TERMS AND CONDITIONS

OF CONTRACT

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ISSUED BY

THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO

WALTON CHARTER ACADEMY
(A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY)

CONFIRMING THE STATUS OF

WALTON CHARTER ACADEMY

AS A

PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

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WHEREAS, the People of Michigan through their Constitution have provided that schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged and have authorized the Legislature to maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, all public schools are subject to the leadership and general supervision of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has authorized an alternative form of public school designated a "public school academy" to be created to serve the educational needs of pupils and has provided that pupils attending these schools shall be eligible for support from the State School Aid Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has delegated to the governing boards of state public universities, community college boards, including tribally controlled community college boards, intermediate school district boards and local school district boards, the responsibility for authorizing the establishment of public school academies; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees has considered the authorization of the Academy and has approved the issuance of a contract to the Academy;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Revised School Code, the University Board grants a contract conferring certain rights, franchises, privileges, and obligations of a public school academy and confirms the status of a public school academy in this state to the Academy. In addition, the parties agree that the granting of this Contract is subject to the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1. Certain Definitions. For purposes of this Contract, and in addition to the terms defined throughout this Contract, each of the following words or expressions, whenever initially capitalized, shall have the meaning set forth in this section:

(a) "Academy" means the Michigan nonprofit corporation named Walton Charter Academy which is established as a public school academy pursuant to this Contract.

(b) "Academy Board" means the Board of Directors of the Academy.

(c) "Applicable Law" means all state and federal law applicable to public school academies, including all rules, regulations, and orders promulgated thereunder.

(d) "Application" means the public school academy application and supporting documentation submitted to the University Board for the establishment of the Academy and supplemented by material submitted pursuant to the University Board's requirements for reauthorization.

(e) "Authorizing Resolution" means the Resolutions adopted by the University Board on May 1, 2026.

(f) "Charter Schools Director" means the person designated by the University Board to administer the operations of the Charter Schools Office.

(g) "Charter Schools Office" or "CSO" means the office designated by the University Board as the initial point of contact for public school academy applicants and public school academies authorized by the University Board. The Charter Schools Office is also responsible for administering the University Board's responsibilities with respect to the Contract.

(h) "Code" means the Revised School Code, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being Sections 380.1 to 380.1853 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(i) "Community District" means a community school district created under part 5B of the Code, MCL 380.381 *et seq*.

(j) "Conservator" means an individual appointed by the University President in accordance with Section 10.9 of these Terms and Conditions.

(k) "Contract" means, in addition to the definition set forth in the Code, these Terms and Conditions, Exhibit A containing the Authorizing Resolution and the Resolution, the Master Calendar, the ESP Policies, the Lease Policies, the Schedules, and the Application.

(l) "Director" means a person who is a member of the Academy Board of Directors.

(m) "Educational Service Provider" or "ESP" means an educational management organization as defined under section 503c of the Code, MCL 380.503c, that has entered into a contract or agreement with the Academy Board for operation or management of the Academy, which contract has been submitted to the Charter Schools Director for review as provided in Section 11.11 and has not been disapproved by the Charter Schools Director, and is consistent with the CSO Educational Service Provider Policies, as they may be amended from time to time, and Applicable Law.

(n) "Educational Service Provider Policies" or "ESP Policies" means those policies adopted by the Charter Schools Office that apply to a Management Agreement. The Charter Schools Director may, at any time and at his or her sole discretion, amend the ESP Policies. The ESP Policies in effect as of this date are incorporated into and part of this Contract. Upon amendment, changes to the ESP Policies shall automatically be incorporated into this Contract and shall be exempt from

the amendment procedures under Article IX of these Terms and Conditions.

(o) "Fund Balance Deficit" means the Academy has more liabilities than assets at the end of any given school fiscal year, and includes any fiscal year where the Academy would have had a budget deficit but for a financial borrowing by the Academy or a monetary contribution by an Educational Service Provider or other person or entity to the Academy. If the Academy receives a gift or grant of money or financial support from an Educational Service Provider or other person or entity that does not require repayment by the Academy, and is not conditioned upon the actions or inactions of the Academy or the Academy Board, then such gift or grant shall not constitute a financial borrowing or contribution for purposes of determining a Fund Balance Deficit.

(p) "Lease Policies" means those policies adopted by the Charter Schools Office that apply to real property lease agreements entered into by the Academy. The Charter Schools Director may, at any time and at his or her sole discretion, amend the Lease Policies. The Lease Policies in effect as of this date are incorporated into and part of this Contract. Upon amendment, changes to the Lease Policies shall automatically be incorporated into this Contract and shall be exempt from the amendment procedures under Article IX of these Terms and Conditions.

(q) "Management Agreement" or "ESP Agreement" means an agreement as defined under section 503c of the Code, MCL 380.503c, that has been entered into between an ESP and the Academy Board for the operation and/or management of the Academy, which has been submitted to the Charter Schools Office for review as provided in Section 11.11 and has not been disapproved by the Charter Schools Director.

(r) "Master Calendar" or "MCRR" means the Master Calendar of Reporting Requirements developed and administered by the Charter Schools Office setting forth a reporting time line for certain financial, administrative, facility, Academy Board and educational information relating to the Academy. The Charter Schools Director may, at any time and at his or her sole discretion, amend the Master Calendar. Upon amendment, changes to the Master Calendar shall automatically be incorporated into this Contract and shall be exempt from the amendment procedures under Article IX of these Terms and Conditions.

(s) "President" means the President of Northern Michigan University or his or her designee.

(t) "Resolution" means the resolution adopted by the University Board on April 27, 2012 establishing the standard method of selection, length of

term and number of members format for public school academies issued a Contract by the University Board, as amended from time to time.

(u) "Schedules" means the following Contract documents of the Academy: Schedule 1: Articles of Incorporation, Schedule 2: Bylaws, Schedule 3: Fiscal Agent Agreement, Schedule 4: Oversight Agreement, Schedule 5: Description of Staff Responsibilities, Schedule 6: Physical Plant Description and Schedule 7: Required Information for Public School Academies.

(v) "State Board" means the State Board of Education, established pursuant to Article 8, Section 3 of the 1963 Michigan Constitution and MCL 388.1001 *et seq*.

(w) "State School Reform/Redesign Office" means the office created within the Michigan Department of Technology Management and Budget by Executive Reorganization Order 2015-02, codified at MCL 18.445, and transferred from the Michigan Department of Technology Management and Budget to the Michigan Department of Education by Executive Reorganization Order 2017-02, codified at MCL 388.1282.

(x) "Superintendent" means the Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(y) "Terms and Conditions" means this document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Contract, Dated July 1, 2026, Issued by the Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees to Walton Charter Academy Confirming the Status of Walton Charter Academy as a public school academy."

(z) "University" means Northern Michigan University, a state public University, established pursuant to Article VIII, Sections 4 and 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and MCL 390.391 *et seq*.

(aa) "University Board" means the Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees, an authorizing body as designated under Section 501 of the Code, MCL 380.501.

(bb) "University Board Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees or his or her designee. In Section 1.1(cc) below, "University Board Chairperson" means the Board Chairperson of the Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees.

(cc) "University Charter Schools Hearing Panel" or "Hearing Panel" means such person(s) as designated by the University Board Chairperson.

Section 1.2. Captions. The captions and headings used in this Contract are for convenience only and shall not be used in construing the provisions of this Contract.

Section 1.3. Gender and Number. The use of any gender in this Contract shall be deemed to be or include the other genders, including neuter, and the use of the singular shall be deemed to include the plural (and vice versa) wherever applicable.

Section 1.4. Statutory Definitions. Statutory terms defined in Part 6A of the Code shall have the same meaning in this Contract.

Section 1.5. Schedules. All Schedules to this Contract are incorporated into, and made part of, this Contract.

Section 1.6. Application. The Application submitted to the University Board for the establishment of the Academy is incorporated into, and made part of, this Contract. Portions of the Applicant's Application have been incorporated into this Contract. In the event that there is an inconsistency or dispute between materials in the Application and the Contract, the language or provisions in the Contract shall control.

Section 1.7. Conflicting Contract Provisions. In the event that there is a conflict between language contained in the provisions of this Contract, the Contract shall be interpreted as follows: (i) the Resolution shall control over any other conflicting language in the Contract; (ii) the Authorizing Resolution shall control over any other conflicting language in the Contract with the exception of language in the Resolution; (iii) the Terms and Conditions shall control over any other conflicting language in the Contract with the exception of language in the Resolution and the Authorizing Resolution; and (iv) the Articles of Incorporation shall control over any other conflicting language in the Contract with the exception of language in the Resolution, Authorizing Resolution and these Terms and Conditions.

ARTICLE II

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ACADEMY AND THE UNIVERSITY BOARD

Section 2.1. Constitutional Status of Northern Michigan University. The University is a constitutionally established body corporate operating as a state public University. In approving this Contract, the University Board voluntarily exercises additional powers given to the University Board under the Code. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to be any waiver of the University Board's constitutional autonomy and powers and the Academy shall not be deemed to be a part of the University. If applicable, the University Board has provided to the Department the accreditation notice required under Section 502 of the Code, MCL 380.502.

Section 2.2. Independent Status of the Academy. The Academy is a body corporate and governmental entity authorized by the Code. The Academy is organized and shall operate as a public school academy and a nonprofit corporation. The Academy is not a division or part of the University. The relationship between the Academy and the University Board is based solely on the applicable provisions of the Code and the terms of this Contract or other agreements between the University Board and the Academy, if applicable.

Section 2.3. Financial Obligations of the Academy Are Separate From the State of Michigan, University Board and the University. Any contract, agreement, note, mortgage, loan

or other instrument of indebtedness entered into by the Academy and a third party shall not in any way constitute an obligation, either general, special, or moral, of the State of Michigan, the University Board, or the University. Neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State of Michigan or any agency of the State, nor the full faith and credit of the University Board or the University shall ever be assigned or pledged for the payment of any Academy contract, agreement, note, mortgage, loan or other instrument of indebtedness.

Section 2.4. Academy Has No Power To Obligate or Bind State of Michigan, University Board or the University. The Academy has no authority whatsoever to enter into any contract or other agreement that would financially obligate the State of Michigan, University Board or the University, nor does the Academy have any authority whatsoever to make any representations to lenders or third parties, that the State of Michigan, University Board or the University in any way guarantee, are financially obligated, or are in any way responsible for any contract, agreement, note, mortgage, loan or other instrument of indebtedness entered into by the Academy.

ARTICLE III

ROLE OF THE UNIVERSITY BOARD AS AUTHORIZING BODY

Section 3.1. University Board Resolutions. The University Board has adopted the Resolution providing for the method of selection, length of term, number of Directors and the qualification of Directors. The University Board has adopted the Authorizing Resolution which approves the issuance of this Contract. The Resolution and the Authorizing Resolution are hereby incorporated into this Contract as Exhibit A. At anytime and at its sole discretion, the University Board may amend the Resolution. Upon University Board approval, changes to the Resolution shall automatically be incorporated into this Contract and shall be exempt from the amendment procedures under Article IX of these Terms and Conditions.

Section 3.2. University Board as Fiscal Agent for the Academy. The University Board is the fiscal agent for the Academy. As fiscal agent, the University Board assumes no responsibility for the financial condition of the Academy. The University Board is not liable for any debt or liability incurred by or on behalf of the Academy, or for any expenditure approved by or on behalf of the Academy Board. Except as provided in the Oversight Agreement and Article X of these Terms and Conditions, the University Board shall promptly, within five (5) business days of receipt, forward to the Academy all state school aid funds or other public or private funds received by the University Board for the benefit of the Academy. The responsibilities of the University Board, the State of Michigan, and the Academy are set forth in the Fiscal Agent Agreement incorporated herein as Schedule 3.

Section 3.3. Oversight Responsibilities of the University Board. The University Board has the responsibility to oversee the Academy's compliance with the Contract and all Applicable Law. The responsibilities of the Academy and the University Board are set forth in the Oversight Agreement executed by the parties and incorporated herein as Schedule 4.

Section 3.4. Reimbursement of University Board Expenses. The Academy shall pay the University Board an administrative fee to reimburse the University Board for the expenses associated with the execution of its authorizing body and oversight responsibilities. The terms and conditions of the administrative fee are set forth in Schedule 4.

Section 3.5. University Board Approval of Condemnation. In the event that the Academy desires to acquire property pursuant to the Uniform Condemnation Procedures Act or other applicable statutes, it shall obtain express written permission for such acquisition from the University Board. The Academy shall submit a written request to the Charter Schools Office describing the proposed acquisition and the purpose for which the Academy desires to acquire the property. The Charter Schools Director will generate a recommendation for consideration by the University Board with regard to the proposed acquisition. The request and the Charter Schools Director's recommendation will be submitted by the Charter Schools Director for the University Board's consideration in accordance with the University Board's generally applicable timelines and policies for the agendas of regularly-scheduled University Board committee meetings and formal sessions of the University Board. No acquisition may be made until the approval of the University Board is obtained by resolution adopted at a formal session of the University Board.

Section 3.6. Authorization of Employment. The University Board authorizes the Academy to employ or contract directly with personnel according to the position information outlined in Schedule 5. However, the Academy Board shall prohibit any individual from being employed by the Academy, an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company involved in the operation of the Academy, in more than one (1) full-time position and simultaneously being compensated at a full-time rate for each of these positions. Additionally, the Academy Board shall require each individual who works at the Academy to disclose to the Academy Board any other public school or Educational Service Provider at which that individual works or to which that individual provides services. An employee hired by the Academy shall be an employee of the Academy for all purposes and not an employee of the University for any purpose. With respect to Academy employees, the Academy shall have the power and responsibility to (i) recruit, select and engage employees; (ii) pay their wages; (iii) evaluate performance; (iv) discipline and dismiss employees; and (v) control the employees' conduct, including the method by which the employee carries out his or her work. The Academy Board shall be responsible for carrying workers' compensation insurance and unemployment insurance for its employees. The Academy shall ensure that the term or length of any employment contract or consultant agreement does not extend beyond the term of this Contract and shall terminate in the event this Contract is revoked or terminated. In no event may an Academy employee's employment contract term, inclusive of automatic renewals, extend beyond the term of this Contract.

Section 3.7. Charter Schools Office Review of Certain Financing Transactions. If the Academy proposes to (i) finance the acquisition, by lease, purchase, or other means, of facilities or equipment, or renovation of facilities, in excess of $150,000, pursuant to arrangements calling for payments over a period greater than one (1) year, and which include a pledge, assignment or direction to one or more third parties of a portion of the funds to be received by the Academy from the State of Michigan pursuant to the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended, being MCL 388.1601 *et seq.*, or (ii) direct that a portion of its State School Aid Payments be forwarded by the University Board to a third party account for the payment of Academy debts and liabilities,

the Academy shall submit the transaction to the Charter Schools Office for prior review by the Charter Schools Director, as designee of the University Board, in the manner provided herein. The Academy shall, not later than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed closing date of the transaction, submit a written request to the Charter Schools Office describing the proposed transaction and the facilities or equipment to be acquired with the proceeds thereof (if any), and in the case of a transaction described in subparagraph (ii) of this Section, (a) a copy of the Academy Board's resolution authorizing the direct intercept of State School Aid Payments; (b) a copy of a State School Aid Payment Agreement and Direction document that is in a form acceptable to the Charter Schools Office; and (c) copies of such other documentation regarding the transaction which is the subject of the proposed direct intercept as the Charter Schools Office may request. Unless the Charter Schools Director extends the review period, within thirty (30) days of receiving a written request in compliance with this Section, the Charter Schools Director shall notify the Academy if the proposed transaction is disapproved. The Charter Schools Director may disapprove the proposed transaction if, in his or her judgment, the proposed transaction violates this Contract or Applicable Law. If the proposed transaction is disapproved, such disapproval may, but shall not be required to, state one or more conditions which, if complied with by the Academy and any lender, lessor, seller or other party, would cause such disapproval to be deemed withdrawn. No transaction described in this Section may be entered into that is disapproved by the Charter Schools Director. By not disapproving a proposed transaction, the Charter Schools Director is in no way giving approval of the proposed transaction, or any of the terms or conditions thereof.

Section 3.8. Authorizing Body Contract Authorization Process. Pursuant to the Code, the University Board is not required to issue a contract to the Academy. This Contract is for a fixed term and will terminate at that end of the Contract Term set forth in Section 12.9 without any further action of either the Academy or the University Board. The Academy shall seek a new contract by making a formal request to the University Board in writing at least two years prior to the end of the current Contract Term. The University Board shall provide to the Academy a description of the timeline and process by which the Academy may be considered for issuance of a new contract. The timeline and process for consideration of whether to issue a new contract to the Academy shall be solely determined by the University Board. The standards for the issuance of a new contract shall include increases in academic achievement for all groups of pupils as measured by assessments and other objective criteria established by the University Board as the most important factor of whether to issue or not issue a new contract. The University Board, at its own discretion, may change its timeline and process for issuance of a new contract at any time, and any such changes shall take effect automatically without the need for any amendment to the Contract. Consistent with the Code, the University Board may elect, at its sole discretion, not to consider the issuance of a contract, consider reauthorization of the Academy and elect not to issue a contract, or consider reauthorization of the Academy and issue a contract for a fixed term.

Section 3.9. University Board's Invitation to Academy to Apply For Conversion to Schools of Excellence. If the University Board is interested in accepting applications to issue contracts to charter Schools of Excellence under Part 6E of the Code, and the University Board determines that the Academy meets the University Board's and the Code's eligibility criteria for applying to convert the Academy to a School of Excellence, then the University Board may invite the Academy to submit an application to apply for a contract to convert the Academy to a school of excellence. In accordance with the Code, the University Board shall establish its own

competitive application process and provide the necessary forms and procedures to eligible public school academies.

ARTICLE IV

REQUIREMENT THAT THE ACADEMY ACT SOLELY AS GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

Section 4.1. Limitation on Actions in Performance of Governmental Functions. The Academy shall act exclusively as a governmental entity and shall not undertake any action inconsistent with its status as a governmental entity authorized to receive state school aid funds pursuant to Section 11 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963.

Section 4.2. Other Permitted Activities. Consistent with the provisions of this Contract, the Academy is permitted to engage in lawful activities that are not in derogation of the Academy's mission and status of operating a public school academy or that would not jeopardize the eligibility of the Academy for state school aid funds.

Section 4.3. Academy Board Members Serve In Their Individual Capacity. All Directors of the Academy Board shall serve in their individual capacity, and not as a representative or designee of any other person or entity. A person who does not serve in their individual capacity, or who serves as a representative or designee of another person or entity, shall be deemed ineligible to continue to serve as a Director of the Academy Board. A Director who violates this Section shall be removed from office, in accordance with the removal provisions found in the Resolution or Schedule 2: Bylaws. As set forth in the Resolution, a Director serves at the pleasure of the University Board, and may be removed with or without cause at any time.

Section 4.4. Incompatible Public Offices and Conflicts of Interest Statutes. The Academy shall comply with the Incompatible Public Offices statute, being MCL 15.181 *et seq.* of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and the Contracts of Public Servants with Public Entities statute, being MCL 15.321 *et seq.* of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The Academy Board shall ensure compliance with Applicable Law relating to conflicts of interest. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the following shall be deemed prohibited conflicts of interest for purposes of this Contract:

(a) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and as an owner, officer, director, employee or consultant of or independent contractor to an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company, or a subcontractor to an Educational Service Provider or an employee leasing company that has an ESP Agreement with the Academy;

(b) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an Academy employee;

(c) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and an independent contractor to the Academy;

(d) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and a member of the governing board of another public school;

(e) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and a University official, employee, or paid consultant, as a representative of the University; and

(f) An individual simultaneously serving as an Academy Board member and having an ownership or financial interest in any real or personal property leased or subleased to the Academy.

Section 4.5. Prohibition of Identified Family Relationships. The Academy Board shall prohibit specifically identified family relationships pursuant to Applicable Law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the following shall be deemed prohibited familial relationships for the purposes of this Contract:

(a) No person shall be appointed or reappointed to serve as an Academy Board member if the person's mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, spouse or same-sex domestic partner:

(i) Is employed by the Academy;

(ii) Works at or is assigned to work at the Academy;

(iii) Has an ownership, officer, policymaking, managerial, administrative non-clerical, or other significant role with the Academy's ESP or employee leasing company; or

(iv) Has an ownership or financial interest in any school building lease or sublease agreement with the Academy.

(b) The Academy Board shall require each individual who works at the Academy to annually disclose any familial relationship with any other individual who works at, or provides services to, the Academy. For purposes of this subsection, familial relationship means a person's mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, spouse or same-sex domestic partner.

Section 4.6. Dual Employment Positions Prohibited. Any person working at the Academy is prohibited by law from being employed at the Academy in more than one full-time position and simultaneously being compensated for each position.

Section 4.7. Oath of Public Office. Academy Board members are public officials. Before entering upon the duties of a public school board member, each Academy Board member shall take, sign and file the constitutional oath of office with the Charter Schools Office.

Section 4.8. Academy Counsel. The Academy Board shall select, retain and pay legal counsel to represent the Academy. The Academy shall not retain any attorney to represent the Academy if the attorney or the attorney's law firm also represents the Academy's Educational Service Provider or any person or entity leasing real property to the Academy, if any.

ARTICLE V

CORPORATE STRUCTURE OF THE ACADEMY

Section 5.1. Nonprofit Corporation. The Academy shall be organized and operated as a public school academy corporation organized under the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, as amended, Act No. 162 of the Public Acts of 1982, being Sections 450.2101 to 450.3192 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Notwithstanding any provision of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, as amended, the Academy shall not take any action inconsistent with the provisions of Part 6A of the Code or other Applicable Law.

Section 5.2. Articles of Incorporation. The Articles of Incorporation of the Academy, as set forth in Schedule 1, shall be the Articles of Incorporation of the Academy. Any subsequent amendments to the Academy's Articles of Incorporation shall only be incorporated into this Contract pursuant to Article IX of these Terms and Conditions.

Section 5.3. Bylaws. The Bylaws of the Academy, as set forth in Schedule 2, shall be the Bylaws of the Academy. Any subsequent amendments to the Academy's Bylaws shall only be incorporated into this Contract pursuant to Article IX of these Terms and Conditions.

Section 5.4. Quorum. Notwithstanding any document in the Contract that is inconsistent with this Section, including the Academy's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, a quorum of the Academy Board that is necessary to transact business and to take action shall be a majority of the Academy Board member positions set by the Authorizing Resolution.

ARTICLE VI

OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

Section 6.1. Governance Structure. The Academy shall be organized and administered under the direction of the Academy Board and pursuant to the Governance Structure as set forth in Schedule 7a. The Academy shall have four officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officer positions shall be filled by persons who are members of the Academy Board. A description of their duties is included in Schedule 2.

Section 6.2. Educational Goals. The Academy shall pursue the educational goals identified in Schedule 7b. The educational goals shall include demonstrated improved pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils.

Section 6.3. Educational Programs. The Academy shall deliver the educational programs identified in Schedule 7c.

Section 6.4. Curriculum. The Academy shall implement and follow the curriculum identified in Schedule 7d.

Section 6.5. Method of Pupil Assessment. The Academy shall evaluate pupils' work based on the assessment strategies identified in Schedule 7e. The Academy also shall assess pupil performance using all applicable testing that the Code or the Contract require. The Academy shall provide the Charter Schools Office with copies of reports, assessments and test results concerning the following:

(a) educational outcomes achieved by pupils attending the Academy and other reports reasonably requested by the Charter Schools Office;

(b) an assessment of the student performances at the end of each academic school year or at such other times as the University Board may reasonably request;

(c) an annual education report in accordance with the Code;

(d) an annually administered nationally recognized norm-referenced achievement test for the Academy's grade configuration, or a program of testing approved by the Charter Schools Office; and

(e) all tests required under Applicable Law.

Section 6.6. Application and Enrollment of Students. The Academy shall comply with the application and enrollment policies identified in Schedule 7f. With respect to the Academy's pupil admissions process, the Academy shall provide any documentation or information requested by the Charter Schools Office that demonstrates the following:

(a) The Academy has made a reasonable effort to advertise its enrollment efforts to all pupils; and

(b) The Academy's open enrollment period was for a duration of at least 2 weeks and permitted the enrollment of pupils at times in the evening and on weekends.

Section 6.7. School Calendar and School Day Schedule. The Academy shall comply with the school calendar and school day schedule guidelines as set forth in Schedule 7g.

Section 6.8. Age or Grade Range of Pupils. The Academy shall comply with the age and grade ranges as stated in Schedule 7h.

Section 6.9. Collective Bargaining Agreements. Collective bargaining agreements, if any, with employees of the Academy shall be the responsibility of the Academy.

Section 6.10. Accounting Standards. The Academy shall at all times comply with generally accepted public sector accounting principles and accounting system requirements that

comply with the Code, this Contract, the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended, and applicable State Board of Education and Department of Education rules.

Section 6.11. Annual Financial Statement Audit. The Academy shall conduct an annual financial statement audit prepared and reviewed by an independent certified public accountant. The Academy Board shall select, retain and pay the Academy's independent auditor. The Academy Board shall not approve the retention of any independent auditor if that independent auditor or the auditor's firm is also performing accounting and/or auditing services for the Academy's Educational Service Provider, if applicable. In accordance with timeframes set forth in the Master Calendar, the Academy shall submit one (1) copy of the annual financial statement audit, auditor's management letters and any responses to auditor's management letters to the Charter Schools Office.

Section 6.12. Address and Description of Physical Plant; Process for Expanding Academy's Site Operations. The address and description of the physical plant for the Academy is set forth in Schedule 6. With the approval of the University Board, the Academy Board may operate the same configuration of age or grade levels at more than one (1) site if each configuration of age or grade levels and each site identified in Schedule 6 are under the direction and control of the Academy Board.

The University Board's process for evaluating and approving the same configuration of age or grade levels at more than one (1) site is as follows:

By formal resolution, the Academy Board may request the authority to operate the same configuration of age or grade levels at more than one site. The Academy Board shall submit to the CSO a contract amendment, in a form and manner determined by the CSO. The contract amendment shall include all information requested by the CSO, including detailed information about the site, the Academy's proposed operations at the site and the information provided in Contract Schedules 4, 5, 6 and 7. Upon receipt of a complete contract amendment, the Charter Schools Director shall review the contract amendment and make a recommendation to the University Board on whether the Academy's request for site expansion should be approved. A positive recommendation by the Charter Schools Director of the contract amendment shall include a determination by the Charter Schools Director that the Academy is operating in compliance with the Contract and is making measurable progress toward meeting the Academy's educational goals. The University Board may consider the Academy Board's site expansion request contract amendment following submission by the Charter Schools Director of a positive recommendation. If the University Board approves the Academy Board's site expansion request contract amendment, the Contract shall be amended in accordance with Article IX of these Terms and Conditions. The University Board reserves the right to modify, reject or approve any site expansion request contract amendment in its sole and absolute discretion.

Section 6.13. Contributions and Fund Raising. The Academy may solicit and receive contributions and donations as permitted by law. No solicitation shall indicate that a contribution to the Academy is for the benefit of the University or the University Board.

Section 6.14. Disqualified Organizational or Contractual Affiliations. The Academy shall comply with all state and federal law applicable to public schools concerning church-state

issues. To the extent disqualified under the state or federal constitutions, the Academy shall not be organized by a church or other religious organization and shall not have any organizational or contractual affiliation with or constitute a church or other religious organization. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to diminish or enlarge the civil and political rights, privileges and capacities of any person on account of his or her religious belief.

Section 6.15. Method for Monitoring Academy's Compliance with Applicable Law and Performance of its Targeted Educational Outcomes. The Academy shall perform the compliance certification duties required by the University Board and outlined in the Oversight Agreement set forth as Schedule 4. In addition to the University Board's oversight responsibilities and other reporting requirements set forth in this Contract, the Academy's compliance certification duties shall serve as the method for monitoring the Academy's compliance with Applicable Law and its performance in meeting its educational goals.

Section 6.16. Matriculation Agreements. Before the Academy Board approves a matriculation agreement with another public school, the Academy shall provide a draft copy of the agreement to the Charter Schools Office for review. Any matriculation agreement entered into by the Academy shall be incorporated into Schedule 7f by contract amendment pursuant to Article IX of these Terms and Conditions.

Section 6.17. Postings of Accreditation Status. The Academy shall post notices to the Academy's homepage of its website disclosing the accreditation status of each school as required by the Code.

Section 6.18. New Public School Academies Located Within The Boundaries of A Community District. If the Academy is a new public school academy and either of the circumstances listed below in (a) or (b) apply to the Academy's proposed site(s), the Academy represents to the University Board, intending that the University Board rely on such representation as a precondition to issuing this Contract, that the Academy has a substantially different governance, leadership and curriculum than the public school previously operating at the site(s):

(a) The Academy's proposed site is the same location as a public school that (i) is currently on the list under Section 1280c(1), MCL 380.1280c(1) or Section 1280g(3), MCL 380.1280g(3), as applicable; or (ii) has been on the list under Section 1280c(1), MCL 380.1280c(1) or Section 1280g(3), MCL 380.1280g(3), as applicable, during the immediately preceding 3 school years.

(b) The Academy's proposed site is the same location of another public school academy, urban high school academy, school of excellence or strict discipline academy whose contract was revoked or terminated by an authorizing body under the applicable part or section of the Code.

ARTICLE VII

TUITION PROHIBITED

Section 7.1. Tuition Prohibited; Fees and Expenses. The Academy shall not charge tuition. The Academy may impose fees and require payment of expenses for activities of the Academy where such fees and payments are not prohibited by Applicable Law.

ARTICLE VIII

COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW

Section 8.1. Compliance with Applicable Law. The Academy shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, to the extent applicable, the Code, the State School Aid Act of 1979, the Open Meetings Act, the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), the Public Employment Relations Act, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, the Revised Municipal Finance Act of 2001, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, and Subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, 42 USC & 12101 *et seq.* or any successor law. The Academy agrees to participate in state assessments, data collection systems, state level student growth models, state accountability and accreditation systems, and other public comparative data collection required for public schools. Additionally, the Academy shall comply with other state and federal laws which are applicable to public school academies. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to apply any other state or federal law to the Academy.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENT

Section 9.1. Amendments. The University Board and the Academy acknowledge that the operation and administration of a public school academy and the improvement of educational outcomes over time will require amendment of this Contract. In order to assure a proper balance between the need for independent development of the Academy and the statutory responsibilities of the University Board as an authorizing body, the parties have established a flexible process for amending this Contract.

Section 9.2. Process for Amendment Initiated by the Academy. The Academy, by a majority vote of its Board of Directors, may, at any time, propose specific changes in this Contract or may propose a meeting to discuss potential revision of this Contract. The proposal will be made to the University Board through its designee. Except as provided in Section 6.12 of these Terms and Conditions, the University Board delegates to the Charter Schools Director the review and approval of changes or amendments to this Contract. In the event that a proposed change is not accepted by the Charter Schools Director, the University Board may consider and vote upon a change proposed by the Academy following an opportunity for a presentation to the University Board by the Academy.

Section 9.3. Process for Amendment Initiated by the University Board. The University Board, or an authorized designee, may, at any time, propose specific changes in this Contract or may propose a meeting to discuss potential revision of this Contract. The University Board delegates to the Charter Schools Director the review and approval of changes or amendments to this Contract. The Academy Board may delegate to an officer of the Academy the review and negotiation of changes or amendments to this Contract. The Contract shall be amended as requested by the University Board upon a majority vote of the Academy Board.

Section 9.4. Final Approval of Amendments. Amendments to this Contract take effect only after they have been approved by the Academy Board and by the University Board or the Charter Schools Director. If the proposed amendment conflicts with any of the University Board's general policies on public school academies, the proposed amendment shall take effect only after approval by the Academy and the University Board.

Section 9.5. Change in Existing Law. If, after the effective date of this Contract, there is a change in Applicable Law which alters or amends rights, the responsibilities or obligations of either the Academy or the University Board, this Contract shall be altered or amended to reflect the change in existing law as of the effective date of such change. To the extent possible, the responsibilities and obligations of the Academy and the University Board shall conform to and be carried out in accordance with the change in Applicable Law.

Section 9.6. Emergency Action on Behalf of University Board. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract to the contrary, the contents of this Section shall govern in the event of an emergency situation that arises between meetings of the University Board. An emergency situation shall be deemed to occur if the University President, in his or her sole discretion, determines that the facts and circumstances warrant that emergency action take place before the next meeting of the University Board. Upon the determination that an emergency situation exists, the University President may temporarily take action on behalf of the University Board with regard to the Academy or the Contract, so long as such action is in the best interest of the University Board and the University President consults with the University Board Chairperson prior to taking the intended actions. When acting during an emergency situation, the University President shall have the authority to act on behalf of the University Board, and such emergency action shall only be effective in the interim before the earlier of (a) rejection of the emergency action by the Chairperson of the University Board; or (b) the next meeting of the University Board. The University President shall immediately report such action to the University Board Chairperson for confirmation at the next meeting so that the emergency action continues or, upon confirmation by the University Board, becomes permanent.

ARTICLE X

CONTRACT TERMINATION, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION

Section 10.1. Statutory Grounds for Revocation. In addition to the other grounds for revocation in Section 10.2 and the automatic revocation in Section 10.3 of these Terms and Conditions, the University Board may revoke this Contract, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 10.6, upon a determination that one or more of the following has occurred:

(a) Failure of the Academy to demonstrate improved pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils or meet the educational goals and related measures set forth in this Contract;

(b) Failure of the Academy to comply with all Applicable Law;

(c) Failure of the Academy to meet generally accepted public sector accounting principles and demonstrate sound fiscal stewardship; or

(d) The existence of one or more other grounds for revocation as specified in this Contract.

Section 10.2. Other Grounds for Revocation. In addition to the statutory grounds for revocation set forth in Section 10.1 and the grounds for an automatic revocation set forth in Section 10.3, the University Board may revoke this Contract, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 10.6, upon a determination that one or more of the following has occurred:

(a) The Academy fails to achieve or demonstrate measurable progress toward achieving the educational goals and related measures identified in this Contract;

(b) The Academy fails to properly implement, consistently deliver, and support the educational programs or curriculum identified in this Contract;

(c) The Academy is insolvent, has been adjudged bankrupt, or has operated for two or more school fiscal years with a fund balance deficit;

(d) The Academy has insufficient enrollment to successfully operate a public school academy, or the Academy has lost more than fifty percent (50%) of its student enrollment from the previous school year;

(e) The Academy fails to fulfill the compliance and reporting requirements or defaults in any of the terms, conditions, promises or representations contained in or incorporated into this Contract or, during the term of this Contract, it is discovered by the Charter Schools Office that the Academy failed to fulfill the compliance and reporting requirements or there was a violation of a prior Contract issued by the University Board;

(f) The Academy files amendments to its Articles of Incorporation with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Commercial Services without first obtaining the Charter Schools Office's approval;

(g) The Charter Schools Office discovers grossly negligent, fraudulent or criminal conduct by the Academy's applicant(s), directors, officers, employees or agents in relation to their performance under this Contract; or

(h) The Academy's applicant(s), directors, officers, employees or agents have provided false or misleading information or documentation to the Charter Schools Office in connection with the University Board's approval of the Application, the issuance of this Contract, or the Academy's reporting requirements under this Contract or Applicable Law.

Section 10.3. Automatic Amendment Of Contract; Automatic Termination of Contract If All Academy Sites Closed; Economic Hardship Termination. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 10.3, if the University Board is notified by the Department that an Academy site is subject to closure under section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507 ("State's Automatic Closure Notice"), then this Contract shall automatically be amended to eliminate the Academy's authority to operate certain age and grade levels at the site or sites identified in the State's Automatic Closure Notice. If the State's Automatic Closure Notice includes all of the Academy's existing sites, then this Contract shall automatically be terminated at the end of the current school year in which either the State's Automatic Closure Notice is received without any further action of the University Board or the Academy.

Following receipt of the State's Automatic Closure Notice, the Charter Schools Director shall forward a copy of the notice to the Academy Board and may request a meeting with the Academy Board representatives to discuss the Academy's plans and procedures for the elimination of certain age or grade levels at the identified site or sites, or if all of the Academy's existing sites are included in that notice, then wind-up and dissolution of the Academy corporation at the end of the current school year. All Academy inquiries and requests for reconsideration of the State's Automatic Closure Notice, including the granting of any hardship exemption by the Department rescinding the State's Automatic Closure Notice ("Pupil Hardship Exemption"), shall be directed to the Department, in a form and manner determined by the Department.

If the Department rescinds the State's Automatic Closure Notice for an Academy site or sites by granting a Pupil Hardship Exemption, the Academy is not required to close the identified site(s), but shall present to the Charter Schools Office a proposed Contract amendment incorporating the Department's school improvement plan, if applicable, for the identified site(s).

If the Department elects not to issue a Pupil Hardship Exemption and the Charter Schools Director determines, in his or her discretion, that the closure of one or more sites as directed by the Department creates a significant economic hardship for the Academy as a going concern or the possibility of a mid-year school closure, then the Charter Schools Director may recommend to the University Board that the Contract be terminated at the end of the current school year (hereinafter "Economic Hardship Termination"). If the University Board approves the Economic Hardship Termination recommendation, then this Contract shall terminate at the end of the current school year without any further action of the parties.

The University Board's revocation procedures set forth in Section 10.6(c) do not apply to an automatic termination initiated by the State's Automatic Closure Notice or an Economic Hardship Termination under this Section 10.3.

Section 10.4. Grounds and Procedures for Academy Termination of Contract. The Academy Board, by majority vote of its Directors, may, at any time and for any reason, request termination of this Contract. The Academy Board's request for termination shall be made to the Charter Schools Director not less than six (6) calendar months in advance of the Academy's proposed effective date of termination. Upon receipt of an Academy request for termination, the Charter Schools Director shall present the Academy Board's request for termination to the University Board. A copy of the Academy Board's resolution approving of the Contract termination, including a summary of the reasons for terminating the Contract, shall be included with the Academy Board's request for termination. After receipt of the Academy Board's request for termination, the University Board shall consider the Academy's request no later than its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board shall make a final determination and vote on the proposed termination request within 90 days of receipt of the request from the Academy. The University Board may, in its sole discretion, waive the six (6) month advance notice requirement for terminating this Contract.

Section 10.5. Grounds and Procedures for University Termination of Contract. The University Board, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate the Contract (i) for any reason or for no reason provided that such termination shall not take place less than six (6) months from the date of the University Board's action; or (ii) if there is a change in Applicable Law that the University Board, in its sole discretion, determines impairs its rights and obligations under the Contract or requires the University Board to make changes in the Contract that are not in the best interest of the University Board or the University; or (iii) if exigent circumstances exist that the University Board, in its sole discretion, determines necessitate termination of this Contract to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the Academy students, property, or funds that cannot be cured in a reasonable period as determined solely by the University Board, then such termination shall take effect at the end of the current Academy fiscal year. Following University Board approval, the Charter Schools Office Director shall provide notice of the termination to the Academy. If during the period between the University Board action to terminate and the effective date of termination, the Academy has violated the Contract or Applicable Law, the Contract may be revoked or suspended sooner pursuant to this Article X. If this Contract is terminated pursuant to this Section 10.5, the revocation procedures in Section 10.6 shall not apply.

Section 10.6. University Board Procedures for Revoking Contract. The University Board's process for revoking the Contract is as follows:

(a) Notice of Intent to Revoke. The Charter Schools Director, upon reasonable belief that grounds for revocation of the Contract exist, shall notify the Academy Board of such grounds by issuing the Academy Board a Notice of Intent to Revoke for non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law. The Notice of Intent to Revoke shall be in writing and shall set forth in sufficient detail the alleged grounds for revocation.

(b) Academy Board's Response. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Intent to Revoke, the Academy Board shall respond in writing to the alleged grounds for revocation. The Academy Board's response shall be addressed to the Charter Schools Director, and shall either admit or deny the allegations of non-compliance. If the Academy's response includes admissions of non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law, the Academy Board's response must also contain a description of the Academy Board's plan and time line for

correcting the non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law. If the Academy's response includes a denial of non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law, the Academy's response shall include sufficient documentation or other evidence to support a denial of non-compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law. A response not in compliance with this Section shall be deemed to be non-responsive. As part of its response, the Academy Board may request that a meeting be scheduled with the Charter Schools Director prior to a review of the Academy Board's response.

(c) Plan of Correction. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Academy Board's response or after a meeting with Academy Board representatives, the Charter Schools Director shall review the Academy Board's response and determine whether a reasonable plan for correcting the deficiencies can be formulated. If the Charter Schools Director determines that a reasonable plan for correcting the deficiencies set forth in the Notice of Intent to Revoke can be formulated, the Charter Schools Director shall develop a plan for correcting the non-compliance ("Plan of Correction") which may include reconstitution pursuant to Section 10.6(d) of these Terms and Conditions. In developing a Plan of Correction, the Charter Schools Director is permitted to adopt, modify or reject some or all of the Academy Board's response for correcting the deficiencies outlined in the Notice of Intent to Revoke. The Notice of Intent to Revoke shall be closed if the Charter Schools Director determines any of the following: (i) the Academy Board's denial of non-compliance is persuasive; (ii) the non-compliance set forth in the Notice of Intent to Revoke has been corrected by the Academy Board; or (iii) the Academy Board has successfully completed the Plan of Correction.

(d) University Board's Contract Reconstitution Provision. The Charter Schools Director may reconstitute the Academy in an effort to improve student educational performance or to avoid interruption of the educational process. Reconstitution may include, but is not limited to, one of the following actions: (i) removal of 1 or more members of the Academy Board; (ii) termination of at-will board appointments of 1 or more Academy Board members in accordance with the Resolution; (iii) withdrawing approval of a contract under Section 506 of the Code; (iv) the appointment of a new Academy Board of Directors or a Conservator to take over operations of the Academy; or (v) closure of an Academy site(s). Reconstitution of the Academy does not prohibit the Department from issuing an order under section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507, directing the automatic closure of the Academy's site(s).

(e) Request for Revocation Hearing. The Charter Schools Director may initiate a revocation hearing before the University Charter Schools Hearing Panel if the Charter Schools Director determines that any of the following has occurred:

(i) the Academy Board has failed to respond to the Notice of Intent to Revoke as set forth in Section 10.6(b);

(ii) the Academy Board's response to the Notice of Intent to Revoke is non-responsive;

(iii) the Academy Board's response admits violations of the Contract or Applicable Law which the Charter Schools Director deems cannot be remedied or cannot

be remedied in an appropriate period of time, or for which the Charter Schools Director determines that a Plan of Correction cannot be formulated;

(iv) the Academy Board's response contains denials that are not supported by sufficient documentation or other evidence showing compliance with the Contract or Applicable Law;

(v) the Academy Board has not complied with part or all of a Plan of Correction established in Section 10.6(c);

(vi) the Academy Board has engaged in actions that jeopardize the financial or educational integrity of the Academy; or

(vii) the Academy Board has been issued multiple or repeated Notices of Intent to Revoke.

The Charter Schools Director shall send a copy of the request for revocation hearing to the Academy Board at the same time the request is sent to the Hearing Panel. The request for revocation shall identify the reasons for revoking the Contract.

(f) Hearing before the University Charter Schools Hearing Panel. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of a request for revocation hearing, the Hearing Panel shall convene a revocation hearing. The Hearing Panel shall provide a copy of the notice of hearing to the Charter Schools Office and the Academy Board at least ten (10) days before the hearing. The purpose of the Hearing Panel is to gather facts surrounding the Charter Schools Director's request for Contract revocation, and to make a recommendation to the University Board on whether the Contract should be revoked. The revocation hearing shall be held at a location, date and time as determined by the Charter Schools Director and shall not last more than three hours. The hearing shall be transcribed and the cost shall be divided equally between the University and the Academy. The Charter Schools Director or his or her designee, and the Academy Board or its designee, shall each have equal time to make their presentation to the Hearing Panel. Although each party is permitted to submit affidavits and exhibits in support of their positions, the Hearing Panel will not hear testimony from any witnesses for either side. The Hearing Panel may, however, question the Charter Schools Director and the Academy Board. Within thirty (30) days of the revocation hearing, the Hearing Panel shall make a recommendation to the University Board concerning the revocation of the Contract. For good cause, the Hearing Panel may extend any time deadline set forth in this subsection. A copy of the Hearing Panel's recommendation shall be provided to the Charter Schools Office and the Academy Board at the same time that the recommendation is sent to the University Board.

(g) University Board Decision. If the Hearing Panel's recommendation is submitted to the University Board at least fourteen (14) days before the University Board's next regular meeting, the University Board shall consider the Hearing Panel's recommendation at its next regular meeting and vote on whether to revoke the Contract. The University Board reserves the right to modify, reject or approve all or any part of the Hearing Panel's recommendation. The University Board shall have available to it copies of the Hearing Panel's recommendation and the transcript from the hearing. The University Board may waive the fourteen (14) day

submission requirement or hold a special board meeting to consider the Hearing Panel's recommendation. A copy of the University Board's decision shall be provided to the Charter Schools Office, the Academy Board and the Department.

(h) Effective Date of Revocation. If the University Board votes to revoke the Contract, the revocation shall be effective on the date of the University Board's act of revocation, or at a later date as determined by the University Board.

(i) Disposition of State School Aid Funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, any state school aid funds received by the University Board after a recommendation is made by the Hearing Panel to revoke the Contract, or a decision by the University Board to revoke the Contract, may be withheld by the University Board or returned to the Michigan Department of Treasury upon request. The University Board may also direct that a portion of the Academy's state school aid funds be directed to fund the Academy's Dissolution account established under Section 10.10 of these Terms and Conditions.

Section 10.7. Contract Suspension. The University Board's process for suspending the Contract is as follows:

(a) The Charter Schools Director Action. If the Charter Schools Director determines, in his or her sole discretion, that certain conditions or circumstances exist such that the Academy Board:

(i) has placed staff or students at risk;

(ii) is not properly exercising its fiduciary obligations to protect and preserve the Academy's public funds and property;

(iii) has lost its right to occupancy of the physical facilities described in Schedule 6, and cannot find another suitable physical facility for the Academy prior to the expiration or termination of its right to occupy its existing physical facilities;

(iv) has failed to secure or has lost the necessary fire, health, and safety approvals as required by Schedule 6;

(v) has willfully or intentionally violated this Contract or Applicable Law; or

(vi) has violated Section 10.2(g) or (h), then the Charter Schools Director may immediately suspend the Contract, pending completion of the procedures set forth in Section 10.6. A copy of the suspension notice, setting forth the grounds for suspension, shall be sent to the Academy Board and to the Hearing Panel. If this subsection is implemented, the notice and hearing procedures set forth in Section 10.6 shall be expedited as much as possible.

(b) Disposition of State School Aid Funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, any state school aid funds received by the University Board after a decision by the Charter Schools Director to suspend the Contract, may be retained by the University Board for

the Academy until the Contract is reinstated, or may be returned to the Michigan Department of Treasury upon the State's request.

(c) Immediate Revocation Proceeding. If the Academy Board, after receiving a notice of Contract suspension from the Charter Schools Director, continues to engage in conduct or activities that are covered by the suspension notice, the Hearing Panel may immediately convene a revocation hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 10.6(e) of this Contract. The Hearing Panel has the authority to accelerate the time line for revoking the Contract, provided that notice of the revocation hearing shall be provided to the Charter Schools Office and the Academy Board at least five (5) days before the hearing. If the Hearing Panel determines that the Academy Board has continued to engage in conduct or activities that are covered by the suspension notice, the Hearing Panel may recommend revocation of the Contract. The University Board shall proceed to consider the Hearing Panel's recommendation in accordance with Sections 10.6(f) through (h).

Section 10.8. Venue; Jurisdiction. The parties agree that all actions or proceedings arising in connection with this Contract will be tried and litigated only in the Circuit Court of Chippewa County, Michigan, the Michigan Court of Claims or the Federal District Court for the Western District of Michigan. The parties hereby irrevocably accept for themselves and in respect of their property, generally and unconditionally, the jurisdiction of such courts. The parties irrevocably consent to the service of process out of any such courts in any such action or proceedings by the mailing of copies thereof by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to each such party, at its address set forth for notices in this Contract, such service to become effective ten (10) days after such mailing. The parties irrevocably waive any right they may have to assert the doctrine of forum non conveniens or to object to venue to the extent any proceedings is brought in accordance with this Section 10.8. This Section 10.8 shall not in any way be interpreted as an exception to the Academy's covenant not to sue contained in Section 11.3 of these Terms and Conditions.

Section 10.9. Conservator; Appointment By University President. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, in the event that the University President, in his or her sole discretion, determines that the health, safety and welfare of Academy students, property or funds are at risk, the University President, after consulting with the University Board Chairperson, may appoint a person to serve as the Conservator of the Academy. Upon appointment, the Conservator shall have all the powers of a Board of Directors of a Public School Academy and act in the place and stead of the Academy Board. The University President shall appoint the Conservator for a definite term which may be extended in writing at his or her sole discretion. During the appointment, the Academy Board members and their terms in office are suspended and all powers of the Academy Board are suspended. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. During their appointment, the Conservator shall have the following powers:

(a) take into his or her possession all Academy property and records, including financial, board, employment and student records;

(b) institute and defend actions by or on behalf of the Academy;

(c) continue the business of the Academy including entering into contracts, borrowing money, and pledging, mortgaging, or otherwise encumbering the property of the Academy as security for the repayment of loans. However, the power shall be subject to any provisions and restrictions in any existing credit documents;

(d) hire, fire, evaluate and discipline employees of the Academy;

(e) settle or compromise with any debtor or creditor of the Academy, including any governmental or taxing authority;

(f) review all outstanding agreements to which the Academy is a party and to take those actions which the Academy Board may have exercised to pay, extend, rescind, renegotiate or settle such agreements as needed; and

(g) perform all acts necessary and appropriate to fulfill the Academy's purposes as set forth under this Contract or Applicable Law.

Section 10.10. Academy Dissolution Account. If the University Board terminates, revokes or fails to issue a new Contract to the Academy, the Charter Schools Director shall notify the Academy that, beginning thirty (30) days after notification of the University Board's decision, the University Board may direct up to $10,000 from each subsequent state school aid fund payment, not to exceed a combined total of $30,000, to a separate Academy account ("Academy Dissolution Account") to be used exclusively by the Academy to pay the costs associated with the wind up and dissolution responsibilities of the Academy. Within five (5) business days of the Charter Schools Director's notice, the Academy Board Treasurer shall provide the Charter Schools Director, in a form and manner determined by the CSO, with account detail information and authorization to direct such funds to the Academy Dissolution Account. The Academy Dissolution Account shall be under the sole care, custody and control of the Academy Board, and such funds shall not be used by the Academy to pay any other Academy debt or obligation until such time as all the wind-up and dissolution expenses have been satisfied. An intercept agreement entered into by the Academy and a third party lender or trustee shall include language that the third party lender or trustee acknowledges and consents to the funding of the Academy's dissolution account in accordance with this Contract. Any unspent funds remaining in the Academy's dissolution account after payment of all wind up and dissolution expenses shall be returned to the Academy.

ARTICLE XI

PROVISIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES

Section 11.1. The Academy Budget; Transmittal of Budgetary Assumptions; Budget Deficit; Enhanced Deficit Elimination Plan.

The Academy agrees to comply with all of the following:

(a) The Academy Board is responsible for establishing, approving, and amending an annual budget in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCL 141.421 *et seq*.

(b) Within ten (10) days after adoption by the Academy Board (but not later than July 1st) each year, the Academy Board shall submit to the Charter Schools Office a copy of its annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget must detail budgeted expenditures at the object level as described in the Michigan Department of Education's Michigan School Accounting Manual. In addition, the Academy Board is responsible for approving all revisions and amendments to the annual budget. Within 10 days after Academy Board approval, revisions or amendments to the Academy's budget shall be submitted to the Charter Schools Office.

(c) Unless exempted from transmitting under section 1219 of the Code, MCL 380.1219, the Academy, on or before July 7th of each school fiscal year, shall transmit to the Center for Educational Performance and Information ("CEPI") the budgetary assumptions used when adopting its annual budget pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCL 141.421 *et seq*.

(d) The Academy shall not adopt or operate under a deficit budget, or incur an operating deficit in a fund during any fiscal year. At any time during the term of this Contract, the Academy shall not have an existing deficit fund balance, incur a deficit fund balance, or adopt a current year budget that projects a deficit fund balance. If the Academy has an existing deficit fund balance, incurs a deficit fund balance in the most recently completed school fiscal year, or adopts a current year budget that projects a deficit fund balance, all of the following apply:

(i) The Academy shall notify the Superintendent and the State Treasurer immediately upon the occurrence of the circumstance, and provide a copy of the notice to the Charter Schools Office.

(ii) Within thirty (30) days after making notification under subdivision (d)(i), the Academy shall submit to the Superintendent in the form and manner prescribed by the Department an amended budget for the current school fiscal year and a deficit elimination plan approved by the Academy Board, with a copy to the State Treasurer. The Academy shall transmit a copy of the amended budget and the deficit elimination plan to the Charter Schools Office.

(iii) After the Superintendent approves the Academy's deficit elimination plan, the Academy shall post the deficit elimination plan on the Academy's website.

(e) If the Academy is required by the State Treasurer to submit an enhanced deficit elimination plan under section 1220 of the Code, MCL 380.1220, the Academy shall do all of the following:

(i) The enhanced deficit elimination plan shall be approved by the Academy Board before submission.

(ii) After the State Treasurer approves an enhanced deficit elimination plan for the Academy, the Academy shall post the enhanced deficit elimination plan on the Academy's website.

(iii) Submit to the Superintendent and State Treasurer an enhanced monthly monitoring reports in a form and manner prescribed by the State Treasurer and post such monthly reports on the Academy's website.

Section 11.2. Insurance. The Academy Board shall secure and maintain in its own name as the "first named insured" at all times the following insurance coverages:

M.U.S.I.C. INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS
for Public School Academies (PSA), Strict Discipline Academies (SDA) Urban High Schools (UHS) & Schools of Excellence (SOE)

NOTE: Insurance carriers must have an AM Best Rating of "A - VII" or better

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COVERAGE	REQUIREMENTS
General or Public Liability (GL)	Must be Occurrence form
	Must include Sexual Abuse & Molestation coverage which can be Occurrence or Claims Made. If this coverage is Claims Made the Retroactive Date must be the same or before date of original University PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE contract. If this coverage is Claims Made, and the PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE goes out of business, the PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE needs to purchase the longest-available tail coverage. This requirement could be stated in the exit language of the Charter Contract with the PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE.
	Must include Corporal Punishment coverage.
	$1,000,000 per occurrence & $2,000,000 aggregate.
	In the event of name changes, mergers, etc., every past and present PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE name must be listed on the policy with the new entity as the First Named Insured.
	University must be included as an Additional Insured with Primary and Non-Contributory Coverage.
	NOTE: SDA must also have Security/Police Professional Liability coverage with MINIMUM of $1,000,000 limit which can be Occurrence or Claims Made. If this coverage is Claims Made, and the SDA goes out of business, the SDA needs to purchase the longest-available tail coverage. This requirement could be stated in the exit language of the Charter Contract with the SDA.

COVERAGE	REQUIREMENTS
Errors & Omissions (E&O)	Must include Employment Practices Liability.
	Must include Corporal Punishment coverage.
	Must include Sexual Abuse & Molestation coverage.
	Must include Directors' & Officers' coverage.
	Must include School Leaders' E&O.
	Can be Claims Made or Occurrence form.
	If Claims Made, retroactive date must be the same or before date of original University-PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE Charter Contract. If this coverage is Claims Made, and the PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE goes out of business, the PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE needs to purchase the longest-available tail coverage. This requirement could be stated in the exit language of the Charter Contract with the PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE.
	$1,000,000 per occurrence & $3,000,000 aggregate.
	In the event of name changes, mergers, etc., every past and present PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE name must be listed on the policy with the new entity as the First Named Insured.
	University must be included as an Additional Insured with Primary and Non-Contributory Coverage.

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COVERAGE	REQUIREMENTS
Automobile Liability (AL) for Owned and Non-Owned Autos	$1,000,000 per accident.
	In the event of name changes, mergers, etc., every past and present PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE name must be listed on the policy with the new entity as the First Named Insured.
	University must be included as Additional Insured with Primary and Non-Contributory Coverage.
See Umbrella section for higher limit requirements.	Higher limits are required if PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE has its own buses.
COVERAGE	**REQUIREMENTS**
Workers' Compensation	Must be Occurrence form.
	Statutory Limits with $1,000,000 Employers Liability Limits.
Requirement for PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE when leasing employees from Educational Service Provider (ESP) or Management Firm (MF)	NOTE: Must have Alternate Employer Endorsement from ESP/MF. Schedule PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE location on the ESP/MF Contract.
	NOTE: If PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE is leasing employees from ESP/MF and the PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE name does not have payroll, PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE still must carry Workers' Compensation coverage including Employers' Liability
COVERAGE	**REQUIREMENTS**
Crime	Must include Employee Dishonesty coverage.
	Must include third party coverage.

	$500,000 limit.
COVERAGE	**REQUIREMENTS**
Umbrella	Can be Claims Made or Occurrence form. If this coverage is Claims Made, and the PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE goes out of business, the PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE needs to purchase the longest-available tail coverage. This requirement could be stated in the exit language of the Charter Contract with the
	Umbrella is acceptable with a $4,000,000 limit and aggregate. Also, an Umbrella policy with an unlimited aggregate is acceptable at a $2,000,000
	If PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE has its own buses AND/OR has more than 1,000 students, must have MINIMUM $5,000,000 per occurrence.
	If PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE purchases additional Umbrella limits to meet the $1,000,000/$3,000,000 for E&O then they must be in addition to the required Umbrella limit.
	In the event of name changes, mergers, etc., every past and present PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE name must be listed on the policy with the new entity as the First Named Insured.
	University must be included as Additional Insured with Primary and Non-Contributory Coverage.
	All coverages have to be included in the Umbrella that are in General Liability, Automobile and E&O.

M.U.S.I.C. INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS
for Public School Academies (PSA), Strict Discipline Academies (SDA) Urban High Schools (UHS) & Schools of Excellence (SOE)

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ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS	
COVERAGE	**RECOMMENDATION**
Property	Limits to cover replacement for PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE's property exposures, including real and personal, owned or leased.
Cyber Risk Coverage	Cyber Liability addresses the first- and third-party risks regarding Internet business, the Internet, networks and other assets. Cyber Liability Insurance coverage offers protection for exposures from Internet hacking and notification requirements.
Automobile Physical Damage	Coverage for damage to the owned or used vehicle.
DISCLAIMER:	
By requiring such minimum insurance, the University and M.U.S.I.C. shall not be deemed or construed to have assessed the risks that may be applicable to every PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE's operation and related activities. Each PSA/SDA/UHS/SOE should assess its own risks and if it deems appropriate and/or prudent, maintain higher limits and/or broader coverage.	

Insurance carrier(s) must have an AM Best Rating of "A - VII" or better.

The insurance must be obtained from a licensed mutual, stock, or other responsible company licensed to do business in the State of Michigan. The Academy may join with other public school academies to obtain insurance if the Academy Board finds that such an association provides economic advantages to the Academy, provided that each Academy maintains its

identity as first named insured. The Academy shall have a provision included in all policies requiring notice to the University Board, at least thirty (30) days in advance, upon termination or non-renewal of the policy. In addition, the Academy shall submit within ten (10) days of insurance renewal "Acord" copies of the insurance certificate of liability insurance and public school academy insurance verification document to the Charter Schools Director, or upon request, submit copies of insurance policies binder sheets evidencing all insurance required by the Contract, and proof of naming University as additionally insured. The Academy shall properly maintain the necessary insurance certificates evidencing the insurance required by the Contract.

When changing insurance programs or carriers, the Academy must provide copies of the proposed policies to the University Board, or its designee, at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed change. The Academy shall not cancel its existing coverage without the prior approval of the Charter Schools Office.

The Academy may expend funds for payment of the cost of participation in an accident or medical insurance program to insure protection for pupils while attending school or participating in a school program or activity. Other insurance policies and higher minimums may be required depending upon academic offerings and program requirements.

If the Academy utilizes an Educational Service Provider, the following insurance requirements apply to the Educational Service Provider and such coverages must be secured prior to providing any services or personnel to the Academy:

COVERAGE	REQUIREMENTS
General or Public Liability (GL)	Must be Occurrence form
	Must include Sexual Abuse & Molestation coverage
	Must include Corporal Punishment coverage
	$1,000000 per occurrence & $2,000,000 aggregate
	PSA must be included as First Named Insured
	University must be included as Additional Insured with Primary Coverage
	NOTE: Strict Disciplinary Academies must also have Security/Police Professional Liability coverage with MINIMUM of $1,000,000 per occurrence
COVERAGE	**REQUIREMENTS**
Errors & Omissions (E&O)	Must include Employment Practices Liability
	Must include Directors' and Officers' coverage
	Must include School Leaders' E&O
	Can be Claims Made or Occurrence form
	If Claims Made, Retroactive Date must be the same or before date of original University-PSA contract
	$1,000,000 per occurrence & $3,000,000 aggregate
	PSA must be included as First Named Insured
	University must be included as Additional Insured with Primary Coverage

COVERAGE	REQUIREMENTS
Automobile Liability (AL) for Owned and Non-Owned Autos	$1,000,000 per accident
	PSA must be included as First Named Insured
	University must be included as Additional Insured with Primary Coverage
	Higher limits may be required if PSA has its own buses
COVERAGE	**REQUIREMENTS**
Workers' Compensation	Must be Occurrence Form
	Statutory Limits
	NOTE: If PSA is leasing employees from ESP, ESP must have Employers' Liability with $1,000,000 per occurrence AND Alternate Employer Endorsement naming PSA.
	PSA must be included as First Named Insured
COVERAGE	**REQUIREMENTS**
Crime	Must include Employee Dishonesty coverage
	Must be Occurrence form
	$500,000 per occurrence
	PSA must be included as First Named Insured
COVERAGE	**REQUIREMENTS**
Umbrella	**Can be Claims Made or Occurrence form**
	$2,000,000 per occurrence & $4,000,000 aggregate
	If PSA has its own buses AND/OR has more than 1,000 students, must have MINIMUM $5,000,000 per occurrence
	PSA must be included as First Named Insured
	University must be included as Additional Insured with Primary Coverage
ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS	
COVERAGE	**REQUIREMENTS**
Property	Limits to cover replacement for PSA's property exposures, including real and personal, owned or leased
COVERAGE	**REQUIREMENTS**
Performance Bond (or Letter of Credit with Indemnification)	$1,000,000 per claim/aggregate

Insurance carrier(s) must have an AM Best Rating of "A - VII" or better.

The University's insurance carrier periodically reviews the types and amounts of insurance coverages that the Academy must secure in order for the University to maintain insurance coverage for the authorization and oversight of the Academy. In the event that the University's insurance carrier requests additional changes in coverage identified in this Section 11.2, the Academy agrees to comply with any additional changes in the types and amounts of coverage requested by the University's insurance carrier within thirty (30) days after notice of the insurance coverage change.

Section 11.3. Legal Liabilities and Covenant Against Suit. The Academy acknowledges and agrees that it has no authority to extend the full faith and credit of the University Board, the University or any other authorizing body, or to enter into a contract that would bind the University Board or the University. The Academy also is limited in its authority to contract by the amount of funds obtained from the state school aid fund, as provided hereunder, or from other independent sources. The Academy hereby agrees and covenants not to sue the University Board, the University, or any of its Trustees, officers, employees, agents or representatives for any matters that arise under this Contract. The University Board and the University do not assume any obligation with respect to any Director, employee, agent, parent, guardian, student, or independent contractor of the Academy, and no such person shall have the right or standing to bring suit against the University Board or the University, or any of its Trustees, employees, agents, or independent contractors as a result of the issuing, overseeing, suspending, terminating or revoking of this Contract, or as a result of not issuing a new Contract at the end of the term of this Contract.

Section 11.4. Lease or Deed for Proposed Single Site. Prior to entering into any lease agreement for real property, the Academy shall provide to the Charter Schools Office copies of its lease or deed for the premises in which the Academy shall operate in a form and manner consistent with the Lease Policies, which are incorporated into and be deemed part of this Contract. A copy of the final executed lease agreement shall be included in this Contract under Schedule 6. The Charter Schools Office may, from time to time during the term of this Contract, amend the Lease Policies and such amended lease policies shall automatically apply to the Academy without the need for a Contract amendment under article IX of these Terms and Conditions. The Charter Schools Office may disapprove the proposed lease agreement submitted by the Academy if the lease agreement is contrary to this Contract, the Lease Policies, or Applicable Law. Any subsequent amendment to a lease agreement shall be submitted for review by the Charter Schools Office in the same form and manner as a new lease agreement.

Any lease agreement entered into by the Academy shall include a termination provision permitting the Academy to terminate the lease, without cost or penalty to the Academy, in the event that the Academy is required to close an Academy site covered by the lease (i) pursuant to a notice issued by the Department under Section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507; or (ii) pursuant to a reconstitution by the University pursuant to Section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507 and these Contract Terms and Conditions. The provision shall also provide that the lessor/ landlord shall have no recourse against the Academy or the University Board for implementing the site closure or reconstitution. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the lessor/ landlord from receiving lease payments owed prior to site closure or reconstitution, or relieve the Academy from paying any costs or expenses owed under the lease prior to site closure or reconstitution.

A copy of the Academy's amended lease or deed shall be incorporated into this Contract under Schedule 6. Any subsequent amendments to any Academy real estate leasing agreement shall only be incorporated into this Contract pursuant to Article IX of these Terms and Conditions.

Section 11.5. Occupancy and Safety Certificates. The Academy Board shall: (i) ensure that the Academy's physical facilities comply with all fire, health and safety standards applicable

to schools; and (ii) possess the necessary occupancy and safety certificates for the Academy's physical facilities. The Academy Board shall not conduct classes until the Academy has complied with this Section 11.5. Copies of these certificates shall be incorporated into this Contract under Schedule 6.

Section 11.6. Criminal Background and History Checks; Disclosure of Unprofessional Conduct. The Academy shall comply with the Code concerning criminal background and criminal history checks for its teachers, school administrator(s), and for any other position requiring State Board approval. In addition, the Academy shall comply with the Code concerning the disclosure of unprofessional conduct by persons applying for Academy employment. This Section 11.6 shall apply to such persons irrespective of whether they are employed by the Academy or employed by an Educational Service Provider contracting with the Academy.

Section 11.7. Special Education. Pursuant to Section 1701a of the Code, the Academy shall comply with Article III, Part 29 of the Code, MCL 380.1701 *et seq.*, concerning the provision of special education programs and services at the Academy. Upon receipt, the Academy shall notify the Charter Schools Office of any due process or state complaint filed against the Academy.

Section 11.8. Deposit of Public Funds by the Academy. The Academy Board agrees to comply with Section 1221 of the Revised School Code, being MCL 380.1221, regarding the deposit of all public or private funds received by the Academy. Such deposit shall be made within three (3) business days after receipt of the funds by the Academy. Only Academy Board members or designated Academy employees may be a signatory on any Academy bank account.

Section 11.9. Nonessential Elective Courses. If the Academy Board elects to provide nonessential elective courses to part-time pupils at a nonpublic school building, the Academy shall comply with Section 166b of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended, MCL 388.1766b. Prior to providing instruction, the Academy Board shall ensure that the Academy has sufficient documentation to qualify for part-time pupil funding under the State School Aid Act. The provision of nonessential elective courses by the Academy shall be incorporated into Schedule 7c of this Contract by amendment pursuant to Article IX of these Terms and Conditions.

Section 11.10. Required Provisions for ESP Agreements. Any Management Agreement with an ESP entered into by the Academy must contain the following provisions:

> "Indemnification of Northern Michigan University. The parties acknowledge and agree that the Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees, Northern Michigan University and its members, officers, employees, agents or representatives (collectively referred to as "the University") are deemed to be third party beneficiaries for purposes of this Agreement. As third party beneficiaries, the [insert name of Educational Service Provider] hereby promise to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the University from and against all claims, demands, actions, suits, causes of action, losses, judgments, damages, fines penalties, forfeitures, or any other liabilities or losses of any kind, including costs, attorney fees, and related expenses imposed upon or incurred by the University, on account of injury, loss or damage,

including, without limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage or any other losses of any kind whatsoever and not caused by the sole negligence of the University, which arise out of or are in any manner connected with Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees' approval of the Academy's application, Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees' consideration of or issuance of a Contract, the [insert name of Educational Service Provider's] preparation for and operation of the Academy, or which are incurred as a result of the reliance by the University upon information supplied by the [insert name of Educational Service Provider], or which arise out of the failure of the [insert name of Educational Service Provider] to perform its obligations under the Contract, the Agreement or Applicable Law, as applicable. The parties expressly acknowledge and agree that the University, Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees and its members, and their respective officers, employees, agents or representatives, or any of them, may commence legal action against [insert name of Educational Service Provider] to enforce its rights as set forth in this Agreement."

"Agreement Coterminous With Academy's Contract. If the Academy's Contract issued by the Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees is suspended, revoked or terminated, or a new charter contract is not issued to the Academy after expiration of the Contract, this Agreement shall automatically be suspended or terminated, as the case may be, on the same date as the Academy's Contract is suspended, revoked, terminated or expires without further action of the parties."

"Compliance with Academy's Contract. [Insert name of Educational Service Provider] agrees to perform its duties and responsibilities under this Agreement in a manner that is consistent with the Academy's obligations under the Academy's Contract issued by Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees. The provisions of the Academy's Contract shall supersede any competing or conflicting provisions contained in this Agreement."

"Compliance with Section 503c. On an annual basis, the [insert name of ESP] agrees to provide the Academy Board with the same information that a school district is required to disclose under section 18(2) of the State School Aid Act of 1979, MCL 388.1618, for the most recent school fiscal year for which the information is available. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this information, the Academy Board shall make the information available on the Academy's website home page, in a form and manner prescribed by the Department. The defined terms in section 503c of the Code, MCL 380.503c, shall have the same meaning in this agreement."

"Amendment Caused By Academy Site Closure or Reconstitution. In the event that the Academy is required (i) to close an Academy site pursuant to a notice issued by the Department under Section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507; or (ii) to undergo a reconstitution pursuant to Section 507 of the Code, MCL 380.507 and the Contract Terms and Conditions, and such closure of an Academy site or reconstitution causes an amendment to or termination of this ESP Agreement, the parties agree that this ESP Agreement shall be amended or terminated to implement the Academy site

closure or reconstitution, with no cost or penalty to the Academy, and [insert name of Educational Service Provider] shall have no recourse against the Academy or the University Board for implementing such site closure or reconstitution."

"Compliance with Section 12.17 of Contract Terms and Conditions. [Insert name of Educational Service Provider] shall make information concerning the operation and management of the Academy, including without limitation the information described in Schedule 4 of the Contract, available to the Academy as deemed necessary by the Academy Board in order to enable the Academy to fully satisfy its obligations under Section 12.17(a) of the Contract Terms and Conditions."

Section 11.11. Management Agreements. The Academy may enter into a Management Agreement with an ESP to contract out its administrative and/or educational functions and personnel. For purposes of this Contract, an employee leasing agreement shall be considered a Management Agreement, and an employee leasing company shall be considered an ESP. Any Management Agreement shall state that the ESP must acquire insurance in addition to the insurance the Academy must obtain under the Contract. The coverage must be similar to the insurance coverage required for the Contract and the Management Agreement must detail the type and amount of such required coverage. Prior to entering any Management Agreement with an ESP, the Academy shall submit a copy of the final draft Management Agreement to the Charter Schools Office in a form and manner consistent with the ESP policies. A copy of the final executed Management Agreement shall be included in this Contract under Schedule 5. The Charter Schools Office may, from time to time during the term of this Contract, amend the ESP policies and the amended ESP policies shall automatically apply to the Academy without the need for a Contract amendment under article IX of these Terms and Conditions. The Charter Schools Office may disapprove the proposed Management Agreement submitted by the Academy if the Management Agreement is contrary to this Contract or Applicable Law. Any subsequent amendment to a Management Agreement shall be submitted for review by the Charter Schools Office in the same form and manner as a new Management Agreement.

Section 11.12. Administrator and Teacher Evaluation Systems. The Academy Board shall adopt and implement for all individuals employed by or contracted for the Academy as teachers or school administrators a rigorous, transparent, and fair performance evaluation system that complies with Applicable Law. If the Academy enters into an agreement with an Educational Service Provider, the Academy Board shall ensure that the Educational Service Provider complies with this section.

ARTICLE XII

GENERAL TERMS

Section 12.1. Notices. Any and all notices permitted or required to be given hereunder shall be deemed duly given: (i) upon actual delivery, if delivery is by hand; or (ii) upon receipt by the transmitting party of confirmation or answer back if delivery is by facsimile or telegram; or (iii) upon delivery into United States mail if delivery is by postage paid first class mail. Each such notice shall be sent to the respective party at the address indicated below or to any other address or person as the respective party may designate by notice delivered pursuant hereto:

If to the University Board:	CSO Director Northern Michigan Université Charter Schools 1401 Presque Isle Avenue Marquette, Michigan 49855-5301
If to Outside Counsel:	Courtney F. Kissel Dykema Gossett PLLC 201 Townsend Street, Suite 900 Lansing, Michigan 48933
If to Academy:	Walton Charter Academy 744 East Walton Blvd. Pontiac, Michigan 48340
If to Academy Counsel:	Nicole Burnside CS3 Law, PLLC 99 Monroe Ave. NW, Suite 200 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Section 12.2. Severability. If any provision in this Contract is held to be invalid or unenforceable, it shall be ineffective only to the extent of the invalidity, without affecting or impairing the validity and enforceability of the remainder of the provision or the remaining provisions of this Contract. If any provision of this Contract shall be or become in violation of Applicable Law, such provision shall be considered null and void, and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 12.3. Successors and Assigns. The terms and provisions of this Contract are binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

Section 12.4. Entire Contract. Except as specifically provided in this Contract, this Contract sets forth the entire agreement between the University Board and the Academy with respect to the subject matter of this Contract. All prior contracts, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, and undertakings are superseded by this Contract.

Section 12.5. Assignment. This Contract is not assignable by either the Academy or the University Board.

Section 12.6. Non-Waiver. Except as provided herein, no term or provision of this Contract shall be deemed waived and no breach or default shall be deemed excused, unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. No consent by any party to, or waiver of, a breach or default by the other, whether expressed or implied, shall constitute a consent to, waiver of, or excuse for any different or subsequent breach or default.

Section 12.7. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed and controlled by the laws of the State of Michigan as to interpretation, enforcement, validity, construction, and effect, and in all other respects.

Section 12.8. Counterparts. This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts. Each counterpart so executed shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 12.9. Term of Contract. This Contract shall commence on the date first set forth above and shall remain in full force and effect for 5 years until June 30, 2031, unless sooner revoked or terminated according to the terms hereof.

Section 12.10. Indemnification. As a condition to receiving a grant of authority from the University Board to operate a public school pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Academy agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the University Board, the University and its Board of Trustees members, officers, employees, agents or representatives harmless from all claims, demands, or liability, including attorney fees, and related expenses, on account of injury, loss or damage, including, without limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage or any other losses of any kind whatsoever and not caused by the sole negligence of the University, which arise out of or are in any manner connected with the University Board's receipt, consideration or approval of the Application, the University Board's approval of the Resolution or Authorizing Resolution, legal challenges to the validity of Part 6A of the Code or actions taken by the University Board as an authorizing body under Part 6A of the Code, the University Board's consideration of or issuance of a Contract, the Academy's preparation for and operation of a public school, or which are incurred as a result of the reliance of the University Board, the University and its Board of Trustees members, officers, employees, agents or representatives upon information supplied by the Academy, or which arise out of the failure of the Academy to perform its obligations under this Contract. The foregoing provision shall not be deemed a relinquishment or waiver of any kind of governmental immunity provided under Section 7 of the Governmental Liability for Negligence Act, being MCL 691.1407 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Section 12.11. Construction. This Contract shall be construed fairly as to both parties and not in favor of or against either party, regardless of which party prepared the Contract.

Section 12.12. Force Majeure. If any circumstances occur which are beyond the control of the parties, which delay or render impossible the obligations of one or both of the parties, the parties' obligations to perform such services shall be postponed for an equivalent period of time or shall be canceled, if such performance has been rendered impossible by such circumstances.

Section 12.13. No Third Party Rights. This Contract is made for the sole benefit of the Academy and the University Board and no other person or entity, including without limitation, the Educational Service Provider. Except as otherwise provided, nothing in this Contract shall create or be deemed to create a relationship between the parties hereto, or either of them, and any third person, including a relationship in the nature of a third party beneficiary or fiduciary.

Section 12.14. Non-agency. It is understood that the Academy is not the agent of the University.

Section 12.15. University Board or CSO General Policies on Public School Academies Shall Apply. Notwithstanding any provision of this Contract to the contrary, and with the exception of existing University Board or CSO policies regarding public school academies which shall apply immediately, University Board or CSO general policies clarifying procedure and requirements applicable to public school academies under this Contract, as from time to time adopted or amended, will automatically apply to the Academy, provided they are not inconsistent with provisions of this Contract. Before issuing general policies under this Section, the University Board or the CSO shall provide a draft of the proposed policies to the Academy Board. The Academy Board shall have at least thirty (30) days to provide comment to the CSO on the proposed policies before such policies shall become effective.

Section 12.16. Survival of Provisions. The terms, provisions, and representations contained in Section 11.2, Section 11.3, Section 12.10, Section 12.13 and any other provisions of this Contract that by their sense and context are intended to survive termination of this Contract shall survive.

Section 12.17. Information Available to the Public.

(a) Information to be provided by the Academy. The Academy shall make information concerning its operation and management, including without limitation the information described in Schedule 4, available to the public in the same manner and to the same extent as is required for public schools and school districts under Applicable Law.

(b) Information to be provided by Educational Service Providers. If the Academy enters into an agreement with an Educational Service Provider for operation or management of the Academy, the Management Agreement shall contain a provision requiring the Educational Service Provider to make information concerning the operation and management of the Academy, including without limitation the information described in Schedule 4, available to the Academy as deemed necessary by the Academy Board in order to enable the Academy to fully satisfy its obligations under subparagraph (a).

Section 12.18. Termination of Responsibilities. Upon termination or revocation of the Contract, the University Board or its designee shall have no further obligations or responsibilities under this Contract to the Academy or any other person or persons in connection with this Contract. Upon termination or revocation of the Contract, the Academy may amend its articles of incorporation or bylaws as necessary to allow the Academy Board to: (a) take action to appoint Academy Board members in order to have a quorum necessary to take Academy Board action; or (b) effectuate a dissolution, provided that the Academy Board may not amend any provision in the Academy's articles of incorporation or bylaws regarding the disposition of assets upon dissolution.

Section 12.19. Disposition of Academy Assets Upon Termination or Revocation of Contract. Following termination or revocation of the Contract, the Academy shall follow the applicable wind-up and dissolution provisions set forth in the Academy's articles of incorporation, Part 6A of the Code and Applicable Law.

Section 12.20. Student Privacy. In order to protect the privacy of students enrolled at the Academy, the Academy Board, subject to Section 12.23, shall not:

(a) sell or otherwise provide to a for-profit business entity any personally identifiable information that is part of a pupil's education records. This subsection does not apply to any of the following situations:

(i) for students enrolled in the Academy, providing such information to an educational management organization that has a contract with the Academy and whose contract has not been disapproved by the University;

(ii) providing the information as necessary for standardized testing that measures a student's academic progress and achievement; or

(iii) providing the information as necessary to a person that is providing educational or educational support services to the student under a contract with either the Academy or an educational management organization that has a contract with the Academy and whose contract has not been disapproved by the University.

(b) The terms "education records" and "personally identifiable information" shall have the same meaning as defined in MCL 380.1136.

Section 12.21. Disclosure of Information to Parents and Legal Guardians. Subject to Section 12.23:

(a) Within thirty (30) days after receiving a written request from a student's parent or legal guardian, the Academy shall disclose without charge to the student's parent or legal guardian any personally identifiable information concerning the student that is collected or created by the Academy as part of the student's education records.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (b) and within thirty (30) days after receiving a written request from a student's parent or legal guardian, the Academy shall disclose to a student's parent or legal guardian without charge any personally identifiable information provided to any person, agency or organization. The Academy's disclosure shall include the specific information that was disclosed, the name and contact information of each person, agency, or organization to which the information has been disclosed; and the legitimate reason that the person, agency, or organization had in obtaining the information. The parental disclosure requirement does not apply to information that is provided:

(i) to the Department or CEPI;
(ii) to the student's parent or legal guardian;

(iii) by the Academy to the University Board, University, Charter Schools Office or to the educational management organization with which the Academy has a management agreement that has not been disapproved by the University;

(iv) by the Academy to the Academy's intermediate school district or another intermediate school district providing services to Academy or the Academy's students pursuant to a written agreement;

(v) to the Academy by the Academy's intermediate school district or another immediate school district providing services to pupils enrolled in the Academy pursuant to a written agreement;

(vi) to the Academy by the University Board, University, Charter Schools Office

(vii) to a person, agency, or organization with written consent from the student's parent or legal guardian, or from the student if the student is 18 years of age;

(viii) to a person, agency, or organization seeking or receiving records in accordance with an order, subpoena, or ex parte order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(ix) to a person, agency, or organization as necessary for standardized testing that measures a student's academic progress and achievement; or

(x) in the absence of, or in compliance with, a properly executed opt-out form, as adopted by the Academy in compliance with section 1136(6) of the Code, pertaining to uses for which the Academy commonly would disclose a pupil's "directory information."

(c) If the Academy considers it necessary to make redacted copies of all or part of a student's education records in order to protect personally identifiable information of another student, the Academy shall not charge the parent or legal guardian for the cost of those redacted copies.

(d) The terms "education records," "personally identifiable information," and "directory information" shall have the same meaning as defined in MCL 380.1136.

Section 12.22. List of Uses for Student Directory Information; Opt Out Form; Notice to Student's Parent or Legal Guardian.

(a) Subject to Section 12.23, the Academy shall do all of the following:

(i) Develop a list of uses (the "Uses") for which the Academy commonly would disclose a student's directory information.

(ii) Develop an opt-out form that lists all of the Uses and allows a student's parent or guardian to elect not to have the student's directory information disclosed for 1 or more Uses.

(iii) Present the opt-out form to each student's parent or guardian within the first thirty (30) days of the school year and at other times upon request.

(iv) If an opt-out form is signed and submitted to the Academy by a student's parent or guardian, then the Academy shall not include the student's

directory information in any of the Uses that have been opted out of in the opt-out form.

(b) The terms "directory information" shall have the same meaning as defined in MCL 380.1136.

Section 12.23. Confidential Address Restrictions.

(a) The Academy shall not disclose the confidential address of a student if the student or the student's parent or legal guardian has obtained a participation card issued by the department of the attorney general under the address confidentiality program act and the parent or legal guardian provides notice of the issuance of the participation card, in a form and manner prescribed by the Michigan Department of Education.

(b) The term "confidential address" shall have the meaning as defined in MCL 380.1136.

Section 12.24. Partnership Agreement. If the Department and State Reform Office impose a partnership agreement on the Academy, the Academy shall work collaboratively with the Department, the State Reform Office and other partners to implement the partnership agreement. In the event that a provision in the partnership agreement is inconsistent with a provision in this Contract, this Contract shall control.

Section 12.25. Statewide Safety Information Policy. The Academy shall adopt and adhere to the statewide school safety information policy required under section 1308 of the Code, MCL 380.1308. The statewide school safety information policy may also address Academy procedures for reporting incidents involving possession of a dangerous weapon as required under section 1313 of the Code, MCL 380.1313.

Section 12.26. Criminal Incident Reporting Obligation. Within twenty-four (24) hours after an incident occurs, the Academy shall provide a report to the Michigan State Police, in a form and manner prescribed by State Police, either of the following: (i) an incident involving a crime that must be reported under section 1310a(2) of the Code, MCL 380.1310a(2); or (ii) an incident, if known to the Academy, involving the attempted commission of a crime that must be reported under section 1310a(2) of the Code, MCL 380.1310a(2). Failure to comply may result in the Academy being ineligible to receive any school safety grants from the Michigan State Police for the fiscal year in which the noncompliance is discovered by State Police.

Section 12.27. Academy Emergency Operations Plan.

(a) Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, and at least biennially thereafter, the Academy shall, in conjunction with at least 1 law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the Academy, conduct either (i) a review of the Academy's emergency operations plan, including a review of the vulnerability assessment; or (ii) a review of the Academy's statewide school safety information policy, as applicable.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Academy shall either (i) develop an emergency operations plan for each school building, including recreational structure or athletic field, operated by the Academy with input from the public; or (ii) adopt a statewide school safety information policy under section 1308 of the Code, MCL 380.1308. The emergency operations plan or statewide school safety information policy shall comply with section 1308b(3) of the Code, MCL 380.1308b(3). Within thirty (30) days, the Academy shall provide to the Department, in a form and manner determined by the Department, notice of the adoption of an emergency operations plan or the completion of an emergency operations plan review, as applicable.

Section 12.28. School Safety Liaison. The Academy Board shall designate a liaison to work with the School Safety Commission created under Section 5 of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan Act created under Public Act 548 of 2018, MCL 28.805 and the Office of School Safety created under MCL 28.681. The Liaison shall be an individual employed or assigned to regularly and continuously work under contract in the school operated by the Academy. The Liaison shall work with the School Safety Commission and the Office of School Safety to identify mode practices for determining school safety measures.

Section 12.29. New Building Construction or Renovations. The Academy shall not commence construction on a new school building or the major renovation of an existing school building unless the Academy consults on the plans of the construction or major renovation regarding school safety issues with the law enforcement agency that is or will be the first responder for that school building. School building includes either a building intended to be used to provide pupil instruction or a recreational or athletic structure or field used by pupils.

Section 12.30. Annual Expulsion Report and Website Report on Criminal Incidents. On an annual basis, the Academy Board shall do the following:

(a) prepare and submit to the Superintendent, in a form and manner prescribed by the Superintendent, a report stating the number of pupils expelled from the Academy during the immediately preceding school year, with a brief description of the incident causing each expulsion;

(b) post on its website, in a form and manner prescribed by the Superintendent, a report on the incidents of crime occurring at schools operated by the Academy. Each school building shall collect and keep current on a weekly basis the information required for the website report, and must provide that information, within seven (7) days upon request; and

(c) make a copy of the report on the incidents of crime, disaggregated by school building, available to the parent or legal guardian of each pupil enrolled in the Academy.

As the designated representative of the Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees, I hereby issue this Contract to the Academy on the date set forth above.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By: _____
R. Gavin Leach, Executive Vice President and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees

Date: July 1, 2026

As the authorized representative of the Academy, I hereby certify that the Academy is able to comply with the Contract and all Applicable Law, and that the Academy, through its governing board, has approved and agreed to comply with and be bound by of the terms and conditions of this Contract.

WALTON CHARTER ACADEMY

By: _____
Academy Board Vice President

Date: July 1, 2026