

## Assurances

*Directions: Please check off each item below and have the board chair sign the assurances document.*

The Education Corporation provides the following assurances:

### 1. Signage

**Exterior Signage:** Signage identifying each charter school is in place at each facility utilized by the education corporation.

**Religious Symbols:** Each school space is free from all religious symbols, signs, or representations. Each school has brought to the Institute's attention for review any items that are architectural and cannot be reasonably covered or removed.

**Exit Signage and Evacuation:** Appropriate exit signage and/or fire evacuation maps are in place in each room occupied or utilized by the education corporation.

### 2. SPACE

**Safe and Secure Space:** The school spaces are safe and secure; entrance and egress from the schools' space are adequately controlled.

**Adequate Space:** Each available space, including classrooms, restrooms, and special purpose rooms, meet the requirements of the program and the number of students using the spaces.

**Accessibility:** Each space is accessible to all students (including students with disabilities), clean, and well-lit. If a school building is not subject to current ADA requirements, the education corporation has in place a plan to make reasonable accommodation for students, parents, and staff to access the respective building.

### 3. SAFETY

**Fire Safety Report:** The education corporation has submitted the most recent annual public school fire safety inspection report as to each school facility with the New York State Education Department including the record of the required fire and safety drills for each instructional school facility per NY Education Law §§ 807 and 807-a.

**Hazardous Areas:** All electrical rooms, mechanical rooms, breaker or fuse boxes or other hazardous areas off limits to students are locked except when access is required by authorized personnel.

**Automated External Defibrillator (AED):** In accordance with Education Law § 917, Public Health Law § 3000-B, and 8 NYCRR § 136.4, each school maintains the requisite number of AEDs to ensure ready and appropriate access. At least one staff member trained in AED operation is present during all on-site school sponsored events. Additionally, a sign or notice at the main entrance indicates the location(s) of the AEDs. When traveling for a school-sponsored athletic contest, at least one trained staff member is present, and AED equipment is available on-site.

**Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Plan:** The school keeps written plans in place for fire drills, lockdown drills, and emergency evacuation including safety plans in accordance with Project SAVE. Such plans are appropriately stored in accordance with Project SAVE.

The SAVE Plan includes the Emergency Remote Instruction Plan. More information on emergency remote instruction plans may be found on [the New York State Education Department website](#).

#### 4. POSTINGS AND POLICIES

**State and Federal Employment Laws:** Required state and federal employment laws are posted in an area that staff can readily access/review them in each school facility. More information as to these requirements may be found [here](#).

**Complaint Policy:** A copy of the school's complaint policy is on file in each school site's main office and available on the school's/education corporation's website.

**FOIL:** The school's Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) notice is posted at a designated school facility and on the website. (See the Institute's updated [Guide to FOIL](#) on the Institute's website for more information).

- a. The school maintains a category list of records held by the school which is updated annually, dated, and contains a link to the website of the committee on open government.
- b. The school maintains a list of employees, their work stations, titles, and salaries.
- c. The school's website contains required FOIL information (FOIL notice and subject matter list).

**Petty Cash:** If any school has a petty cash policy, clear controls are in place for monitoring. The Institute recommends having less than \$200 of cash on hand. Petty cash should be stored in a lockable unit.

**Child Abuse or Neglect Reporting Information:** Each school site posts the toll-free telephone number operated by OCFS to receive reports of child abuse or neglect and [this website link](#) to access the OCFS website in a highly visible area of each school site in English and Spanish; each school provides the same information on its website, where one exists; each school provides the information to parents and families once each year; and, each school provides the information to staff.

**Fingerprint Policy:** The education corporation has implemented a fingerprint/IdentoGO policy consistent with the charter agreement which requires at least two staff members review all criminal history reports and all cafeteria, maintenance, and transportation personnel, regardless of whether employed by the education corporation, are covered by the policy. For more information, please see the [Institute's Legal Compliance website](#).

**Open Meetings Law:** The education corporation provides a notice to news media regarding each board meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

- a. The education corporation posts information regarding board meetings on its website in accordance with the Open Meetings Law. For more information, please see the Institute's [Guide to Open Meetings Law](#) on its website.

**Code of Ethics:** The education corporation distributes its Code of Ethics to all new employees, officers, and trustees in accordance with the General Municipal Law.

**Finances:** The education corporation is not in material default of any bond, loan or other financial agreements.

**Flu Educational Material.** Each school site posts, pursuant to [Section 613](#) of the New York State Public Health Law, flu educational material in plain view throughout the school building. The [fliers are available](#) on the NYS Department of Health website.

**5. RECORDS**

**Locked Student Records:** All student records (academic, IEPs, health, etc.) are stored in lockable storage containers or password protected electronic storage systems with access to staff members who need them; and, health records are stored separately from student records in a password protected electronic storage system.

**FERPA Access Log:** Each student record file contains a FERPA Access Log to indicate who has accessed the file ([FERPA guidance](#) is available on the Institute’s website). Each school maintains a list of staff members that have access to files. **Note:** this should be an accessible school record and not an automatically, internally generated computer record that takes considerable effort to access.

**FERPA Record List:** Each school maintains a FERPA list of records typically found in a student file.

**IEPs in Locked Storage:** Copies of student IEPs have been distributed to classroom teachers and are stored in lockable storage containers or password protected electronic storage systems.

**Inventory:** Each school maintains an inventory of school property in accordance with the education corporation’s inventory policy.

**6. NURSE OFFICE**

**Locked Storage for Medications:** All medications including self-directed medications should be locked unless a doctor has given permission to have the medication carried by student or staff (e.g., EpiPen or inhaler). A lockable refrigerator for medications is a requirement.

**Adequate Space and Equipment:** Each school has adequate space for the nurse’s office and equipment. Each nurse’s office has lockable storage for medical records.

**Disposal of Sharps:** Each school has adequate provisions for the disposal of sharps.

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**Signature, Board Chair**

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**Print Name**

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**Date**

Please list the charters under renewal review that the assurances will apply to: