



Golden Valley Charter Schools  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
9601 Lake Natoma Dr.  
Orangevale, CA 95662

September 13, 2023

**Board Meeting Access Information**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Primary Location:** **Golden Valley River School, Room 5, 9601 Lake Natoma Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662**

**Remote Location:** Golden Valley Orchard, Room 2, 6550 Filbert Ave, Orangevale, CA 95662

**Zoom Link:** Topic: BOT 2023.09.13  
Time: Sep 13, 2023 04:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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September 13, 2023  
Regular Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order** – 4:30p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*
  
2. **Roll Call** – 4:30 p.m.  
**Board Members:** Katie Gerski-Keller, Adam Errington, Ekaterina Khmelniker, Stephen Quadro, Meredith Wilsen.
  
3. **Board Member Exigencies and Remote Attendance** – 4:31 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*  
**Action:** Shall the board approve any board members to participate in this board meeting from a remote location due to unexpected emergencies per AB 2449?  
**Information:** Members must publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and if so, the general nature of the member’s relationship with any such individuals; and ensure their meeting participation using both visual and audio technology.
  
4. **Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence** – 4:33 p.m. *(C. Buckley)*
  
5. **Public Comment** – 4:35 p.m.  
This portion of the meeting is set aside for members of the audience to make public comments or raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda or for those that are on the agenda in areas of Board jurisdiction. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and the total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.
  
6. **Consent Agenda**– 4:50 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*  
All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless a member of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda. If items are pulled for discussion, a separate vote will occur on the item(s). The Executive Director recommends approval of all Consent Agenda items.  
**Action:** Shall the Board approve the following items by consent?
  - 6.1 ***Shall the board approve the August 9, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes?***
  - 6.2 ***Shall the board approve the EPA Resolution for GVOS?***
  - 6.3 ***Shall the board approve the EPA Resolution for GVRS?***
  
7. **Formation of Board Committees** – 4:55 pm *(K. Gerski-Keller)*  
**Action:** Shall the board form committees and appoint members for 2023/2024?
  - 8.1 **ED Review Committee**
  
8. **2022/2023 Unaudited Actuals, GVOS** – 5:05 p.m. *(S. Lefkowitz)*  
**Action:** Shall the board approve the 2022/2023 Golden Valley Orchard Unaudited Actuals?
  
9. **2022/2023 Unaudited Actuals, GVRS** – 5:25 p.m. *(S. Lefkowitz)*  
**Action:** Shall the board approve the 2022/2023 Golden Valley River Unaudited Actuals?

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10. **Whistleblower (Personnel) Policy** – 5:45 p.m. *(M. Willsen)*  
Discussion: The board will discuss the Whistleblower (Personnel) Policy (first read).
11. **Faculty Reports** – 5:50 p.m.  
Faculty Chair Report, Orchard: Orchard Faculty Chair, Heather Peery, will present items of interest to the board. *(H. Peery)*  
Faculty Chair Report, River: River Faculty Chair, AJ Lacoste, will present items of interest to the board. *(A. Lacoste)*
12. **Executive Reports** – 6:00 p.m.  
Board Chair Report: Board of Trustees Chair, Katie Gerski-Keller, will present items of interest to the board.  
Executive Director Report: Executive Director, Caleb Buckley, will present items of interest to the board.
13. **Board Goal Setting** – 6:05 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*  
Discussion: The board will discuss short-term and long-term goals for Golden Valley Charter Schools.
- Policies
  - Facilities
  - Finance
14. **Recitation of the Motto of the Social Ethic** – 7:05 p.m.  
The healing social life is found  
When in the mirror of each human soul  
The whole community finds its reflection,  
And when, in the community,  
The virtue of each one is living.
15. **Adjournment of the meeting** – 7:06 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*

August 16, 2023

Annual Meeting Minutes

1. **Vice Chair Katie Gerski-Keller called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call –**  
**Board Members Present:** Katie Gerski-Keller, Adam Errington, Ekaterina Khmelniker, Stephen Quadro, Meredith Wilsen.  
  
**Guests:** Caleb Buckley, Amala Easton, Heather Peery, Ryan Sutton, Jennifer Hoover, Lisa Otto, Kim Blakely, Becky Page (Orchard remote).
3. **Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence –** Executive Director Caleb Buckley read the appreciation virtue.
4. **Public Comment –**  
Orchard parent Jenni Wroblicky made a public comment via Zoom.  
  
There were no other public comments.
5. **Consent Agenda –**  
Action: It was moved by Adam Errington and seconded by Stephen Quadro that the Board approve the following items by consent.
  - 5.1 ***The board approved the June 7, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.***
  - 5.2 ***The board approved the 2023-2024 Con-App for Golden Valley Orchard.***
  - 5.3 ***The board approved the 2023-2024 Con-App for Golden Valley River.***  
**(Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)**
6. **Election of Officers to the Board –**  
Action: Shall the board elect officers to the Board of Trustees for the 2023/24 school year.
  - 7.1 **Chair –** It was moved by Meredith Wilsen and seconded by Stephen Quadro that Katie Gerski-Keller be elected Chair of the Board of Trustees.  
  
**(Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, Katie Gerski-Keller)**
  - 7.2 **Vice-Chair –** It was moved by Katie Gerski-Keller and seconded by Adam Errington that Meredith Wilsen be elected Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.  
  
**(Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, Meredith Wilsen)**
  - 7.3 **Secretary –**

**TABLED/NO VOTE**

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7. **Formation of Board Committees –**

Action: Shall the board form committees and appoint members for 2022/2023?

8.1 **Finance Committee** – It was moved by Meredith Wilsen and seconded by Katie Gerski-Keller that the board a finance committee consisting of members Stephen Quadro and Adam Errington.

**(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 2, Adam Errington, Stephen Quadro)**

8.2 **ED Review Committee –**

**TABLED/NO VOTE**

8.3 **Policy Committee –**

**TABLED/NO VOTE**

8. **Close Enrollment for River 6<sup>th</sup> Grade –**

Action: It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Adam Errington that the board close 2023/2024 enrollment for River 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**(Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)**

9. **Board Retreat Agenda Items –**

Discussion: The board discussed not holding a board retreat on August 26, 2023, due to scheduling conflicts and all board members being returning members. Instead, the board will complete online refresher training. The September regular board meeting will have a discussion item for setting priorities and goals.

10. **Faculty Reports –**

**Faculty Chair Report, Orchard:** Faculty Chair Heather Peery presented items of interest to the board regarding PBIS training and the start of the school year.

**Faculty Chair Report, River:** The Faculty Chair AJ Lacoste was absent. Principal Ryan Sutton presented items of interest to the board regarding the start of the school year.

11. **Executive Reports –**

**14.1 Executive Director Report:** Executive Director Caleb Buckley presented items of interest to the board.

**14.2 Board Chair Report:** Board of Trustees Chair Katie Gerski-Keller presented items of interest to the board.

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**12. The board recited the Motto of the Social Ethic –**

**13. Chair Katie Gerski-Keller adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Amala Easton.

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**Katie Gerski-Keller, Chair**

**Date**



## 2023-24 Education Protection Account (EPA)

Golden Valley Orchard  
6550 Filbert Ave.  
Orangevale, CA 95662  
(916) 987-1490

### RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF GOLDEN VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOLS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Education Protection Account funds to be received by Golden Valley Orchard for FY 2023-24 in the amount of approximately \$55,936 will be used solely for instructional, non-administrative expenses.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Golden Valley Orchard.

Date: September 13, 2023

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Board Chair  
Golden Valley Charter Schools

In 2022-23, the school received \$54,348 in Education Protection Account (EPA) Funding. These funds were spent exclusively on teacher salaries and benefits.



## 2023-24 Education Protection Account (EPA)

Golden Valley River  
9601 Lake Natoma Dr.  
Orangevale, CA 95662  
(916) 987-6141

### RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF GOLDEN VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOLS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Education Protection Account funds to be received by Golden Valley River for FY 2023-24 in the amount of approximately \$939,666 will be used solely for instructional, non-administrative expenses.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Golden Valley River.

Date: September 13, 2023

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Board Chair  
Golden Valley River

In 2022-23, the school received \$235,076 in Education Protection Account (EPA) Funding. These funds were spent exclusively on teacher salaries and benefits.



CHARTER SCHOOL UNAUDITED ACTUALS  
FINANCIAL REPORT -- ALTERNATIVE FORM  
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

CHARTER SCHOOL CERTIFICATION

Charter School Name: Golden Valley Orchard  
CDS #: 34-67447-0132399  
Charter Approving Entity: San Juan Unified  
County: Sacramento  
Charter #: 1728

NOTE: An Alternative Form submitted to the California Department of Education will not be considered a valid submission if the following information is missing:

For information regarding this report, please contact:

For County Fiscal Contact: Mark Bachiller  
Name: Senior Financial Analyst  
Title: (916) 228-2296  
Telephone: mbachiller@scoe.net  
Email address: mbachiller@scoe.net

For Approving Entity: Barbara Gross  
Name: Manager, Fiscal Services  
Title: (916) 971-9119  
Telephone: barbara.gross@sanjuan.edu  
Email address: barbara.gross@sanjuan.edu

For Charter School: Caleb Buckley  
Name: Executive Director  
Title: (916)597-1478  
Telephone: cbuckley@goldenvalleycharter.org  
Email address: cbuckley@goldenvalleycharter.org

To the entity that approved the charter school:

X 2022-23 CHARTER SCHOOL UNAUDITED ACTUALS FINANCIAL REPORT -- ALTERNATIVE FORM: This report has been approved, and is hereby filed by the charter school pursuant to Education Code Section 42100(b).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charter School Official  
(Original signature required)  
Printed Name: Caleb Buckley Title: Executive Director

To the County Superintendent of Schools:

2022-23 CHARTER SCHOOL UNAUDITED ACTUALS FINANCIAL REPORT -- ALTERNATIVE FORM: This report is hereby filed with the County Superintendent pursuant to Education Code Section 42100(a).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative of  
Charter Approving Entity  
(Original signature required)  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Superintendent of Public Instruction:

2022-23 CHARTER SCHOOL UNAUDITED ACTUALS FINANCIAL REPORT -- ALTERNATIVE FORM: This report has been verified for mathematical accuracy by the County Superintendent of Schools pursuant to Education Code Section 42100(a).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Superintendent/Designee  
(Original signature required)

CHARTER SCHOOL UNAUDITED ACTUALS  
FINANCIAL REPORT -- ALTERNATIVE FORM  
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Charter School Name: Golden Valley Orchard  
CDS #: 34-67447-0132399  
Charter Approving Entity: San Juan Unified  
County: Sacramento  
Charter #: 1728

This charter school uses the following basis of accounting:  
(Please enter an "X" in the applicable box below; check only one box)

- X **Accrual Basis (Applicable Capital Assets/Interest on Long-Term Debt/Long-Term Liabilities/Net Position objects are 6900, 6910, 7438, 9400-9489, 9660-9669, 9796, and 9797)**  
**Modified Accrual Basis (Applicable Capital Outlay/Debt Service/Fund Balance objects are 6100-6170, 6200-6500, 6600, 7438, 7439, and 9711-9789)**

Description	Object Code	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>A. REVENUES</b>				
1. LCFF Sources				
State Aid - Current Year	8011	1,919,189.00		1,919,189.00
Education Protection Account State Aid - Current Year	8012	54,348.00		54,348.00
State Aid - Prior Years	8019	125,326.00		125,326.00
Transfers to Charter Schools in Lieu of Property Taxes	8096	718,417.00		718,417.00
Other LCFF Transfers	8091, 8097	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total, LCFF Sources		2,817,280.00	0.00	2,817,280.00
2. Federal Revenues (see NOTE in Section L)				
No Child Left Behind/Every Student Succeeds Act	8290		39,304.00	39,304.00
Special Education - Federal	8181, 8182		0.00	0.00
Child Nutrition - Federal	8220		37,481.46	37,481.46
Donated Food Commodities	8221		0.00	0.00
Other Federal Revenues	8110, 8260-8299	0.00	10,544.00	10,544.00
Total, Federal Revenues		0.00	87,329.46	87,329.46
3. Other State Revenues				
Special Education - State	StateRev SE		138,705.34	138,705.34
All Other State Revenues	StateRev AO	99,184.00	308,892.52	408,076.52
Total, Other State Revenues		99,184.00	447,597.86	546,781.86
4. Other Local Revenues				
All Other Local Revenues	LocalRev AO	43,743.00	0.00	43,743.00
Total, Local Revenues		43,743.00	0.00	43,743.00
5. TOTAL REVENUES				
		2,960,207.00	534,927.32	3,495,134.32
<b>B. EXPENDITURES (see NOTE in Section L)</b>				
1. Certificated Salaries				
Certificated Teachers' Salaries	1100	836,157.47	68,573.82	904,731.29
Certificated Pupil Support Salaries	1200	0.00	0.00	0.00
Certificated Supervisors' and Administrators' Salaries	1300	110,212.80	1,018.75	111,231.55
Other Certificated Salaries	1900	91,136.98	152,377.43	243,514.41
Total, Certificated Salaries		1,037,507.25	221,970.00	1,259,477.25
2. Noncertificated Salaries				
Noncertificated Instructional Salaries	2100	103,705.24	42,900.69	146,605.93
Noncertificated Support Salaries	2200	33,997.50	36,368.66	70,366.16
Noncertificated Supervisors' and Administrators' Salaries	2300	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clerical, Technical and Office Salaries	2400	79,310.03	0.00	79,310.03
Other Noncertificated Salaries	2900	10,164.79	71,371.34	81,536.13
Total, Noncertificated Salaries		227,177.56	150,640.69	377,818.25
3. Employee Benefits				
STRS	3101-3102	167,778.58	34,884.90	202,663.48
PERS	3201-3202	78,774.79	35,764.09	114,538.88
OASDI / Medicare / Alternative	3301-3302	40,332.05	16,494.06	56,826.11

Health and Welfare Benefits	3401-3402	96,149.60	7,953.68	104,103.28
Unemployment Insurance	3501-3502	5,691.00	2,696.98	8,387.98
Workers' Compensation Insurance	3601-3602	13,567.99	681.78	14,249.77
OPEB, Allocated	3701-3702	0.00	0.00	0.00
OPEB, Active Employees	3751-3752	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Employee Benefits	3901-3902	46,204.19	0.00	46,204.19
Total, Employee Benefits		448,498.20	98,475.49	546,973.69
<b>4. Books and Supplies</b>				
Approved Textbooks and Core Curricula Materials	4100	0.00	24,535.80	24,535.80
Books and Other Reference Materials	4200	0.00	0.00	0.00
Materials and Supplies	4300	20,055.26	81,114.03	101,169.29
Noncapitalized Equipment	4400	12,790.09	30,431.69	43,221.78
Food	4700	0.00	128,780.09	128,780.09
Total, Books and Supplies		32,845.35	264,861.61	297,706.96
<b>5. Services and Other Operating Expenditures</b>				
Subagreements for Services	5100	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel and Conferences	5200	13,425.54	10,067.16	23,492.70
Dues and Memberships	5300	5,712.39	0.00	5,712.39
Insurance	5400	32,499.54	0.00	32,499.54
Operations and Housekeeping Services	5500	57,201.33	0.00	57,201.33
Rentals, Leases, Repairs, and Noncap. Improvements	5600	256,832.72	0.00	256,832.72
Transfers of Direct Costs	5700-5799	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professional/Consulting Services and Operating Expend.	5800	371,419.41	246,673.73	618,093.14
Communications	5900	17,079.79	0.00	17,079.79
Total, Services and Other Operating Expenditures		754,170.72	256,740.89	1,010,911.61
<b>6. Capital Outlay</b>				
(Objects 6100-6170, 6200-6500 modified accrual basis only)				
Land and Land Improvements	6100-6170			0.00
Buildings and Improvements of Buildings	6200			0.00
Books and Media for New School Libraries or Major				
Expansion of School Libraries	6300			0.00
Equipment	6400			0.00
Equipment Replacement	6500			0.00
Lease Assets	6600			0.00
Depreciation Expense (accrual basis only)	6900	1,247.75	0.00	1,247.75
Amortization Expense - Lease Assets	6910	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total, Capital Outlay		1,247.75	0.00	1,247.75
<b>7. Other Outgo</b>				
Tuition to Other Schools	7110-7143	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfers of Pass-Through Revenues to Other LEAs	7211-7213	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfers of Apportionments to Other LEAs - Spec. Ed.	7221-7223SE		0.00	0.00
Transfers of Apportionments to Other LEAs - All Other	7221-7223AO	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Other Transfers	7281-7299	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfers of Indirect Costs	7300-7399	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service:				
Interest	7438	0.00	0.00	0.00
Principal (for modified accrual basis only)	7439			0.00
Total Debt Service		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total, Other Outgo		0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>8. TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		2,501,446.83	992,688.68	3,494,135.51
<b>C. EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES BEFORE OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES (A5-B8)</b>		458,760.17	(457,761.36)	998.81
<b>D. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES / USES</b>				
1. Other Sources	8930-8979	0.00	0.00	0.00

Less:					
2. Other Uses	7630-7699	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3. Contributions Between Unrestricted and Restricted Accounts (must net to zero)	8980-8999	(457,761.36)	457,761.36	0.00	
4. TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES / USES		(457,761.36)	457,761.36	0.00	
<b>E. NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUND BALANCE /NET POSITION (C+D4)</b>		998.81	0.00	998.81	
<b>F. FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION</b>					
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Position					
a. As of July 1	9791	139,117.00	0.00	139,117.00	
b. Adjustments/Restatements	9793, 9795	0.00	0.00	0.00	
c. Adjusted Beginning Fund Balance /Net Position		139,117.00	0.00	139,117.00	
2. Ending Fund Balance /Net Position, June 30 (E+F1c)		140,115.81	0.00	140,115.81	
<b>Components of Ending Fund Balance (Modified Accrual Basis only)</b>					
a. Nonspendable					
1. Revolving Cash (equals Object 9130)	9711			0.00	
2. Stores (equals Object 9320)	9712			0.00	
3. Prepaid Expenditures (equals Object 9330)	9713			0.00	
4. All Others	9719			0.00	
b. Restricted	9740			0.00	
c. Committed					
1. Stabilization Arrangements	9750			0.00	
2. Other Commitments	9760			0.00	
d. Assigned	9780			0.00	
e. Unassigned/Unappropriated					
1. Reserve for Economic Uncertainties	9789			0.00	
2. Unassigned/Unappropriated Amount	9790M			0.00	
3. <b>Components of Ending Net Position (Accrual Basis only)</b>					
a. Net Investment in Capital Assets	9796	0.00	0.00	0.00	
b. Restricted Net Position	9797		0.00	0.00	
c. Unrestricted Net Position	9790A	140,115.81	0.00	140,115.81	
	<b>Description</b>	<b>Object Code</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>G. ASSETS</b>					
1. Cash					
In County Treasury	9110	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fair Value Adjustment to Cash in County Treasury	9111	0.00	0.00	0.00	
In Banks	9120	0.00	0.00	0.00	
In Revolving Fund	9130	0.00	0.00	0.00	
With Fiscal Agent/Trustee	9135	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Collections Awaiting Deposit	9140	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2. Investments	9150	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3. Accounts Receivable	9200	0.00		0.00	
4. Due from Grantor Governments	9290	343,084.81	0.00	343,084.81	
5. Stores	9320	0.00		0.00	
6. Prepaid Expenditures (Expenses)	9330	74,408.00	0.00	74,408.00	
7. Other Current Assets	9340	137,496.00	0.00	137,496.00	
8. Lease Receivable	9380	0.00	0.00	0.00	
9. Capital Assets (accrual basis only)	9400-9489	1,352.00	0.00	1,352.00	
10. TOTAL ASSETS		556,340.81	0.00	556,340.81	
<b>H. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
1. Deferred Outflows of Resources	9490	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2. TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS		0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>I. LIABILITIES</b>					
1. Accounts Payable	9500	82,900.00	0.00	82,900.00	
2. Due to Grantor Governments	9590	42,239.00	0.00	42,239.00	
3. Current Loans	9640	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4. Unearned Revenue	9650	291,086.00	0.00	291,086.00	

5. Long-Term Liabilities (accrual basis only)	9660-9669	0.00	0.00	0.00
6. TOTAL LIABILITIES		416,225.00	0.00	416,225.00
<b>J. DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
1. Deferred Inflows of Resources	9690	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS		0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>K. FUND BALANCE /NET POSITION</b>				
Ending Fund Balance /Net Position, June 30 (G10 + H2) - (I6 + J2)				
(must agree with Line F2)				
		140,115.81	0.00	140,115.81

**L. FEDERAL EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT**

**NOTE: IF YOUR CHARTER SCHOOL RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDING, AS REPORTED IN SECTION A2, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED IN ORDER FOR THE CDE TO CALCULATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT:**

**1. Federal Revenue Used for Capital Outlay and Debt Service**

Included in the Capital Outlay and Debt Service expenditures reported in sections B6 and B7 are the following amounts paid out of federal funds:

Federal Program Name (If no amounts, indicate "NONE")	Capital Outlay	Debt Service	Total
a. NONE	\$ 0.00	0.00	0.00
b. _____			0.00
c. _____			0.00
d. _____			0.00
e. _____			0.00
f. _____			0.00
g. _____			0.00
h. _____			0.00
i. _____			0.00
j. _____			0.00
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUES USED FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY AND DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**2. Community Services Expenditures**

Provide the amount of State and Local funds reported in Section B that were expended for Community Services Activities:

Objects of Expenditures	Amount (Enter "0.00" if none)
a. Certificated Salaries 1000-1999	0.00
b. Noncertificated Salaries 2000-2999	0.00
c. Employee Benefits 3000-3999 except 3801-3802	0.00
d. Books and Supplies 4000-4999	0.00
e. Services and Other Operating Expenditures 5000-5999	0.00
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**3. Supplemental State and Local Expenditures resulting from a Presidentially Declared Disaster**

Date of Presidential Disaster Declaration	Brief Description i.e., COVID-19 (If no amounts, indicate "None")	Amount
a. _____	NONE	0.00
b. _____		
c. _____		
d. _____		
<b>TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENDITURES (Should not be negative)</b>		<b>0.00</b>

**4. State and Local Expenditures to be Used for ESSA Annual Maintenance of Effort Calculation:**

Results of this calculation will be used for comparison with 2021-22 expenditures. Failure to maintain the required 90 percent expenditure level on either an aggregate or per capita expenditure basis may result in reduction to allocations for covered programs in 2024-25.

a. Total Expenditures (B8)	3,494,135.51
b. Less Federal Expenditures (Total A2) [Revenues are used as proxy for expenditures because most federal revenues are normally recognized in the period that qualifying expenditures are incurred]	87,329.46
c. Subtotal of State & Local Expenditures [a minus b]	3,406,806.05
d. Less Community Services [L2 Total]	0.00
e. Less Capital Outlay & Debt Service [Total B6 plus objects 7438 and 7439, less L1 Total, less objects 6600 and 6910]	1,247.75
f. Less Supplemental Expenditures made as the result of a Presidentially	0.00

Declared Disaster

TOTAL STATE & LOCAL EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO MOE

[c minus d minus e minus f]

\$	3,405,558.30
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CHARTER SCHOOL UNAUDITED ACTUALS  
FINANCIAL REPORT -- ALTERNATIVE FORM  
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

CHARTER SCHOOL CERTIFICATION

Charter School Name: Golden Valley River  
CDS #: 34-67447-0114983  
Charter Approving Entity: San Juan Unified  
County: Sacramento  
Charter #: 0946

NOTE: An Alternative Form submitted to the California Department of Education will not be considered a valid submission if the following information is missing:

For information regarding this report, please contact:

For County Fiscal Contact: Mark Bachiller  
Name: Senior Financial Analyst  
Title: 916-228-2296  
Telephone: mbachiller@scoe.net  
Email address: mbachiller@scoe.net

For Approving Entity: Barbara Gross  
Name: Manager, Fiscal Services  
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For Charter School: Caleb Buckley  
Name: Executive Director  
Title: (916) 597-1478  
Telephone: cbuckley@goldenvallycharter.org  
Email address: cbuckley@goldenvallycharter.org

To the entity that approved the charter school:

X 2022-23 CHARTER SCHOOL UNAUDITED ACTUALS FINANCIAL REPORT -- ALTERNATIVE FORM: This report has been approved, and is hereby filed by the charter school pursuant to Education Code Section 42100(b).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charter School Official  
(Original signature required)  
Printed Name: Caleb Buckley Title: Executive Director

To the County Superintendent of Schools:

X 2022-23 CHARTER SCHOOL UNAUDITED ACTUALS FINANCIAL REPORT -- ALTERNATIVE FORM: This report is hereby filed with the County Superintendent pursuant to Education Code Section 42100(a).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative of  
Charter Approving Entity  
(Original signature required)  
Printed Name: Mark Bachiller Title: Senior Financial Analyst

To the Superintendent of Public Instruction:

X 2022-23 CHARTER SCHOOL UNAUDITED ACTUALS FINANCIAL REPORT -- ALTERNATIVE FORM: This report has been verified for mathematical accuracy by the County Superintendent of Schools pursuant to Education Code Section 42100(a).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Superintendent/Designee  
(Original signature required)

CHARTER SCHOOL UNAUDITED ACTUALS  
FINANCIAL REPORT -- ALTERNATIVE FORM  
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Charter School Name: Golden Valley River  
CDS #: 34-67447-0114983  
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This charter school uses the following basis of accounting:  
(Please enter an "X" in the applicable box below; check only one box)

- X **Accrual Basis (Applicable Capital Assets/Interest on Long-Term Debt/Long-Term Liabilities/Net Position objects are 6900, 6910, 7438, 9400-9489, 9660-9669, 9796, and 9797)**  
**Modified Accrual Basis (Applicable Capital Outlay/Debt Service/Fund Balance objects are 6100-6170, 6200-6500, 6600, 7438, 7439, and 9711-9789)**

Description	Object Code	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>A. REVENUES</b>				
1. LCFF Sources				
State Aid - Current Year	8011	2,016,661.00		2,016,661.00
Education Protection Account State Aid - Current Year	8012	233,614.00		233,614.00
State Aid - Prior Years	8019	10,092.00		10,092.00
Transfers to Charter Schools in Lieu of Property Taxes	8096	823,634.00		823,634.00
Other LCFF Transfers	8091, 8097	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total, LCFF Sources		3,084,001.00	0.00	3,084,001.00
2. Federal Revenues (see NOTE in Section L)				
No Child Left Behind/Every Student Succeeds Act	8290		44,194.00	44,194.00
Special Education - Federal	8181, 8182		0.00	0.00
Child Nutrition - Federal	8220		55,436.96	55,436.96
Donated Food Commodities	8221		0.00	0.00
Other Federal Revenues	8110, 8260-8299	0.00	24,076.60	24,076.60
Total, Federal Revenues		0.00	123,707.56	123,707.56
3. Other State Revenues				
Special Education - State	StateRev SE		159,651.57	159,651.57
All Other State Revenues	StateRev AO	499,130.68	388,647.81	887,778.49
Total, Other State Revenues		499,130.68	548,299.38	1,047,430.06
4. Other Local Revenues				
All Other Local Revenues	LocalRev AO	45,178.38	0.00	45,178.38
Total, Local Revenues		45,178.38	0.00	45,178.38
5. TOTAL REVENUES				
		3,628,310.06	672,006.94	4,300,317.00
<b>B. EXPENDITURES (see NOTE in Section L)</b>				
1. Certificated Salaries				
Certificated Teachers' Salaries	1100	942,093.49	246,161.03	1,188,254.52
Certificated Pupil Support Salaries	1200	0.00	0.00	0.00
Certificated Supervisors' and Administrators' Salaries	1300	95,491.91	1,018.75	96,510.66
Other Certificated Salaries	1900	42,997.07	46,859.98	89,857.05
Total, Certificated Salaries		1,080,582.47	294,039.76	1,374,622.23
2. Noncertificated Salaries				
Noncertificated Instructional Salaries	2100	145,394.97	123,853.36	269,248.33
Noncertificated Support Salaries	2200	56,039.63	39,727.72	95,767.35
Noncertificated Supervisors' and Administrators' Salaries	2300	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clerical, Technical and Office Salaries	2400	70,513.63	0.00	70,513.63
Other Noncertificated Salaries	2900	6,938.25	64,407.11	71,345.36
Total, Noncertificated Salaries		278,886.48	227,988.19	506,874.67
3. Employee Benefits				
STRS	3101-3102	375,769.57	47,350.62	423,120.19
PERS	3201-3202	73,033.66	48,261.08	121,294.74
OASDI / Medicare / Alternative	3301-3302	44,432.05	24,162.53	68,594.58



Health and Welfare Benefits	3401-3402	94,645.99	27,001.77	121,647.76
Unemployment Insurance	3501-3502	5,236.97	3,774.85	9,011.82
Workers' Compensation Insurance	3601-3602	13,615.75	1,399.25	15,015.00
OPEB, Allocated	3701-3702	0.00	0.00	0.00
OPEB, Active Employees	3751-3752	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Employee Benefits	3901-3902	36,391.86	0.00	36,391.86
Total, Employee Benefits		643,125.85	151,950.10	795,075.95
<b>4. Books and Supplies</b>				
Approved Textbooks and Core Curricula Materials	4100	0.00	32,574.50	32,574.50
Books and Other Reference Materials	4200	0.00	0.00	0.00
Materials and Supplies	4300	17,987.01	90,146.55	108,133.56
Noncapitalized Equipment	4400	8,840.84	33,712.51	42,553.35
Food	4700	0.00	138,110.33	138,110.33
Total, Books and Supplies		26,827.85	294,543.89	321,371.74
<b>5. Services and Other Operating Expenditures</b>				
Subagreements for Services	5100	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel and Conferences	5200	20,652.23	9,588.77	30,241.00
Dues and Memberships	5300	9,093.03	0.00	9,093.03
Insurance	5400	33,247.46	0.00	33,247.46
Operations and Housekeeping Services	5500	59,280.96	0.00	59,280.96
Rentals, Leases, Repairs, and Noncap. Improvements	5600	281,020.46	0.00	281,020.46
Transfers of Direct Costs	5700-5799	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professional/Consulting Services and Operating Expend.	5800	734,927.57	108,272.94	843,200.51
Communications	5900	17,238.78	84.90	17,323.68
Total, Services and Other Operating Expenditures		1,155,460.49	117,946.61	1,273,407.10
<b>6. Capital Outlay</b>				
(Objects 6100-6170, 6200-6500 modified accrual basis only)				
Land and Land Improvements	6100-6170			0.00
Buildings and Improvements of Buildings	6200			0.00
Books and Media for New School Libraries or Major				
Expansion of School Libraries	6300			0.00
Equipment	6400			0.00
Equipment Replacement	6500			0.00
Lease Assets	6600			0.00
Depreciation Expense (accrual basis only)	6900	2,864.70	0.00	2,864.70
Amortization Expense - Lease Assets	6910	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total, Capital Outlay		2,864.70	0.00	2,864.70
<b>7. Other Outgo</b>				
Tuition to Other Schools	7110-7143			0.00
Transfers of Pass-Through Revenues to Other LEAs	7211-7213			0.00
Transfers of Apportionments to Other LEAs - Spec. Ed.	7221-7223SE			0.00
Transfers of Apportionments to Other LEAs - All Other	7221-7223AO			0.00
All Other Transfers	7281-7299			0.00
Transfers of Indirect Costs	7300-7399			0.00
Debt Service:				
Interest	7438			0.00
Principal (for modified accrual basis only)	7439			0.00
Total Debt Service		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total, Other Outgo		0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>8. TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		3,187,747.84	1,086,468.55	4,274,216.39
<b>C. EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES BEFORE OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES (A5-B8)</b>		440,562.22	(414,461.61)	26,100.61
<b>D. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES / USES</b>				
1. Other Sources	8930-8979			0.00

Less:					
2. Other Uses	7630-7699			0.00	
3. Contributions Between Unrestricted and Restricted Accounts (must net to zero)	8980-8999	(414,461.61)	414,461.61	0.00	
4. TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES / USES		(414,461.61)	414,461.61	0.00	
<b>E. NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUND BALANCE /NET POSITION (C+D4)</b>		26,100.61	0.00	26,100.61	
<b>F. FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION</b>					
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Position					
a. As of July 1	9791	885,961.64	0.00	885,961.64	
b. Adjustments/Restatements	9793, 9795	0.00	0.00	0.00	
c. Adjusted Beginning Fund Balance /Net Position		885,961.64	0.00	885,961.64	
2. Ending Fund Balance /Net Position, June 30 (E+F1c)		912,062.25	0.00	912,062.25	
<b>Components of Ending Fund Balance (Modified Accrual Basis only)</b>					
a. Nonspendable					
1. Revolving Cash (equals Object 9130)	9711			0.00	
2. Stores (equals Object 9320)	9712			0.00	
3. Prepaid Expenditures (equals Object 9330)	9713			0.00	
4. All Others	9719			0.00	
b. Restricted	9740			0.00	
c. Committed					
1. Stabilization Arrangements	9750			0.00	
2. Other Commitments	9760			0.00	
d. Assigned	9780			0.00	
e. Unassigned/Unappropriated					
1. Reserve for Economic Uncertainties	9789			0.00	
2. Unassigned/Unappropriated Amount	9790M			0.00	
3. <b>Components of Ending Net Position (Accrual Basis only)</b>					
a. Net Investment in Capital Assets	9796	0.00	0.00	0.00	
b. Restricted Net Position	9797		0.00	0.00	
c. Unrestricted Net Position	9790A	912,062.25	0.00	912,062.25	
	<b>Description</b>	<b>Object Code</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>G. ASSETS</b>					
1. Cash					
In County Treasury	9110				0.00
Fair Value Adjustment to Cash in County Treasury	9111				0.00
In Banks	9120		250,702.00		250,702.00
In Revolving Fund	9130				0.00
With Fiscal Agent/Trustee	9135				0.00
Collections Awaiting Deposit	9140				0.00
2. Investments	9150				0.00
3. Accounts Receivable	9200				0.00
4. Due from Grantor Governments	9290		780,036.00		780,036.00
5. Stores	9320				0.00
6. Prepaid Expenditures (Expenses)	9330		109,423.00		109,423.00
7. Other Current Assets	9340		696,497.00		696,497.00
8. Lease Receivable	9380				0.00
9. Capital Assets (accrual basis only)	9400-9489		3,103.00		3,103.00
10. TOTAL ASSETS			1,839,761.00	0.00	1,839,761.00
<b>H. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
1. Deferred Outflows of Resources	9490				0.00
2. TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS			0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>I. LIABILITIES</b>					
1. Accounts Payable	9500		188,742.75		188,742.75
2. Due to Grantor Governments	9590		443,878.00		443,878.00
3. Current Loans	9640				0.00
4. Unearned Revenue	9650		295,078.00		295,078.00

5. Long-Term Liabilities (accrual basis only)	9660-9669		0.00
6. TOTAL LIABILITIES		927,698.75	0.00
<b>J. DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
1. Deferred Inflows of Resources	9690		0.00
2. TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS		0.00	0.00
<b>K. FUND BALANCE /NET POSITION</b>			
Ending Fund Balance /Net Position, June 30 (G10 + H2) - (I6 + J2)			
(must agree with Line F2)			
		912,062.25	0.00

**L. FEDERAL EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT**

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**1. Federal Revenue Used for Capital Outlay and Debt Service**

Included in the Capital Outlay and Debt Service expenditures reported in sections B6 and B7 are the following amounts paid out of federal funds:

Federal Program Name (If no amounts, indicate "NONE")	Capital Outlay	Debt Service	Total
a. None	\$ 0.00	0.00	0.00
b. _____			0.00
c. _____			0.00
d. _____			0.00
e. _____			0.00
f. _____			0.00
g. _____			0.00
h. _____			0.00
i. _____			0.00
j. _____			0.00
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUES USED FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY AND DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**2. Community Services Expenditures**

Provide the amount of State and Local funds reported in Section B that were expended for Community Services Activities:

Objects of Expenditures	Amount (Enter "0.00" if none)
a. Certificated Salaries 1000-1999	0.00
b. Noncertificated Salaries 2000-2999	0.00
c. Employee Benefits 3000-3999 except 3801-3802	0.00
d. Books and Supplies 4000-4999	0.00
e. Services and Other Operating Expenditures 5000-5999	0.00
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**3. Supplemental State and Local Expenditures resulting from a Presidentially Declared Disaster**

Date of Presidential Disaster Declaration	Brief Description i.e., COVID-19 (If no amounts, indicate "None")	Amount
a. _____	None	0.00
b. _____		
c. _____		
d. _____		
<b>TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENDITURES (Should not be negative)</b>		<b>0.00</b>

**4. State and Local Expenditures to be Used for ESSA Annual Maintenance of Effort Calculation:**

Results of this calculation will be used for comparison with 2021-22 expenditures. Failure to maintain the required 90 percent expenditure level on either an aggregate or per capita expenditure basis may result in reduction to allocations for covered programs in 2024-25.

a. Total Expenditures (B8)	4,274,216.39
b. Less Federal Expenditures (Total A2) [Revenues are used as proxy for expenditures because most federal revenues are normally recognized in the period that qualifying expenditures are incurred]	123,707.56
c. Subtotal of State & Local Expenditures [a minus b]	4,150,508.83
d. Less Community Services [L2 Total]	0.00
e. Less Capital Outlay & Debt Service [Total B6 plus objects 7438 and 7439, less L1 Total, less objects 6600 and 6910]	2,864.70
f. Less Supplemental Expenditures made as the result of a Presidentially	0.00

Declared Disaster

TOTAL STATE & LOCAL EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO MOE

[c minus d minus e minus f]

\$ 4,147,644.13



**Whistleblower Policy- DRAFT**  
(First Read, Presented to the Board on September 13, 2023)

### Scope

Golden Valley Charter School (GVCS) is committed to maintaining a workplace where employees are free to raise good faith concerns regarding certain business practices, specifically: (1) reporting suspected violations of law, including but not limited to federal laws and regulations; (2) providing truthful information in connection with an inquiry or investigation by a court, agency, law enforcement, or other governmental body; and (3) identifying potential violations of Golden Valley Charter Schools policy, specifically the policies contained in Golden Valley Charter Schools's Employee Handbook.

### Policy

An employee who wishes to report a suspected violation of law or Golden Valley Charter Schools' policy may do so by contacting the current Chair of the GVCS Board of Trustees and can be reached at: [bot@gvcharter.org](mailto:bot@gvcharter.org),

Golden Valley Charter Schools expressly prohibits any form of retaliation, including harassment, intimidation, adverse employment actions, or any other form of retaliation, against employees who raise suspected violations of law, cooperate in inquiries or investigations, or identify potential violations of Golden Valley Charter Schools. Any employee who engages in retaliation will be subject to discipline, up to and including termination.

Any employee who believes that they have been subjected to any form of retaliation as a result of reporting a suspected violation of law or policy should immediately report the retaliation to one of the following: the School Principal and the Human Resources Manager. Any supervisor, manager, or Human Resources staff that receives complaints of retaliation must immediately inform the Executive Director or The Chair of the GVCS Board of Trustees.

Reports of suspected violations of law or policy and reports of retaliation will be investigated promptly and, in a manner intended to protect confidentiality to the extent possible, consistent with a full and fair investigation. Information will be disclosed only as it is necessary to complete the investigation and resolve the matter. The Human Resources Manager and a member of Golden Valley Charter Schools Leadership will conduct the investigation or designate other internal or external parties to conduct the investigation. The investigating parties may notify the concerned individuals of their findings as appropriate.

We are getting back in the swing of things over here at the Orchard Campus. It's an exciting new year with many changes. We opened a new kindergarten and first grade class as you know. The library and music room have been combined into one room. Handwork is moving into the classrooms, so that Mulberry kindergarten has a classroom in the former handwork room. Ms. McCann stepped in to teach fifth grade while Ms. Hidden is on maternity leave. The leadership team stepped in to teach sixth grade as a group effort. We are excited to welcome Ms. Rainville back into the Golden Valley fold at Orchard to teach sixth grade. There was a lot of shuffling about to get the year started, but things are moving right along.

PBIS update: The launch began with three days of expectations and skits of expected and non-expected behaviors. Children receive SOAR tickets when they are noticed for safe, outstanding, accountable, and respectful behavior. When they receive ten tickets, they can turn them in for a small incentive. The PBIS team meets regularly and has been open to feedback on how the program is going.

Special Ed. Update: I am happy to report that we have a new speech provider contracted through Invo (formerly known as School Steps.) Our Occupational Therapist has returned from maternity leave from the same company. We have a new Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and two RBTs (Registered Behavior Technicians) supporting students in several classes all contracted through Aspire. Mrs. Feeney joined the Ed Support team.

Classroom updates: Second grade is in their Sir George block - they perform on September 29th, and we would love to invite all board members to attend at 9:00 am that day!

Fourth grade is wrapping up their Local Geography and History Block. They have had an amazing time making maps and learning about the world around us. Next week, they will be visiting Chaw Se: Indian Grinding Rock State Park.

Other happenings:

Clothing Swap: Sept. 14 and 15, come and find dress code appropriate attire!

Fall Community Picnic: Thurs. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 5-6:30 PM at the River Campus followed by a parent enrichment workshop from 6:30-8.

Beatification day: Sat. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-2, come lend a hand beautifying the school.

Submitted by Heather Peery (Resource Specialist/Faculty Chair)

## River Faculty Chair Report: September 2023

Last week was Labor Day weekend which, going back in time, was the traditional start of the new school year. In sixth grade I can remember starting the Wednesday before Labor Day with a gentle three day week followed by a four day week and then a five day week. The weather was usually pretty mild too. Presently, it seems somewhat strange that, by Labor Day weekend, 2023, we are already into our fourth week of school; and for me, personally, finishing my first curriculum block. But here we are; we have persevered through the heat of August, thankfully one without smokey skies, and most classes have matured through the forming process, establishing daily rhythms and expectations. And despite a few bumps in the road, most teachers and staff members report a sense of optimism and enthusiasm for what they have experienced thus far and for the coming school year.

Mrs. Chase, our former first grade aid, seems to be making a seamless transition to first grade teacher. "It's wonderful!" she reports, stating that the children are getting used to the length of the new school day, the rhythms, and routines. In fact, just being able to sit at a desk, in general, takes time to get used to for our new first grader. Mrs. Parker, who graduated the Aspen Tree class last year, is also in the process of forming and getting to know a whole new group of children, the Cottonwood 6th grade class. She also reports everything is going pretty well, but did note that she would really love some extra tables in the classroom, as she has two adult aids that are now sitting in sixth grade sized desks. Another group of teachers who are making a new transition, are our wise and wonderful kindergarten teachers who are welcoming-in very young and very small, four year old transitional kindergarteners. Mrs. Bosque, who I greatly admire for her wisdom and tactful directness reports, "It's rough." She states that the kindergarten curriculum will need some adjustment to be able to address the needs of this wide gap in child development. The difference between age four and six is, developmentally and physically, is tremendous. Age appropriate playground equipment will be needed, smaller toilets for small children, and professional development and training for our kindergarten teachers, as they are now charged with "preschool" aged children. Our new Meadowbrook teacher, Mrs. Johnson, states everything is "going well. It's tricky forming a class with such diverse age groups in it. It's also a challenging endeavor meeting the educational needs of such a diverse student population (1st -4th graders), but she is very positive about the challenge and is working diligently to find her stride. Finally, our new Eagle's Nest lead, Mr. Chris is enjoying his new position and states, "Everyone is so welcoming and supportive!"

Mrs. Jessica, in the office, is very happy that Mr. Sutton's 6th grade teaching career is coming to an end,. "Things have been a little crazy in the office," but she acknowledges everyone's flexibility in meeting the challenges and surprises to start the year. The garden not only looks better than ever, it is absolutely AMAZING to behold! Koodos to Farmer Becky and her volunteers. Speaking of Amazing, so too are our new music teachers! I have had the pleasure of being in the classroom as Mrs. Kilpatrick teaches, and she is absolutely fantastic. My students love music class! My class is also excited to be the big buddies to this year's first graders and eagerly await our first buddy gettogether.

Parent Circle has been working hard to support the Golden Valley community with our annual clothing swap. There were a great deal of donations this year, so I would like to acknowledge the time and commitment given by those involved. Mrs. Parker and Ms. Moraga, our Student Council lead teachers, have had their first meeting with class representatives and the Mystery Staff competition has been a big hit thus far! The Maple Tree class was the first recipient of the Golden Lotus award for highest attendance rate for the month of August. Well done Mr. Watkins, students, and parents of Maple!

Finally, Mrs. Miller and the Renewal Room are as busy as ever, helping the students of Golden Valley socially and emotionally, providing a safe space for all.

Overall, we are hitting our stride at the River campus. With unity and optimism we look forward to what this new school year will bring.





September 2023

Community engagement is the cornerstone of a strong Waldorf school, and we are so pleased to see the many ways that our Golden Valley community has been showing up and engaging in community building activities over the past month. Students and families displayed their art skills by creating beautiful chalk art at Chalk it up. Many parents pitched in to make the River campus clothing swap a resounding success (shout out to Genevieve Buckley for leading that endeavor). Many families showed up to support their classes and communities through various fundraisers.

We are now looking forward to the community events to come—Courage Day, the Fall Community Picnic (September 21 from 5-8 pm), Grandparents' and Special Friends' days, and Eagle Chase among them. These events remind us of the creativity, generosity, and inspiration that is found within ourselves and our community.

September is also Attendance Awareness Month. Being in the classroom is the foundation of building the community that is so wonderful about our school and it is critical that children attend school whenever they are healthy. In addition, as a charter school we are funded based on attendance, and ensuring attendance is the easiest and most powerful way families can financially support our schools.

We are pleased there has been a renewed interest in Board Service from the community. As part of our ongoing efforts to recruit a robust Board of highly qualified candidates, the Board will continue to reach out to the community for those who would be well-equipped for Board service. As the process for qualification and preparation for Board service can take many months, it is important that the Board continue to recruit and network, bringing new members into this process throughout the year. For training, support, and organization purposes, most new members are brought on at the beginning of the school year, in August. If you or someone you know are interested in our schools' governance, please contact the Board at [bot@gvcharter.org](mailto:bot@gvcharter.org)

Lastly, September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, if you or someone you know are struggling with mental health concerns, please reach out and break the stigma. Please call and reach out, Services Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for you or your loved ones. Call or text 988 for help. Veterans can call 988 and press 1. <https://988lifeline.org/>

Annual Giving Campaign: Donations are vital in allowing us to provide the best programs and services we can. Please help us reach our goal of \$100,000 for each campus by contributing. Annual Giving Campaign.

Volunteering: Please consider offering your unique skills and services to one or more of these tremendous groups:

- Classroom: See your class Teacher
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI): [diversity@gvcharter.org](mailto:diversity@gvcharter.org)
- Golden Valley Education Fund (GVEF): [gvef@gvcharter.org](mailto:gvef@gvcharter.org)
- Parent Circle (PC) Orchard and River: [pc\\_orchard@gvcharter.org](mailto:pc_orchard@gvcharter.org)



We hope many parents and families will be joining our Fall Community Picnic and Parent Enrichment Workshop on September 21 from 5-8 pm at the River campus.

Kindly,

Katie Gerski-Keller

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# GOLDEN VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOLS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT  
Submitted by Caleb Buckley, EdD

September 13, 2023

K-8 Tuition for Public Waldorf Schools

We are delighted that Anna Rainville has moved back to the area and is taking the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at Orchard. Special thanks to Ryan Sutton who has been teaching main lesson, Jennifer Hoover has been teaching math, and Becky Page has had classes in 6<sup>th</sup> grade each day to be the glue that holds them together. We rallied as a leadership team to provide an excellent education for the class so their teacher could emerge.

Under great applause and fanfare, the first two trophies for best attendance in August were awarded: 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Orchard and 8<sup>th</sup> grade at River. After a few weeks of interviews, the schools are now fully staffed. The board work this month is approving the final budgets from last year, which will be the opening of the annual audit. Board members will also spend an hour discussing their goal priorities for this year. Several policies are in the pipeline at the recommendation of our insurance company. The ongoing facilities needs and enrollment expansions will be topics in the coming months. Stephanie Lorenz will present in October on our state test scores.

For September, we now have a parent circle representative for each class and several new members on the foundation board. Summer is always a marathon for administration, and now we pass the baton to the teachers and move the focus of our work to supporting the classrooms.

One major announcement for the Winter is that Golden Valley River School will be the location of the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education conference during the January MLK weekend. Teachers from 65 Waldorf charters across the country will convene in Orangevale to discuss the future of the movement.



## ON CAMPUS



**Orchard School** – Orchard congratulates the Magnolia class for their stellar attendance in the month of August. The class was recognized during our Friday Gathering and was the first class to house the Lucky Lyrical Lotus Lamp in their class for the week. Each week in the month of September the class with the best attendance will receive this traveling icon of being present. They joyfully passed the lamp on to the Madrona 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class for best attendance in the first week of September. All of Orchard welcomes and congratulates our dear Ms. Hidden as her new baby joined her family. We're delighted to see the sweet photos of mother, father and daughter and look forward to meeting her in person...hopefully soon. The Orchard School Store is up and running each Friday at lunch recess. During the week students earn SOAR tickets by being Safe, Outstanding, Accountable and Respectful. On Friday's they may trade their tickets in for stickers, spirit sticks and more. Rejoining Golden Valley after a short break, Orchard is delighted Ms. Rainville has arrived. Ms. Rainville will teach sixth grade this year and move into the position of middle school math teacher for the 2024 - 2025 school year. We are excited to continue to build a robust math program for our upper grade students.



**River School** - With the first month of the school year behind us, the daily routines feel solidified, and the rhythms of the year are in full swing. Most of our teachers are wrapping up their first main lesson blocks of the year, and students are preparing for their next challenge. The virtue for the month of September is independence. Our curriculum is designed to meet students at their developmental stages, allowing them to learn and grow in ways that honor their individuality, and strives to build independence in the lens through which they view their world. As parents and teachers, let us continue to nurture their spirits, guiding them toward becoming compassionate, creative, and critical thinkers.

At the River campus, one of our schoolwide initiatives of the year has been to re-evaluate and reinvigorate our enforcement of the dress code. Each year at River campus, the dress code has made an annual appearance at our faculty meetings as a topic of discussion (and at times, dissension). While we have a wide range of views on the policy itself, we have come to a consensus that the dress code needs to be more consistently enforced and done so in a manner that is non-punitive, and takes as little time away from the students and class teacher as possible. Moving forward, when a student is found to be out of dress code, they will be given a green pass to go to the office to either borrow a piece of clothing or make any correction needed to be in compliance with the dress code. Each infraction will simply be logged by our front office, which will be reviewed by the principal on a bi-weekly basis and follow up with families if needed.

## ENROLLMENT &amp; OUTREACH

**Enrollment** – We have recorded Parent Information Meetings available for prospective families to watch as well as scheduled in person meetings. We will continue to accept applications and make offers for enrollment when there is an open seat in a class.

**Outreach** – In October we will have an outreach booth at the annual Nature Fest hosted by Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Our purpose is to promote our two schools offering an activity and information about our curriculum.

Applications for Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year will continue to be accepted. We held a Parent Information Meeting at the Orchard School on September 6th. Additional Parent Information Meetings (PIM) are scheduled for September and October for families to learn more about GVCS and learn how to apply.

- River School PIM: 9/13
- Home Study Hybrid PIM: 10/18

Current waitlist for the Orchard School as of 9/6/2023

- Grade Four- 8
- Grade Five- 4

Current waitlist for the River School as of 9/6/2023

- Grade One- 1
- Grade Two- 5
- Grade Three- 3
- Grade Four- 5
- Grade Five- 5

**Marketing is focused on Enrollment**

- Social Media Ads for the Parent Information Meetings in September
- Posting Actively on Social Media to keep followers engaged
- Parent Enrichment Outreach on Eventbrite and Social Media & Dine and Donate at Dad's Kitchen with School Information for the month of September.
- Our Schools were mentioned in the Sacramento Bee for participating in ChalkItUp! Over Labor Day weekend at Fremont Park

**Communications**

- Room Parents are being trained on using ParentSquare for Class Communications
- Marketing & Development Manager, GVEF, PC, and/or Class rep presenting at each first teacher meeting to create awareness and community engagement for communications.
- Strategic Plan Core Value Cards given in class meetings and brought more throughout the year
- More video communications from principals and other staff and faculty presented through ParentSquare for diverse voices

August Enrollment and Attendance – Orchard					
	Current Enrollment	ADA	Movement	<i>23/24 Budget Assumptions</i>	
TK	13	95 %	+1	/	/
K	38	91 %	+3, (2)		
ABK	21	n/a	+1		
OBK	21	n/a	+1		
MBK	9	n/a	+1, (2)		
1	46	92 %	+3		
2	24	92 %	(1)		
3	30	93 %	+2		
4	30	88 %	0		
5	30	96 %	0		
6	24	93 %	(1)		
7	27	88 %	0		
8	29	92 %	0		
Total	291	92 %	12 (6) = +6	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>ADA</i>
				<i>304</i>	<i>92 %</i>

August Enrollment and Attendance – River					
	Current Enrollment	ADA	Movement	<i>23/24 Budget Assumptions</i>	
TK	25	95 %	(1)	/	/
K	35	93 %	0		
CBK	20	n/a	n/a		
LBK	21	n/a	(1)		
PBK	19	n/a	n/a		
1	29	93 %	+3		
2	30	95 %	+1		
3	30	91 %	0		
4	29	86 %	+2 (1)		
5	30	92 %	0		
6	27	88 %	0		
7	27	90 %	0		
8	28	92 %	0		
HS 1	2	89 %	(2)		
HS 2	3	99 %	(1)		
HS 3	4	100 %	+1		
HS 4	2	100 %	0		
Total	301	92 %	7 (6) = +1		
				<i>317</i>	<i>95 %</i>

## DEVELOPMENT

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

- Marketing & Development Manager, GVEF, PC, and/or Class Rep is attending all parent meetings to talk about AGC, handout forms, bookmarks, and Core Value Cards.
- ParentSquare Communications going out as stand alone and in Newsletters about AGC
- Handwritten Thank you cards continue to be mailed for the 22-23 AGC participation
- Marketing & Development Manager attended both school faculty meeting to speak specifically about AGC & Fundraising

FUNDRAISING with GVEF

- GVEF meetings changed to the 1st Tuesday of the month
  - GVEF will have a table selling vintage GVCS merch at the community picnic
  - Gala Venue deposit and date secured
    - Development of website for sponsorships
    - Deadline of end of November to find sponsorships
  - GVEF will have a mixer to gain more board members on Thurs, September 28
  - Preparations for planning Eagle Chase and to implement communications a month in advance
    - Video with instructions
    - A physical place for parents to meet who need a better understanding of participating in the EC fundraiser

SCHOOL	Donors/Household Participation %	YTD Rec'd (FY22/23)	<i>Projected AGC Receivables 22/23 FY End</i>	Goal
GVOS	77/290 = 27%	\$6,849	\$23,895	\$100,000
GVRS	137/301 = 46%	\$17,342	\$55,089	\$100,000
General Donation	n/a	\$400	\$2,000	-
<b>Total</b>	214/591	\$24,591	\$80,984	\$200,000