress towards English Language Proficiency?
Indicator 3: Reading Growth	Are all and subgroups of students meeting expected growth targets in reading?
Indicator 4: Math Growth	Are all and subgroups of students meeting expected growth targets in math?
Indicator 5: Reading Proficiency	Are all and subgroups of students achieving proficiency in reading?
Indicator 6: Math Proficiency	Are all and subgroups of students achieving proficiency in math?
Indicator 7: Science Proficiency (and Growth)	Are all and subgroups of students achieving proficiency in science? And, if applicable, are all and subgroups of students meeting expected growth targets in science?

Indicator 8: Proficiency or Growth in Other Curricular Areas or Educational Programs	Are all and subgroups of students achieving proficiency or meeting expected growth targets in other curricular areas or educational programs?
Indicator 9: Post Secondary Readiness	Are all and subgroups of high school students prepared for post secondary success?
Indicator 10: Attendance	Are students attending the school at high rates?
Indicator A: Federal and State Accountability	How is the school performing according to federal and state accountability measures?

Not all performance indicators are applicable to each school; for example, one indicator is only for high schools. A school will have a contractual goal in each applicable indicator area, and the school's performance on attaining these goals will be evaluated according to the measures defined in Exhibit G: Academic and Academic-Related Goals. Each measure is weighted to indicate its overall significance in fulfilling the primary purpose of charter schools as outlined in statute which is to improve all pupil learning and all student achievement. These weights are agreed upon by ACNW and the school and are included in Exhibit G. The school earns a rating on each measure based on the school's performance over the term of the contract. Each performance rating is assigned a point value according to the weight of the measure:

- Exceeds Target: ×1.5 points
- Meets Target: ×1.0 points
- Approaches Target: ×0.5 points
- Does Not Meet Target: ×0.0 points

Indicator areas are then assigned a rating based on the percentage of points earned:

- Exceeds Standard = 100.1-150.0% of points earned
- Meets Standard = 75.0-100.0% of points earned
- Approaches Standard = 50.0-74.9% of points earned
- Does Not Meet Standard = 0.0-49.9% of points earned

Improving all pupil learning and all student achievement is the most important factor ACNW will consider in determining contract renewal, which determination shall be based substantially on the school's attainment of its academic and academic-related goals identified in Exhibit G. See "Guidelines for Renewal Determination" below for more information.

Academic Performance Evaluations are completed annually and as often as deemed appropriate by ACNW.

Environmental Education Performance

ACNW evaluates its authorized schools' Environmental Education (EE) performance on eight primary indicators.

	Indicator 1: Awareness	Students demonstrate an awareness of the relationship between the environment and human life and the diversity of life that shares the earth with humans.		
	Indicator 2: Knowledge	Students have knowledge of how natural systems function and how human systems interact with and depend on them.		
OUTCOMES	Indicator 3: Attitudes	Students demonstrate respect and concern for the earth's health and the motivation to participate in environmental stewardship.		
0	Indicator 4: Skills	Students possess the skills needed to identify and critically analyze environmental issues, and to contribute to resolving the root of environmental challenges.		
	Indicator 5: Action	Students have the capacity, or are increasing their capacity, to perceive and interpret the health of environmental and social systems and take appropriate action to maintain, restore, or improve the health of those systems.		
	Indicator 6: Environmental Education Program	The school implements values and strategies that foster learning and create environmentally literate citizens who engage in creating healthy outcomes for individuals, communities, and the Earth.		
INPUTS	Indicator 7: Governance	The board of directors allocates the appropriate financial, human, and organizational resources to carry out environmental education and monitors the school's progress toward its goals.		
	Indicator 8: Operations	Operational decision-making by school leadership, staff, and faculty reflects a commitment to environmental sustainability. The school has a waste reduction and recycling program in place.		

EE Performance Evaluations may be completed annually or as often as deemed appropriate by ACNW, but at least in the school's renewal year.

Financial Performance

ACNW evaluates its authorized schools' financial performance on three primary indicators.

1. Financial Management

This portion of the evaluation focuses on the school's performance relative to required financial management. Quality management and oversight of financials is a critical indicator of financial health. Schools that fail to meet the standards are not implementing best practices or those required by law or the charter contract and may be at greater risk for financial challenges in the present or future. This indicator includes the following measures: **Budgeting, Financial Policies and Practices, Financial Reporting,** and **Financial Audit.**

2. Near-Term Financial Health

This portion of the evaluation tests a school's near term financial health and is designed to depict the school's financial position and viability in the coming year. Schools that fail to meet the standards may currently be experiencing financial difficulties and/or have a higher likelihood for financial hardship. These schools may require additional review and/or corrective action by ACNW. This indicator includes the following measures: **Current Ratio, Days Cash on Hand,** and **Enrollment Variance.**

3. Financial Sustainability

This portion of the evaluation includes longer-term financial sustainability measures and is designed to depict the school's financial position and viability over time. Schools that fail to meet the standards are more likely to face financial hardship in the future. This indicator includes the following measures: **Fund Balance Percentage, Total Margin and Aggregated Three-Year Total Margin,** and **Debt to Asset Ratio.**

Near-Term and Sustainability indicators are evaluated by ACNW annually. The Management indicator may be evaluated annually or as often as deemed appropriate by ACNW, but at least in the school's renewal year.

Operations Performance

ACNW evaluates its authorized schools' operations performance on six primary indicators, or general categories.

1. Educational Program

This portion of the evaluation focuses on how the school has implemented key components of the educational program. This indicator includes the following measures: Mission & Vision, Instruction & Assessment, Educational Requirements, Special Education, English Learners, and Parent & Student Satisfaction.

2. Governance

This portion of the evaluation focuses on the board's governance, oversight, and evaluation. This indicator includes the following measures: **Board Composition & Capacity, Board Decision-Making & Oversight,** and **Management Accountability.**

3. School Environment

This portion of the evaluation focuses on the environment that the school has created for students. This indicator includes the following measures: **Facilities & Transportation** and **Health & Safety.**

4. Student Rights

This portion of the evaluation focuses on the practices and procedures of the school related to student enrollment and privacy rights. This indicator includes the following measures: **Admissions & Enrollment** and **Due Process & Privacy.**

5. Personnel Practices

This portion of the evaluation focuses on the school's practices and successes related to staffing. This indicator includes the following measures: **Licensure, Staff Retention** and **Employment Practices.**

6. Compliance & Reporting

This portion of the evaluation focuses on the school's ability to meet various authorizer and state compliance and reporting deadlines and activities. This indicator includes the following measures: **Charter School Annual Reports, Insurance** and **Authorizer & State Compliance**.

Operations Performance Evaluations may be completed annually or as often as deemed appropriate by ACNW, but at least in the school's renewal year.

Process and Procedures for Ongoing Evaluation

The ACNW CSD uses the following process and procedures to conduct ongoing evaluation of its authorized schools:

<u>Data Review and Analysis</u> – ACNW regularly reviews data that is publicly available, supplied by the school, or provided by MDE. This includes a review of state academic data, annual reports, budgets, financial audits, other compliance documents, and any other relevant data available to ACNW. This also includes a periodic review of financial reports and board meeting materials and minutes. ACNW reserves the right to request data from the school consistent with data privacy practices.

<u>Site Visits and Board Observations</u> – ACNW regularly visits authorized schools to verify performance and compliance. ACNW, at its sole discretion, determines the frequency and scope of site visits. During site visits, ACNW staff or contracted evaluators observe classrooms, tour the facilities and interview key school stakeholders including board members, school leadership, teachers, staff, parents, and students. In a school's reauthorization year, ACNW will send a team of evaluators to conduct a Reauthorization Site Visit in preparation for determining a reauthorization recommendation to the Charter School Committee and Board of Directors.

ACNW attends at least one board meeting per year for each of its authorized schools in order to observe the school's governance. ACNW, at its sole discretion, determines the frequency of attendance at board meetings. ACNW may also request time on a meeting agenda to present information to the school's board.

<u>Feedback and Strategic Intervention</u> – ACNW provides feedback to schools in its portfolio through performance evaluations, presentations at school board meetings, formal written communication to the school leadership and board, and informal verbal communication. ACNW also gives schools the opportunity to provide additional information on any relevant issues that warrant explanation or clarification.

ACNW may, at its discretion, implement a formal intervention or provide strategic support to schools that are not in compliance with or are not on track to meet statutory or contractual expectations.

Reauthorization Recommendations – During the final year of an authorized school's active contract, the school is required to submit an application for reauthorization that summarizes how it fulfilled the terms of its active contract, the strategic direction it plans for the years of a subsequent contract, and potential performance goals for a subsequent contract. ACNW CSD reviews that application, conducts a Reauthorization Site Visit, completes a Reauthorization Evaluation Report, and compiles a recommendation to the ACNW Board. Those recommendations are reviewed and accepted or amended by the Charter School Committee (CSC). The CSC's recommendations are then presented to the ACNW Board for adoption or amendment.

Guidelines for Renewal Determination*

Charter renewal will be based primarily on a school's attainment of its academic and academic-related goals identified in Exhibit G, which is evaluated according to ACNW's Academic Performance Framework, and secondarily on other factors, including but not limited to Environmental Educational, Financial, and Operations performance, intervention status of the school, and designations assigned to the school by the Minnesota Department of Education.

Renewal Tracks

In the final year of an authorized school's active contract, ACNW will determine the school's renewal track as outlined below:

1. Eligible for Fast Track Renewal

- Condensed reauthorization application and site visit, including collection of school's best practices for future dissemination by ACNW.
- Earlier board resolution by the ACNW Board of Directors.
- Five-year renewal recommendation by the CSD to the CSC as merited by school's performance over the contract term.

2. Eligible for Renewal

- Standard reauthorization application and site visit.
- Five-year renewal or three-year probationary renewal recommendation by the CSD to the CSC as merited by school's performance over the contract term.

3. Candidate for Nonrenewal

- Standard reauthorization application and site visit.
- Nonrenewal, one-year conditional renewal, or three-year probationary renewal recommendation by the CSD to the CSC as merited by school's performance over the contract term.

Primary Factor

Notwithstanding secondary factors, renewal tracks will be determined by ACNW based upon the school's fulfillment of the primary factor, which is the attainment of its academic and academic-related goals identified in Exhibit G:

- If a school attains all of its contractual outcomes in Exhibit G as determined by ACNW's Academic Performance Evaluation (i.e., 100% or more of possible points), the school will be considered eligible for fast track renewal.
- If a school attains at least half of its contractual outcomes in Exhibit G as determined by ACNW's Academic Performance Evaluation (i.e., 50% or more of possible points), the school would be considered eligible for renewal.
- If a school attains less than half of its contractual outcomes in Exhibit G as determined by ACNW's Academic Performance Evaluation (i.e., less than 50% of possible points), the school would be considered a candidate for nonrenewal.

Secondary Factors

The following secondary factors, either alone or in combination with one or more factors, may alter a school's renewal track. ACNW will provide clear analysis of each secondary factor and the rationale for its impact on the school's renewal track determination in the Reauthorization Evaluation Report.

Secondary factors that may decrease a renewal track (e.g., from "eligible for renewal" to "candidate for nonrenewal"):

- The school receives a rating of Does Not Meet Standard in any indicator area on the most recent Academic Performance Evaluation.
- The school receives a rating of Does Not Meet Standard, Minimally Developed, or Undeveloped in any indicator area or measure on the most recent Environmental Education Evaluation.
- The school receives a rating of Does Not Meet or Falls Far Below Standard in any measure on the most recent Financial Performance Evaluation.
- The school receives a rating of Does Not Meet Standard in any measure on the most recent Operations Performance Evaluation.
- The school (or a site at the school) is currently designated a Focus or Priority school by the Minnesota Department of Education.
- The school was placed on intervention by ACNW at any time during the current contract term.
- The school's current contract is a probationary contract.

Secondary factors that may increase a renewal track (e.g., from "eligible for renewal" to "eligible for fast track renewal"):

- The school (or a site at the school) was designated as a Reward or Celebration school by the Minnesota Department of Education at any time during the current contract term.
- The school was identified as a High-Quality Charter School (HQCS) by the Minnesota Department of Education at any time during the current contract term.
- The school (or a site at the school) was designated as a Celebration Eligible school by the Minnesota Department of Education in at least two years of the current contract term.
- The school was not identified as HQCS by the Minnesota Department of Education at any time during the current contract term, but was eligible to submit supplemental data for review in the HQCS appeals process in at least two years of the current contract term.
- Other external recognition from a reputable organization that demonstrates the school is successfully fulfilling the primary or additional purposes of Minnesota Statutes 124E.01.

^{*}These guidelines do not obligate the Audubon Center of the North Woods Charter School Division, Charter School Committee, or Board of Directors to a particular renewal decision or length of contract and should not be construed as requirements or guarantees.

Exhibit Q: Range of Possible Interventions

Audubon Center of the North Woods Range of Possible Interventions

If ACNW has a concern about the School, or if the School fails to make adequate progress towards achieving its academic or environmental education goals or to meet financial requirements, or to comply with Applicable Law, or other requirements of this contract, ACNW shall determine the appropriate intervention. The interventions below need not be implemented sequentially, and ACNW will implement these as it sees fit and at its sole discretion.

Status	Caused by	Will result in
LEVEL ONE Notice of Concern	Signs of weak performance identified through routine monitoring; through implementation, compliance, or performance reviews; or by other means.	Letter from ACNW to the charter school's board of directors detailing areas of concern and action required to address concerns.
Notice of Concern	Lack of progress towards meeting contractual goals. Failure to submit required documents on a timely basis. Failure to comply with applicable law or the conditions of the charter contract.	and/or ACNW recommendation that the school develops a remediation plan.
	Signs of poor financial health or management.	
LEVEL TWO Notice of Deficiency	Failure to meet multiple performance targets; or repeated failure to meet a single performance target. Significant failure to comply with applicable law or the	Letter from ACNW to charter school board of directors detailing areas of deficiency and action required to address deficiency. and/or
	conditions of the charter contract. Continued evidence of poor financial health or management.	Requirement of a remediation plan containing specific improvement objectives, technical assistance requirements, and schedule for remedial action to be approved by ACNW.
LEVEL THREE Notice of	Continued failure to meet school targets or failure to meet objectives of a remediation plan.	Letter from ACNW to charter school board of directors detailing reasons for probationary status and action required to address concerns.
Probationary Status	Continued failure to comply with the applicable law or the conditions of the charter contract.	and/or Remediation plan imposed by ACNW.
	Severe concerns regarding the school's financial viability.	and/or ACNW may appoint staff or a consultant to monitor implementation of the remediation plan
LEVEL FOUR	Failure to address the terms of Probationary Status.	Consideration and decision by the ACNW Board to revoke or not to revoke the school's charter, or
Charter Review	Extended pattern of failure to meet contractual goals and/or to comply with applicable law or the conditions of the charter contract.	to impose lesser sanctions.
	Severe and persistent concerns regarding the school's financial viability.	
LEVEL FIVE Charter Revocation	Charter Review results in recommendation to revoke.	Commencement of charter revocation proceedings consistent with Minnesota Stat. 124E and the terms of the charter contract.

Exhibit R: Financial Statement Template & Guide

The School shall furnish ACNW, on at least a quarterly basis (for quarters ending 9/30, 12/31, 3/31, and 6/30), with a balance sheet and income and expense statement presented in the format outlined below or in a similar fashion that is approved by ACNW. This format is consistent with UFARS reporting and ensures clear reporting of restricted funds while identifying administrative and educational program expenses. In addition, by June 30th of each year the School shall furnish ACNW with a budget of revenues and expenditures consistent with this format or in a similar fashion that is approved by ACNW.

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Balance Sheet

Description	General Fund Fund 1	Food Service Fund 2	Community Service Fund 4	Total Funds
ASSETS	Tuna 1	Tuna 2	Tuliu 4	Total Fallas
Cash - checking				
Cash - savings				
Investments				
Accounts Receivable				
Due from MDE				
Due from Other				
Prepaids				
Other (specify)				
TOTAL ASSETS				
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
Payroll Liabilities				
Deferred Revenue				
Due to Other				
Short Term Debt				
Total Liabilities				
Fund Balance				
Unassigned Fund Balance – Previous YE				
Net Income/(Loss) – Current YTD				
Total Fund Balance				
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE				

Income and Expense Statement

			Percent of
GENERAL FUND - 01	Approved Budget	Year -to-Date Activity	Budget
GENERAL FOND - 01	Approved budget	Tear -to-Date Activity	buuget
REVENUES			
State Revenues			
General Education Aid			
Facilities Lease Aid			
Special Education Aid			
Other (specify)			
Total State Revenues			
Federal Revenues			
Title (specify I, II and/or III)			
Federal Special Education			
Other (specify)			
Total Federal Revenues			
Local Revenues			
Miscellaneous (specify)			
Total Local Revenues			
TOTAL REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			
Administration			
Salaries			
Benefits			
Purchased Services			
Other (specify)			
Total Administration			
District Support Services			
Salaries			
Benefits			
Purchased Services			
Supplies and Materials			
Capital Expenditures			
Total District Support Services			
Elementary and Secondary Regular			
Instruction			
Salaries			
Benefits Province			
Purchased Services			

			Percent of
	Approved Budget	Year -to-Date Activity	Budget
Supplies and Materials			
Capital Expenditures			
Other Expenditures (specify)			
Total Elementary and Secondary			
Regular Instruction			
State Special Education			
Salaries			
Benefits			
Purchased Services			
Supplies and Materials			
Total State Special Education			
Federal Special Education			
Salaries			
Benefits			
Purchased Services			
Supplies and Materials			
Total Federal Special Education			
Title Programs (specify I, II and/or III)			
Salaries			
Benefits			
Purchased Services			
Supplies and Materials			
Total Title Programs			
Other Federal Programs (specify)			
Salaries			
Benefits			
Purchased Services			
Supplies and Materials			
Total Other Federal Programs			
Instructional Support Services			
Salaries			
Benefits			
Purchased Services			
Supplies and Materials			
Total Instructional Support Services			
Pupil Support Services			
Salaries			
Benefits			

			Percent of
Developed Consists	Approved Budget	Year -to-Date Activity	Budget
Purchased Services			
Supplies and Materials			
Total Pupil Support Services			
Sites and Buildings			
Salaries			
Benefits			
Lease			
Other Purchased Services			
Supplies and Materials			
Capital Expenditures			
Total Sites and Buildings			
Fiscal and Other Fixed Costs			
Purchased Services			
Interfund Transfer			
Total Fiscal and Other Fixed Costs			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
GENERAL FUND 01 - NET INCOME			
			Percent of
FOOD SERVICE FUND - 02	Approved Budget	Year -to-Date Activity	Budget
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REVENUES			
State Revenues			
Federal Revenues			
Sale of Lunches and Other Local Revenue			
Transfer from General Fund			
TOTAL REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries			
Benefits			
Purchased Services			
Supplies and Materials			
Other (specify)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
FOOD SERVICE FUND 02 - NET INCOME			

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND - 04	Approved Budget	Year -to-Date Activity	Percent of Budget
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REVENUES			
State Revenues			
Federal Revenues			
Other Local Revenues			
Transfer from General Fund			
TOTAL REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries			
Benefits			
Purchased Services			
Supplies and Materials			
Other (specify)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND 04 –			
NET INCOME			
Fund Balance at Beginning of the Year			
Net Income Year to Date			
Ending Fund Balance			

Exhibit S: Performance Improvement Plan

School Name:

Below is a detailed action plan to address specific shortcomings that may exist in order to achieve the school's intended and required academic, financial, operational, and/or environmental education outcomes. This written plan outlines specific benchmarks related to the school's reauthorization evaluation, a specific timeline, and identification of resource needs (time, money, expertise) to accomplish the milestones set forth in the plan. ACNW will monitor the school's progress and if benchmarks are not satisfactorily met as determined by ACNW, ACNW may proceed with intervention as outlined in **Exhibit Q: Range of Possible Interventions**.

Exhibit S: Performance Improvement Plan - Probationary Contract

School Name:

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