



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

August 20, 2025

Board Meeting Access Information

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Time: 5:00 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 Annual Meeting 2025.08.20
Time: August 20, 2025 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Annual Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order** – 5:00 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*
2. **Roll Call** – 5:00 p.m.
Board Members: Katie Gerski-Keller, Ekaterina Khmelniker, Stephen Quadro, Meredith Willsen, Jennifer Huetter
3. **Board Member Exigencies and Remote Attendance** – 5:01 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** – 5:05 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*
5. **Public Comment** – 5:06 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. Speakers are asked to keep comments respectful and focused on issues, not individuals. Please refrain from using names or identifying information when referencing students, staff, or families. Comments about specific individuals—especially students—should be addressed privately through the appropriate administrative channels. Disclosing confidential student information during a public meeting may violate federal privacy laws (FERPA). Additionally, members of the public are reminded that slanderous, defamatory, or disruptive comments may result in legal liability or removal from the meeting. The Board does not respond to public comment but may refer matters to administration for review. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and the total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The board will receive in person comments first, remote location comments second, and Zoom comments third.
6. **Consent Agenda** – 5:21 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 Dell Technologies quote for Student Services?***

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7. **Minutes Approval** – 5:23 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*
Action: Shall the Board approve the July 24, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes?
8. **Parsec Education Partnership Proposal** – 5:24 p.m. *(A. Khan)*
Discussion: The Board will be presented with and discuss services provided by Parsec Education.
9. **Voting of Community Members to the Board of Trustees** – 5:50 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*
Action: Shall the Board appoint community members to the Board of Trustees?
10. **Election of Officers to the Board of Trustees** – 5:53 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*
Action: Shall the board elect officers to the Board of Trustees for the 2025/2026 school year?
 - 10.1 **Chair**
 - 10.2 **Vice-Chair**
 - 10.3 **Secretary**
11. **Formation of Board Committees** – 5:56 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*
Action: Shall the Board form committees and appoint members for the 2025/2026 school year?
 - 11.1 **Finance Committee**
 - 11.2 **ED Review Committee**
12. **BOT Oath of Office** – 5:59 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*
Action: Shall each Board member complete the Oath of Office for the 2025/2026 school year?
13. **Board Retreat Date and Agenda Items** – 6:02 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*
Discussion: The Board will discuss potential agenda items for their annual Board Retreat and confirm a date.
14. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Golden Valley Orchard School (GVOS)** – 6:12 p.m. *(J. Hoover)*
Action: Shall the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) and Golden Valley Orchard School (GVOS)?
15. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Golden Valley River School (GVRS)** – 6:17 p.m. *(J. Hoover)*
Action: Shall the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) and Golden Valley River School (GVRS)?
16. **Faculty Reports** – 6:22 p.m.
Faculty Chair Report, Orchard: Orchard Faculty Chair, Jennifer Evans, will present items of interest to the board. *(J. Evans)*
Faculty Chair Report, River: River Faculty Chair, Tavia Pagan, will present items of interest to the board. *(T. Pagan)*



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17. **Executive Reports** – 6:32 p.m.

Board Chair Report: Board of Trustees Chair, Katie Gerski-Keller, will present items of interest to the board.

Executive Director Report: Interim Executive Director, Jennifer Hoover, will present items of interest to the board.

18. **Recitation of the Motto of the Social Ethic** – 6:42 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.

19. **Adjournment of the meeting** – 6:43 p.m.

(K. Gerski-Keller)



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Expires by	Jul. 31, 2025		SCHOOL
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4GB 4800MT/s LPDDR5 Non-ECC	370-BCDT	-	60	-
64GB eMMC Hard Drive	400-BNIB	-	60	-
11.6", HD 1366x768, 60Hz, Non-Touch,Anti-Glare, Cam/Mic, WLAN	391-BHWR	-	60	-
Single Pointing Non Backlit, US English	583-BINI	-	60	-
Intel(R) Wi-Fi 6 AX203, 2x2, 802.11ax, MU-MIMO, Bluetooth(R) 5.1 wireless card	555-BLGB	-	60	-
3 Cell, 42Whr	451-BDGL	-	60	-
65W AC adapter, USB Type-C	492-BDTG	-	60	-
E4 Power Cord 1M for US	537-BBDO	-	60	-
Quickstart Guide	340-DMHK	-	60	-
LCD, Clamshell, Non-Touch, RGB	320-BFPQ	-	60	-
Google Zero Touch Enrollment	634-BYQH	-	60	-
Chrome Education Upgrade	634-BYQI	-	60	-
SERI Guide (ENG/FR/Multi)	340-AGIK	-	60	-
Fixed Hardware Configuration	998-HGST	-	60	-
Laptop, RGB Camera, 1 Mic, 1 USB-C, NonTouch	389-FGWW	-	60	-
System Shipment, Chromebook 3120	340-DRTW	-	60	-
Intel Process N100/N200 CPU Label	389-EFSH	-	60	-
BTS/BTP Smart Selection Shipment, Chromebook (VS)	800-BBQM	-	60	-
Bottom Door WLAN	321-BKQD	-	60	-
Palmrest for Clamshell	346-BKXJ	-	60	-
ProSupport Next Business Day Onsite, 1 Year	709-8470	-	60	-
ProSupport Next Business Day Onsite, 2 Years Extended	709-8473	-	60	-
ProSupport 7x24 Technical Support, 3 Years	709-8483	-	60	-

Dell Limited Hardware Warranty Initial Year	709-8890	-	60	-
Dell Limited Hardware Warranty Extended Year(s)	975-3461	-	60	-
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July 24, 2025

Special Meeting Minutes

1. **Chair Katie Gerski-Keller called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call –**
Board Members Present: Katie Gerski-Keller, Meredith Willsen, Stephen Quadro, Jennifer Huetter
Board Members Absent: Ekaterina Khmelniker
Guests: Brittany Galles, Jennifer Hoover, Becky Page (remote), Ryan Sutton
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TABLED. NO ACTION.
4. **Stephen Quadro read the Creativity Virtue Card.**
5. **Public Comment –**

There were no public comments.

Chair Katie Gerski-Keller closed public comment at 5:21 p.m.
6. **Minutes Approval –**
It was moved by Jennifer Huetter and seconded by Meredith Willsen that the board approve the June 24, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, S. Quadro)
7. **Minutes Approval –**
It was moved by Jennifer Huetter and seconded by Meredith Willsen that the board approve the July 17, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.

(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, S. Quadro)
8. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE –**
The Board went into closed session at 5:23 p.m. to discuss the Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

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The Board came out of closed session at 6:19 p.m. and reported that the present members of the BOT unanimously voted to approve the final settlement and general release of Caleb Buckley and accept his resignation.

9. **The Board recited the Motto of the Social Ethic.**

10. **Chair Katie Gerski-Keller adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Galles.

Katie Gerski-Keller, Chair

Date



Parsec Education Partnership Proposal

Presented by Parsec Education,
[August, 2025]



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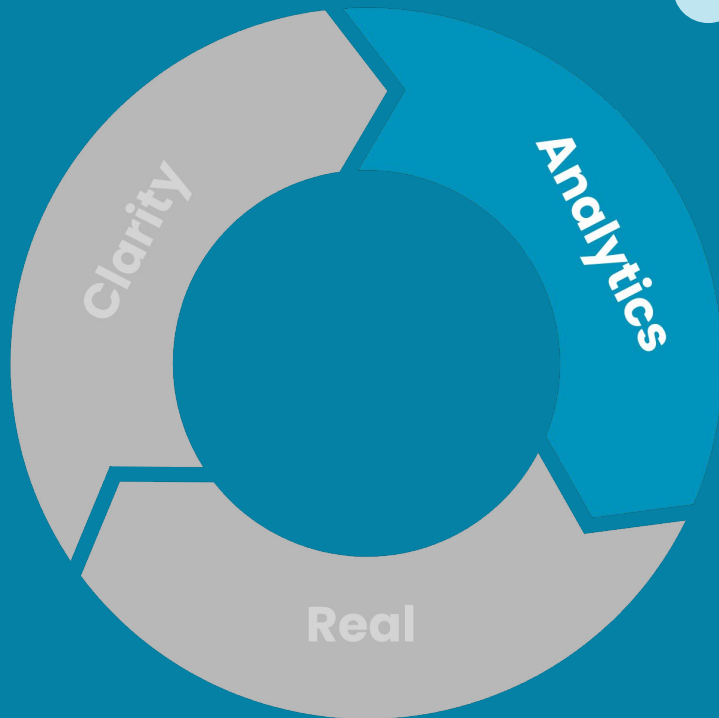
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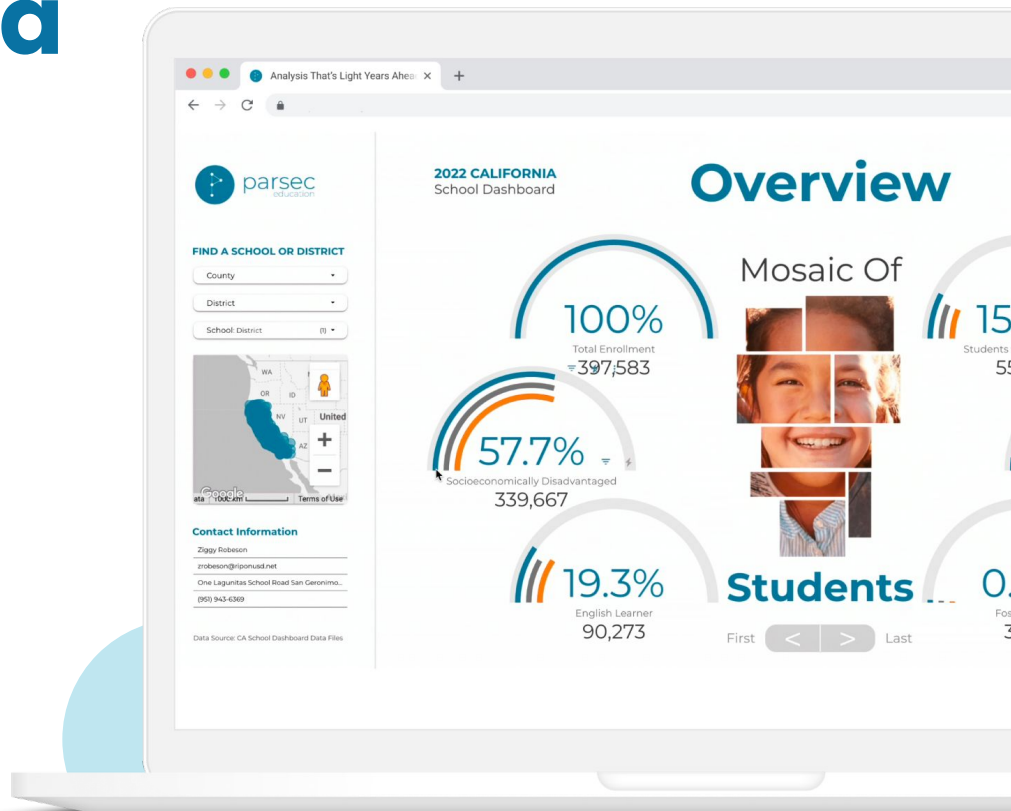
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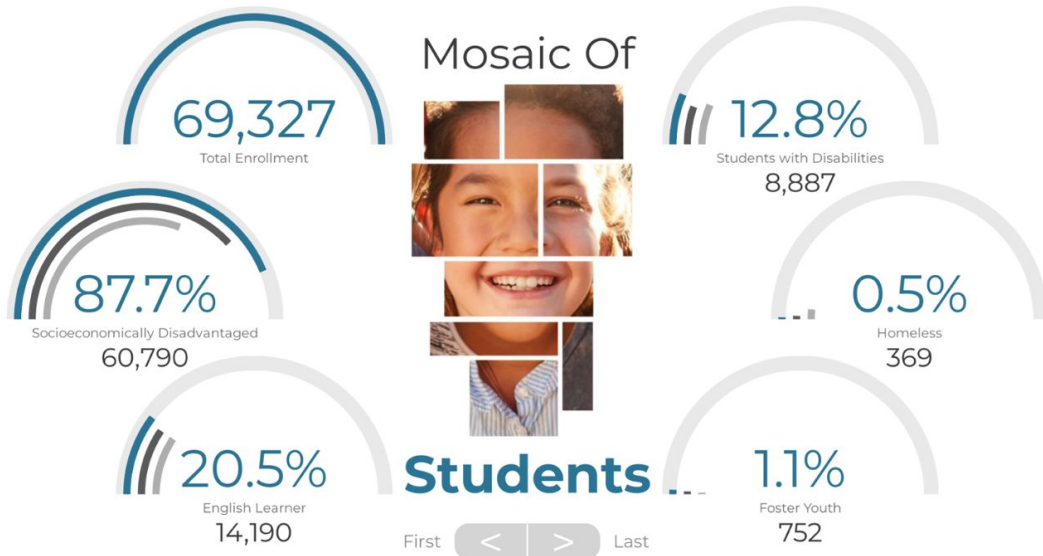
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ELA Ranking Growth

Charters Only, 200-400 Enrolment,
29-49% SED, <10%EL

	Year	Indicator	Group	District Name	School Name	Admin Email	LCAP	Color	DFS	w/o Penalty	Change	Count	Growth ▾	Growth Count	Enrollment
1.	2024	ELA	All Students	El Dorado County Office ...	Charter Community S...	kmonsma@edcoe.org	Details	Red	-64.4	17.8	-59.5	111	25	21	345
2.	2024	ELA	All Students	Pasadena Unified	OCS - South	ocssouth@ocsmail.org	Details	Green	27.4	27.4	-5.1	183	25	132	370
3.	2024	ELA	All Students	Huntington Beach City E...	Kinetic Academy	info@kineticacademy.org	Details	Blue	54.8	54.8	25.3	182	25	137	346
4.	2024	ELA	All Students	Sebastopol Union Eleme...	Sebastopol Independ...	ctopham@sebastopolcharter.org	Details	Green	38.8	38.8	5.9	170	22	138	284
5.	2024	ELA	All Students	Island Union Elementary	Island Elementary	lorettablack@island.k12.ca.us	Details	Green	35.4	35.4	2	238	20	201	367
6.	2024	ELA	All Students	Twin Hills Union Elemen...	Sunridge Charter	khaedo@twinhillsusd.org	Details	Green	28.5	28.5	-12.9	131	19	92	234
7.	2024	ELA	All Students	Newcastle Elementary	Newcastle Charter	cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us	Details	Blue	43.9	43.9	17.7	220	18	189	334
8.	2024	ELA	All Students	SBE - College Preparator...	College Preparatory ...	ccallaway@mycpms.net	Details	Blue	81.8	81.8	4.1	383	18	371	400
9.	2024	ELA	All Students	Blochman Union Elemen...	Family Partnership Ch...	stephanie.eggert@fpcharter.org	Details	Green	5.2	5.2	10.2	182	16	102	400
10.	2024	ELA	All Students	Long Beach Unified	Intellectual Virtues Ac...	info@ivalongbeach.org	Details	Green	37.4	37.4	6.1	223	15	208	236
11.	2024	ELA	All Students	Fortuna Elementary	Redwood Preparatory ...	director@redwoodprep.org	Details	Green	21.5	21.5	-0.1	142	15	116	228
12.	2024	ELA	All Students	Fresno Unified	Morris E. Dailey Chart...	dailey@fics.us	Details	Green	20.1	20.1	14.1	145	13	88	322
13.	2024	ELA	All Students	Blochman Union Elemen...	Trivium Charter Scho...	tvais@triviumcharter.org	Details	Green	-4.4	-4.4	7.4	122	13	84	257
14.	2024	ELA	All Students	Ventura County Office of...	River Oaks Academy	maria.montagne@roavc.com	Details	Green	22.3	22.3	5.7	186	12	129	337
15.	2024	ELA	All Students	Yosemite Unified	Mountain Home Char...	mcox@wscsfamily.org	Details	Orange	-16.6	-16.6	-8.4	134	12	104	214
16.	2024	ELA	All Students	San Juan Unified	Golden Valley River	rsutton@goldenvallycharter.org	Details	Orange	-19	-19	-2.1	169	12	132	305
17.	2024	ELA	All Students	San Bernardino County ...	Sycamore Academy o...	enrollment@sycamoreacademych...	Details	Yellow	-11.5	-11.5	3.6	148	11	100	300
18.	2024	ELA	All Students	Ukiah Unified	River Oak Charter	jlockwood@riveroakcharterschool....	Details	Orange	-21.4	-21.4	-7.2	143	11	113	245
19.	2024	ELA	All Students	San Juan Unified	Golden Valley Orchard	bpage@goldenvallycharter.org	Details	Orange	-20.9	-20.9	-13	156	11	129	296
20.	2024	ELA	All Students	Sonoma Valley Unified	Woodland Star Charter	office@woodlandstarschool.org	Details	Orange	-14.5	-14.5	0.1	133	10	105	217

Math Ranking Growth

Charters Only, 200-400 Enrolment,
29-49% SED, <10%EL

	Year	Indicator	Group	District Name	School Name	Admin Email	LCAP	Color	DFS	w/o Penalty	Change	Count	Growth ▾	Growth Count	Enrollment
8.	2024	MATH	All Students	Fortuna Elementary	Redwood Preparatory ...	director@redwoodprep.org	Details	Green	4.8	4.8	10.6	142	20	116	228
9.	2024	MATH	All Students	Cottonwood Union Elem...	Cottonwood Creek Ch...	mark.boyle@cottonwoodcreekcha...	Details	Blue	49.5	49.5	2.7	168	19	131	280
10.	2024	MATH	All Students	Ventura County Office of...	River Oaks Academy	maria.montagne@roavc.com	Details	Green	-5.6	-5.6	9.3	184	18	130	337
11.	2024	MATH	All Students	Yosemite Unified	Mountain Home Char...	mcox@wscsfamily.org	Details	Orange	-47.5	-47.5	-0.6	134	15	104	214
12.	2024	MATH	All Students	Newcastle Elementary	Newcastle Charter	cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us	Details	Green	13.4	13.4	1.4	220	11	189	334
13.	2024	MATH	All Students	Fresno Unified	Morris E. Dailey Chart...	dailey@fics.us	Details	Blue	2.9	2.9	24.6	145	10	88	322
14.	2024	MATH	All Students	San Juan Unified	Golden Valley Orchard	bpape@goldenvalleycharter.org	Details	Orange	-56.6	-56.6	-8.4	157	8	129	296
15.	2024	MATH	All Students	San Diego Unified	High Tech Middle Me...	eao@hightechhigh.org	Details	Yellow	-51.8	-51.8	7.4	322	7	306	340
16.	2024	MATH	All Students	Fresno Unified	Endeavor Charter	mcox@wscsfamily.org	Details	Orange	-62.4	-62.4	-1.8	171	7	117	335
17.	2024	MATH	All Students	Long Beach Unified	Intellectual Virtues Ac...	info@ivalongbeach.org	Details	Yellow	-13.8	-13.8	0.1	222	6	207	236
18.	2024	MATH	All Students	El Dorado County Office ...	Charter Alternative Pr...	kmomsma@edcoe.org	Details	Yellow	-60.7	-31.8	27	164	5	113	244
19.	2024	MATH	All Students	Twin Hills Union Elemen...	Sunridge Charter	khaedo@twinhillsusd.org	Details	Yellow	-8.2	-8.2	-2.4	131	4	92	234
20.	2024	MATH	All Students	Acton-Agua Dulce Unified	iLead Agua Dulce	info@ileadaguadulce.org	Details	Orange	-69.8	-69.8	1.2	176	4	137	333
21.	2024	MATH	All Students	Mark West Union Eleme...	John B. Riebli Elemen...	etodd@mwusd.org	Details	Yellow	-30	-30	13.3	195	3	142	400
22.	2024	MATH	All Students	Rincon Valley Union Ele...	Spring Lake Charter	hbates@rvusd.org	Details	Green	-22.7	-18.2	21.8	289	2	275	333
23.	2024	MATH	All Students	Keyes Union	Keyes to Learning Ch...	jmcginnis@keyes.k12.ca.us	Details	Orange	-27.4	-27.4	-2.6	196	1	129	354
24.	2024	MATH	All Students	Gravenstein Union Elem...	Hillcrest Middle	wdeeths@grav.k12.ca.us	Details	Green	-0.3	-0.3	3	277	0	270	289
25.	2024	MATH	All Students	Keppel Union Elementary	Sage Oak Charter Sch...	kwoodgrift@sageoak.education	Details	Yellow	-13.2	-13.2	-5.4	196	0	138	372
26.	2024	MATH	All Students	Beaumont Unified	Highland Academy	bmcintosh@highland-academy.org	Details	Yellow	-58.8	-58.8	7.9	254	-1	227	330
27.	2024	MATH	All Students	San Juan Unified	Golden Valley River	rsutton@goldenvalleycharter.org	Details	Yellow	-59.9	-59.9	11.6	167	-1	131	305

Parsec Analytics

Student Level Data

With Parsec Premium Dashboards and Reports



STATE TEST RESULTS

Overall: ELA & Math Results

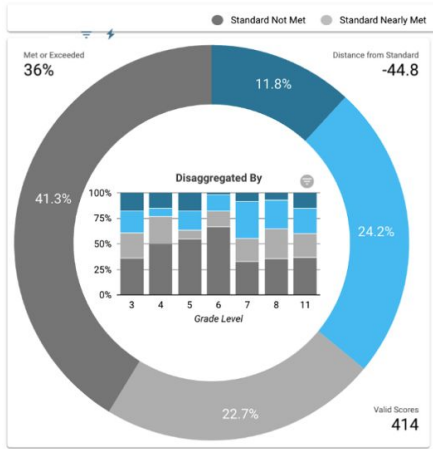
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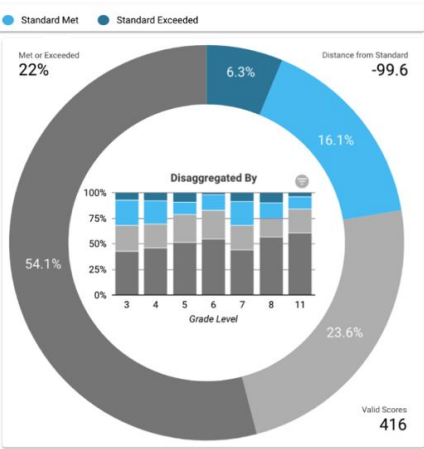
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Filter For Specific Student Group

Overall ELA Results



Overall Math Results

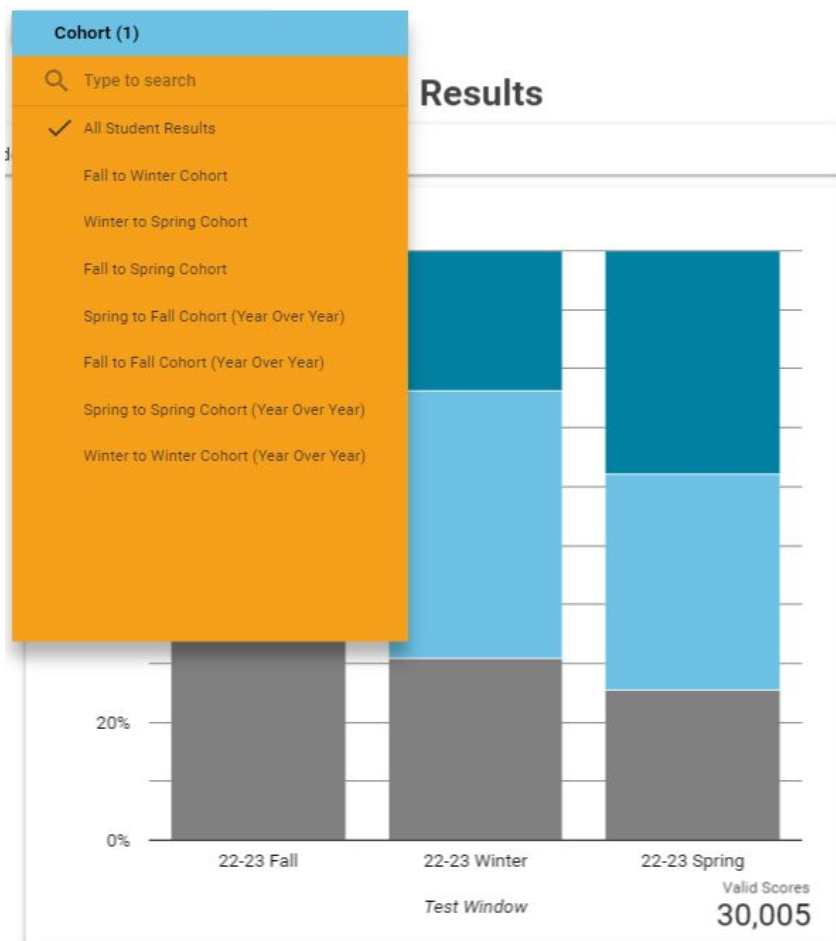


"As you explore the results of the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment and view the data presented in this report, think about the cycle of inquiry. Let history be your guide as you recall the actions for improving teaching and learning that your organization has implemented in the past, and begin to establish causal relationships with the data you see visualized here."

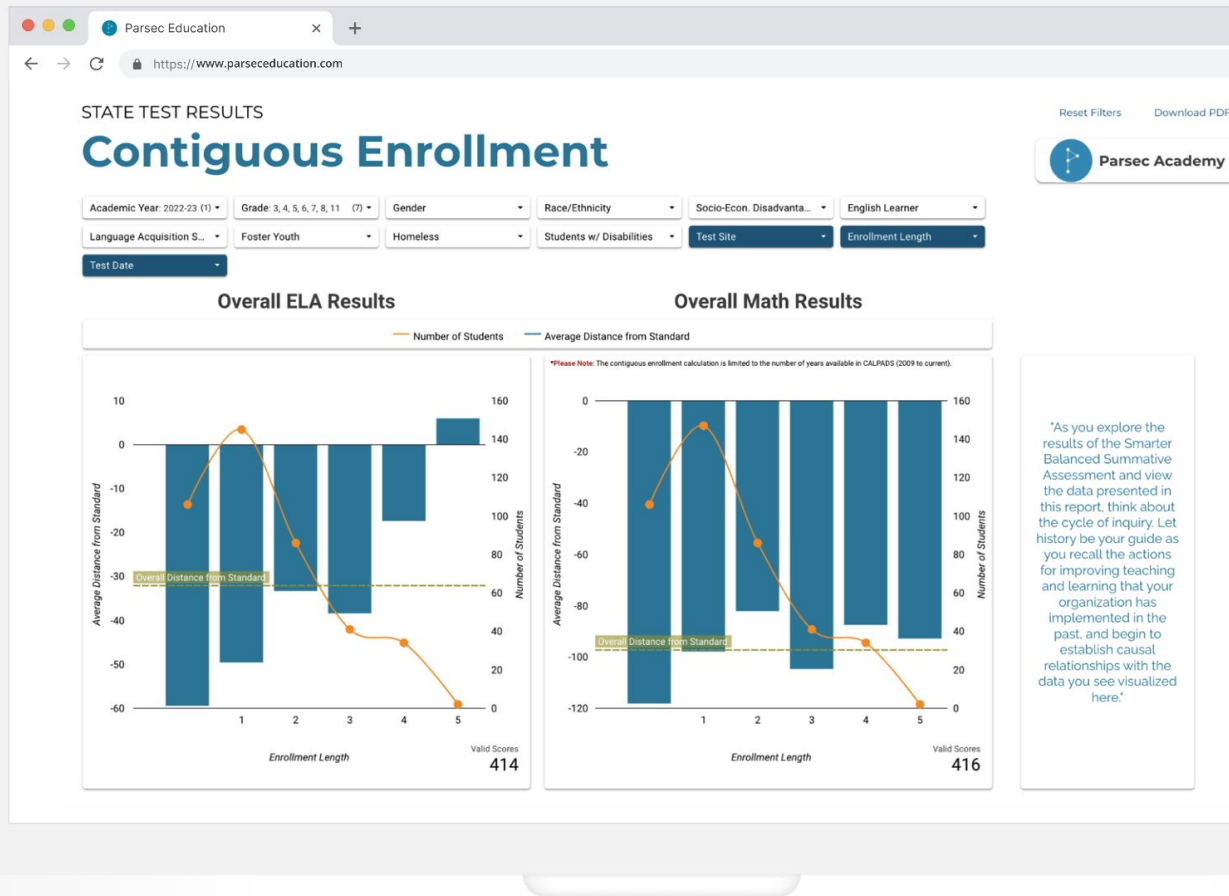
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Compare Outcomes with Cohort Analysis



Contiguous Enrollment identifies improvement in students exclusively while enrolled at Golden Valley over time



STATE TEST RESULTS

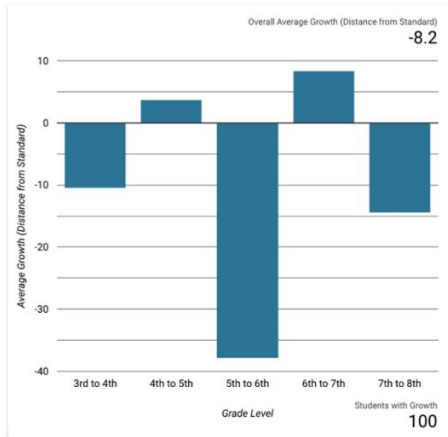
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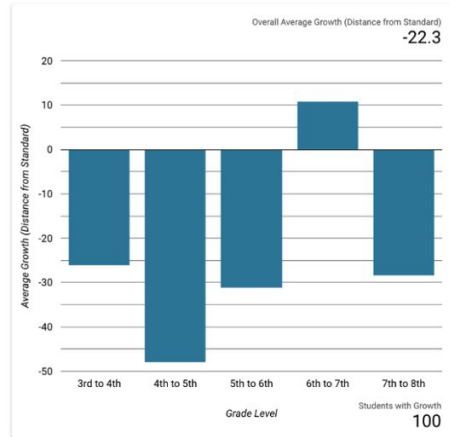


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 Language Acquisition S... Foster Youth Homeless Students w/ Disabilities Test Site Enrollment Length
 Test Date

ELA Results (Average Year-Over-Year Growth)



Math Results (Average Year-Over-Year Growth)



"To calculate the DFS, each student's score is first compared to the "Standard Met" threshold for that grade level on the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments. Because the scale score ranges for each performance level differ for each grade level, it is important to compare each student's ELA and mathematics scores against the lowest Level 3 scale score for the appropriate grade and content area."

STATE TEST RESULTS

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Distance from Standard: Student List



Academic Year: 2022 L. (1) Grade: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 (7) Gender Race/Ethnicity Socio-Econ. Disadvanta... English Learner

Language Acquisition S... Foster Youth Homeless Students w/ Disabilities Test Site Enrollment Length

Test Date Subject

Local ID Student Name

Year	District Name	Test Site	Local ID	Grade	Student Name	Subject	Overall Achievement	DFS	DFS Prior Year	DFS Growth
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	32	4	Korok0032, Imma	Math	Level 3 - Standard Met	26	77	-51
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	32	4	Korok0032, Imma	ELA	Level 3 - Standard Met	20	78	-58
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	1129	4	Korok1129, Imma	Math	Level 1 - Standard Not Met	-85	-50	-35
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	1129	4	Korok1129, Imma	ELA	Level 1 - Standard Not Met	-70	15	-85
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	1989	4	Korok1989, Imma	ELA	Level 1 - Standard Not Met	-83	-77	-6
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	1989	4	Korok1989, Imma	Math	Level 1 - Standard Not Met	-158	-163	5
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	2073	4	Korok2073, Imma	Math	Level 3 - Standard Met	23	33	-10
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	2073	4	Korok2073, Imma	ELA	Level 2 - Standard Nearly Met	-42	72	-114
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	2936	4	Korok2936, Imma	Math	Level 1 - Standard Not Met	-82	28	-110
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	2936	4	Korok2936, Imma	ELA	Level 2 - Standard Nearly Met	-57	12	-69
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	2994	4	Korok2994, Imma	Math	Level 4 - Standard Exceeded	149	224	-75
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	2994	4	Korok2994, Imma	ELA	Level 4 - Standard Exceeded	98	135	-37
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	4557	4	Korok4557, Imma	ELA	Level 2 - Standard Nearly Met	-10	-80	70
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	4557	4	Korok4557, Imma	Math	Level 2 - Standard Nearly Met	-44	-26	-18
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	4639	4	Korok4639, Imma	ELA	Level 1 - Standard Not Met	-189	-193	4
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	4639	4	Korok4639, Imma	Math	Level 1 - Standard Not Met	-202	-137	-65
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	6043	4	Korok6043, Imma	ELA	Level 2 - Standard Nearly Met	-10	-2	-8
2023	Parsec Academy Cha...	Parsec Academy	6043	4	Korok6043, Imma	Math	Level 3 - Standard Met	5	-35	40
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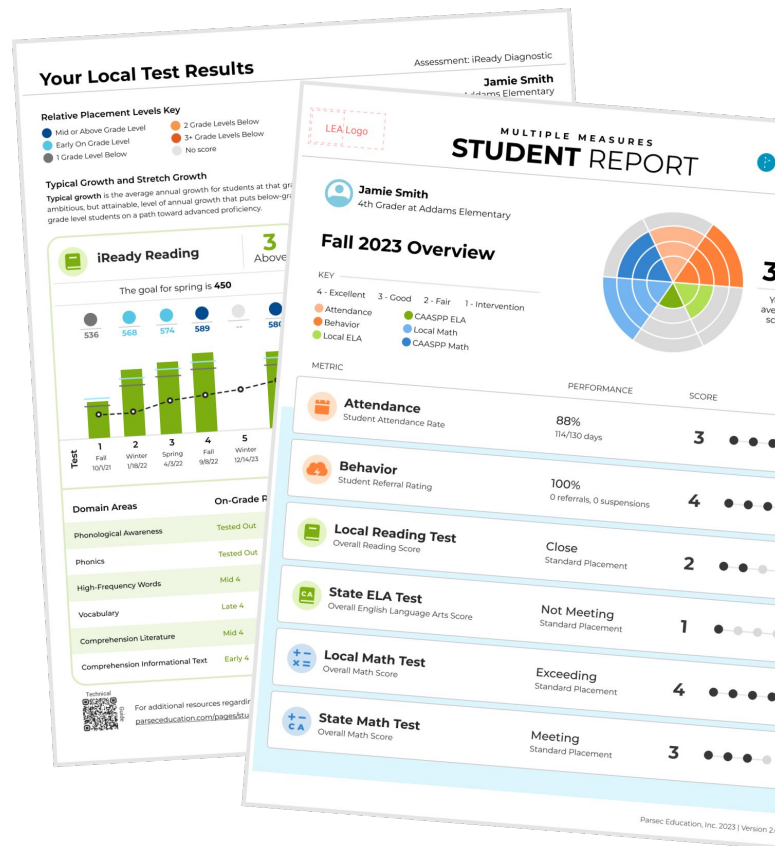
Student Reports

Multiple Measure Student Report Cards

Individualized student reports with a 360 view of their educational experience. Includes local and state test performance, with the option to add on attendance, behavior, ELPAC and CAST performance. See local test growth on the back with an easy-to-read visual of performance throughout the last year.

Student Status and Growth Certificates

Celebrate your students with printable certificates—for meeting or exceeding their CAASPP assessment and for their growth.



Onboarding & Monthly Network Meeting

Onboarding

In a 2-hour virtual onboarding meeting, get introduced to the platform.

Consulting

Data Insights Meeting

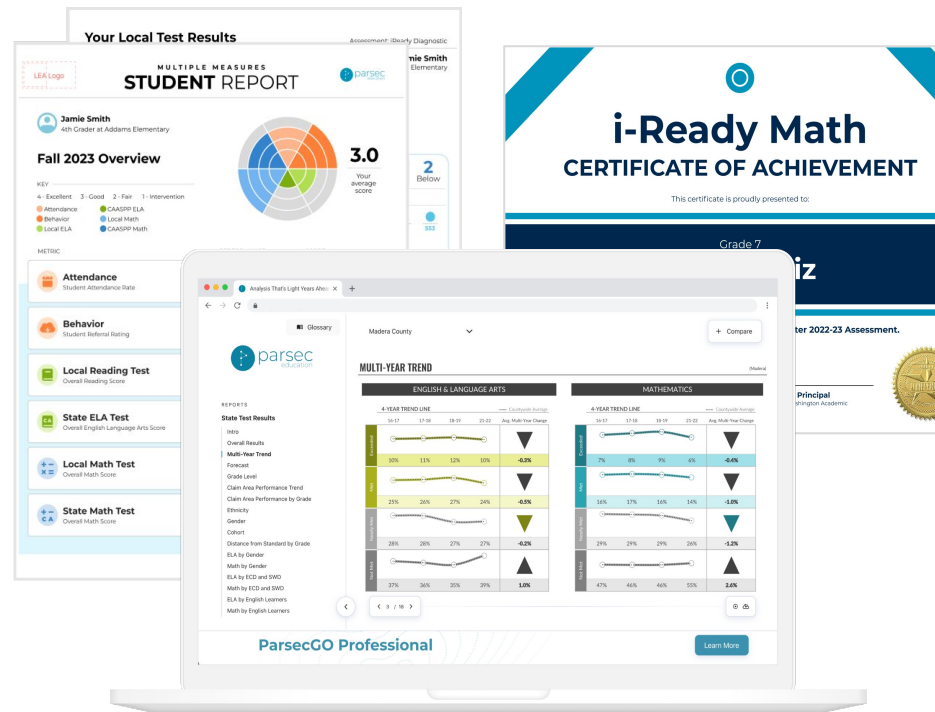
After onboarding, meet with your dedicated educational analyst from Parsec. These are 2-hour virtual meetings. Review your school's data and connect on key insights to inform data-driven decisions. Use this to support with writing your LCAP, WASC reports, and SPSA.



Parsec Analytics: Premium

Package includes

- ✓ A license to the Parsec Analytics premium platform
- ✓ Multiple Measures Student Report Cards and Student Status + Growth Certificates (part of platform)
- ✓ Onboarding
- ✓ Monthly network meeting
- ✓ Consulting: 2 Data insights meetings with Parsec educational analysts



Charter Renewal

Charter Renewal Support

**100% Charter
Renewal
Success Rate**

Overview

Data narrative and improvement support aimed at requirements 2 and 3 of the charter renewal petition. The culminating deliverable is a clear plan to address areas of improvement and a presentation to deliver to your authorizer.

Service Includes

- ✓ Initial Readiness Meeting
- ✓ Data narrative presentation for authorizer
- ✓ Workshops x 2-3
- ✓ Includes use of Parsec Real for charter renewal
- ✓ Renewal Dashboard

**Partners have assigned work between sessions to ensure successful outcome of these services.*

Workshops

Workshop 1: Initial Presentation of Data

Objective: Present initial findings of State and Local data. Here we will identify areas to explore deeper for next workshop and create Parsec Real Campaigns to gather qualitative insights to the quantitative data.

Before next time: Begin inserting charts and narratives into petition draft and deploy Real Campaigns for Climate and Culture (qualitative data collection).

Workshop 2: Extended Data Presentation

Objective: Present additional data points discussed in Workshop 1 and review Parsec Real data. Review initial draft data narratives for accuracy and consistency. Discuss direction of narratives for new data presented to ensure seamless integration into petition draft.

Before next time: Insert new charts and finalize data narrative. Deploy final Parsec Real Campaigns for qualitative insights.

Workshop 3 (as needed): Final review of petition

Final review of petition and presentation. Ensure that all elements are fully addressed and the narrative is consistent. All charts and graphs should be inserted; all Real Campaigns should be complete with charts and insights included in their respective sections.

Finalize any last minute requests to support a strong submission.

Data Presentation

Presentation for Charter Renewal

The presentation will include:

- Overview of state and local data
 - Identify and share current bright spots
 - Quantitative and qualitative
 - Identify and share gaps to focus on in the next charter renewal
- Elevate student/family voice with Parsec Real



Your Package Breakdowns



Total Package Breakdowns

Packages		2 Year	3 Year
Service	Description	Price	Price
Analytics Platform License	Unlimited Access to the Parsec Analytics Platform Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Hr Onboarding session with district/school leaders • 2 Insight Meetings with Insights Deck • Multiple Measure Student Reports and Student Growth Reports • Presentation Ready Reports 	\$17,000	17,000
Charter Renewal Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Readiness Meeting • Data Narrative Presentation • (3) Workshops with EA • Renewal Dashboard 	\$20,000	\$20,000
	Discount	-	\$5,550
Total Per Year \$\$\$		\$37,000	\$31,450



Thank You!

Making Data Meaningful.

Presented By Parsec Education

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Case Studies

34% Growth in Math in 3 Years

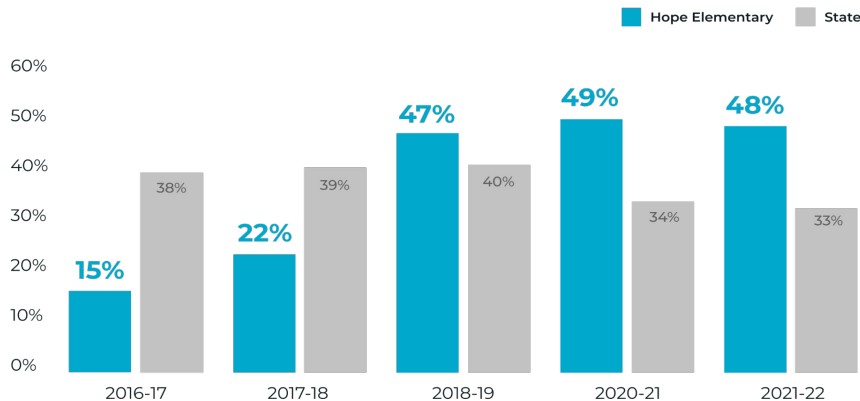
In the 2016-17 school year just 15% of Hope Elementary School District students met or exceeding the CAASPP math state assessment.

Superintendent, Melanie Matta, led her teachers to transform their approach to data, working with Parsec to align their instruction with the state assessment.

Over the next 3 years, they saw **34% growth in their math CAASPP scores**—performing 15% above the state average.

“We went from not having any data to having all the data at our fingertips. Parsec has been very responsive to all of my needs as we work to propel student achievement.”

— Melanie Matta, Superintendent for Hope Elementary School District



June 12, 2025

Katie Gerski-Keller and Meredith Willsen

Board Chair and Board Vice-Chair

Golden Valley Charter Schools

1000 River Rock Drive, Suite 200

Folsom, Ca 95630

Dear Katie and Meredith,

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving as a member of the Golden Valley Charter Schools Board of Trustees. As the parent of a 6th grader in the Bluebell class at the Orchard campus, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that the school's holistic and developmental learning approach has had on students. I would welcome the opportunity to help uphold and further strengthen this mission for both current and future generations.

I meet all eligibility requirements for board membership and am developing an understanding of the board's responsibilities through regular attendance at last year's meetings and discussions with several board members. Furthermore, I have actively volunteered within the school community, supporting classroom activities and assisting with events such as the May Day festival.

Professionally, I bring over ten years of experience in business operations, including organizational budgeting and staffing management. In my role as Director of Engineering Operations at Solidigm Technology in Rancho Cordova, my responsibilities include policy development, risk management, and internal controls for the organization. I am eager to contribute these skills, and others, through service on the Board of Trustees and its committees.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute my skills and passion to the Golden Valley Charter Schools community.

Sincerely,

James Stark

Parent of a 6th Grade Student, Golden Valley Charter Schools Orchard Campus

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a Parent Member of the Golden Valley Charter Schools Board of Trustees. Over the past year, I have attended Board meetings regularly and developed a strong appreciation for the efforts made to support our school community.

As an engaged parent, I value the mission and vision of Golden Valley and would be honored to contribute to its continued success. I have a background in regulatory work, along with skills in compliance and collaborative problem-solving.

I am committed to fulfilling the responsibilities and time commitments required of Board members and to supporting the leadership, charter, and guiding principles of the schools.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jessica Crew

"I, INSERT NAME HERE, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Trustees of Golden Valley Charter Schools, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of California, and the laws of the State of California, to the best of my ability.

"I further swear (or affirm) that:

"I shall participate in the group process to make decisions and take actions based on what is best for the Corporation as a whole, in keeping with our vision, mission and charters, and not based on a personal agenda;

"I shall perform my duties, including duties as a member of any committee, in good faith, with candid actions and active participation, including asking questions to help make informed decisions.

"I shall act the way a reasonably prudent person would in a like position and under similar circumstances;

"I shall place the Corporation's interests over any other organization's interests or personal interests;

"I acknowledge the board's decisions or actions are final, and shall support and implement the decisions; and shall not undermine them, publicly or privately;

"I shall practice and maintain a respectful, courteous attitude in all interactions with other Trustees and guests, both verbally and non-verbally.

"I shall take turns speaking with show of hands, will focus on the speaker, and will avoid side conversations.

"I shall not speak for, or in the name of, the Board unless by explicit direction of the Board unless I am the Board Chair;

"I shall support all Board decisions until it is amended or rescinded by the Board, even if I voted against the decision;

"I shall maintain confidentiality on matters regarding personnel, student and family information, site negotiations and other areas;

"I shall use discretion in all communications. If confidentiality is violated, I may be removed from the Board.

"I shall abide by the Bylaws;

"I shall support the Charter, vision and mission of the organization."

INSERT NAME HERE

Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND
GOLDEN VALLEY - ORCHARD SCHOOL

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is executed by and between the Board of Education of the San Juan Unified School District ("District") and Golden Valley Charter School for Educational Renewal ("Golden Valley Charter School") operated as a California non-profit public benefit corporation, on behalf of Golden Valley Orchard School ("Orchard School"). Orchard School has been granted charter school number 1728 by the California State Board of Education. Collectively, Golden Valley Charter School, Orchard School, and the District, shall be referred to as the "Parties."

RECITALS:

- A. The District is a school district existing under the laws of the State of California.
- B. The Golden Valley Charter School submitted a petition to establish a charter school within the District, which District conditionally approved on December 9, 2014. The Golden Valley Charter School II was renamed Golden Valley Orchard School in 2015, and was reauthorized for a term of five (5) years beginning July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2022.
- C. This MOU is intended to outline the Parties' agreements governing their respective fiscal and administrative responsibilities and their legal relationship and other matters of mutual interest.
- D. If any provision of this MOU is inconsistent with the charter, the terms of the charter shall prevail.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein set forth, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENTS:

I. TERMS AND RENEWAL

- A. The term of this MOU is for three (3) years, from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.
- B. Failure to comply with any of the below conditions will result in immediate initiation of revocation proceedings, pursuant to Education Code section 47607(g), which allows for charter revocation if the charter school fails to meet

generally accepted accounting principles, engages in fiscal mismanagement, violates any provision of law, or fails to fulfill material terms of its charter. The District will not hesitate to take corrective action, including charter revocation, should GVOS fail to address the identified deficiencies within the required timelines and to the District's satisfaction.

- Restore and maintain fiscal solvency by sustaining a minimum reserve of 5% or \$50,000, whichever amount is greater, as represented upon cash-on-hand reserves;
 - Ensure full compliance with all independent study regulations as previously detailed;
 - Submit all required financial documents — including annual independent fiscal audits, unaudited actuals, and multi-year budget projections — to all designated oversight agencies in a timely manner (i.e., each budget and interim review required to provide a statement of cash flows and bank statements supporting the same);
 - Revise and clarify the school's special education program to align with SELPA guidelines and submit a detailed cost-sharing plan for review and approval;
 - Include all legally required affirmations and a signed declaration affirming GVOS's status as the exclusive public employer in all future submissions.
- C. This MOU is subject to termination during the term or any renewal as specified by law or as otherwise set forth in this MOU.
- D. The Parties agree that the recitals set forth above are true and are incorporated as essential terms of this MOU.
- E. Any modification of this MOU must be in writing and executed by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties specifically indicating the intent of the Parties to modify this MOU.
1. The duly authorized representatives of Orchard School are the Executive Director and Chairman of the Board of Trustees or the Board of Trustees as a whole.
 2. The duly authorized representatives of the District are the District Board of Education ("Board") and the District Superintendent or designee. For purposes of amendment of the Charter, the Board of Education is required to take action.

3. The District reserves the right to approve amendments and/or revoke the Orchard School Charter as specified in Education Code section 47607.
- F. Orchard School shall ensure that its name Golden Valley Orchard School is correctly spelled in all notifications to the State and in its corporate documents.
- G. The charter for Orchard School is for a K-8 school population only.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- A. In accordance with Education Code section 47613, the District may charge for the actual costs of supervisory oversight not to exceed one (1) percent of the revenue of Orchard School. Revenue is defined as (subject to changes in the State Funding model): Orchard School ADA multiplied by the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) to include base, supplemental, and, if eligible, concentration grants. This payment will be made in one annual payment after receipt of funding based on P2 reports to the State of California.
- B. Orchard School and the District agree that “supervisory oversight,” as used in Education Code sections 47613 and 47604.32, shall include the following:
1. All activities related to Charter revocation, renewal, and processes as described in Education Code section 47607.
 2. Activities relating to monitoring the performance and compliance of Orchard School with respect to the terms of its Charter, related agreements, and all applicable laws.
 3. Participating in the dispute resolution process described in the Charter.
 4. Review and timely response to Orchard School's Annual Independent Fiscal and Performance Audit.
 5. Identification of at least one District staff member as a contact person for Orchard School.
 6. District visitation to Orchard School at least annually.
 7. Ensuring that Orchard School complies with all reports required of charter schools by law.
 8. Monitoring the fiscal condition of Orchard School.
 9. Providing timely notification to the California Department of Education if any of the following circumstances occur:
 - Renewal of Orchard School is granted or denied.
 - The Orchard School charter is revoked.
 - Orchard School ceases operation for any reason.

C. In addition to supervisory oversight responsibilities and the oversight fee described above, the District shall also provide Orchard School with the following services and Golden Valley Charter School shall compensate District as follows:

1. Facilities: Should Orchard School choose to use any District facilities the terms and conditions of such use shall be in accordance with a separate facility use agreement for that purpose.
2. Meal Services: Orchard School assumes responsibility for ensuring that Orchard School's meal program complies with all federal requirements and state/local health regulations. The District's Child Nutrition Department agrees to make available nutritionally adequate breakfast and lunch meals to Orchard School upon negotiation of a separate Memorandum of Understanding.
3. If the District is utilized for the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) reporting, Orchard School shall reimburse District for the actual costs of administration of STRS records and submission of required reports.

D. Golden Valley Charter School shall retain the authority to contract with third parties for any services required to operate Orchard School In accordance with the law, this MOU, and the approved Charter.

1. Golden Valley Charter School has contracted with Charter School Management Corporation ("CSMC") for services which may include, but not be limited to the following services: accounting software hosting and support; consulting services; monthly payroll; issuance of w2s; tax deposits; maintenance of the General Ledger; deposit and enter cash receipts; assist in purchasing and AP processing; print and mail all AP checks; process and submit SACS reports as required during the year; assist in development and revision of the budget; complete monthly cash flow reports; generate revenue and expense reports; and facilitate auditor's requests. A copy of the fully executed Golden Valley Charter School's business service agreement and/or Memorandum of Understanding with CSMC, detailing the services to be provided and costs therefore, will be provided to the District upon renewal for reference purposes.
2. Prior to contracting with any other entity as primary provider of business and/or administrative services, Golden Valley Charter School and Orchard School shall provide timely notice to the District's Board of Education or designee with 30 days' written notice.
3. Orchard School and District have agreed to the terms for special education funding entitlements and service requirements, pursuant to Education Code sections 47612 and 51745(c), as identified in the "Special Education Memorandum of Understanding," attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and fully incorporated herein.

- E. Additional services may be contracted by Orchard School from District, if available, pursuant to a separate written agreement between the Parties.

III. PROGRAMMATIC AUDIT

After receipt of standardized testing scores and California School Dashboard results, Orchard School's Executive Director or designee will compile and provide to the District an annual performance audit documenting whether or not students are achieving the measurable outcomes defined in the Orchard School and such other information requested by the District relating to Orchard School's performance. This section does not limit the District's statutory authority to make reasonable requests for information at any time during the year.

IV. FUNDING

- A. To the extent that Orchard School is required to submit records or information to the District or the Sacramento County Office of Education in order to confirm funding, those records shall be prepared by Orchard School in a format acceptable to the recipient.
- B. As established by Education Code section 47630 et. seq., Orchard School shall receive funding under the charter school funding model as follows:
 - 1. "General-purpose entitlement" means an amount computed by the Local Control Funding Formula ("LCFF") pursuant to Education Code section 42238.02 as implemented by Education Code section 42238.03. In-lieu property taxes and state aid are also included pursuant to Education Code section 47632.
 - 2. Should Orchard School be entitled to lottery funds, such funding is as identified in and pursuant to Education Code section 47638.
 - 3. A variety of state and federal application-based programs, as well as various grant opportunities, exist. Except as otherwise noted In this MOU, it shall be the responsibility of Orchard School to apply for any and all funding that is beyond the basic statutory entitlement.
 - 4. Any additional funds negotiated by Orchard School in accordance with Education Code section 47636 (see section XV below).
- C. Orchard School has elected to receive funding from the State directly, pursuant to Education Code section 47651.
- D. The District shall provide funding in lieu of property taxes to Orchard School as required by law. Monies will either be electronically transferred to Orchard School's bank account or a check will be mailed to Orchard School by the fifteenth (15th) day of each month as required by law. The District shall have the right to withhold any amounts owed by Orchard School to District which have not

been paid to the District more than sixty (60) days after requesting payment in writing by the District.

- E. The Parties recognize the authority of Orchard School to pursue additional sources of funding.
 - 1. The District has no obligation to apply for additional sources of funding for Orchard School.
 - 2. Orchard School shall cooperate fully with District in any funding applications made by the District on behalf of the students of Orchard School.
 - 3. The District shall cooperate fully with Orchard School in any funding applications made by Orchard School on its funding applications.
 - 4. Orchard School agrees to comply with all regulations related to expenditures and receipt of such funds.
- F. Orchard School agrees that all revenue obtained from the District shall only be used as set forth in the approved Charter and any authorized amendments, or as otherwise permissible by law.

V. LEGAL RELATIONSHIP

- A. Orchard School is operating as a non-profit, public benefit corporation. Members of the Golden Valley Charter Corporate Board and all officials of Orchard School shall file with the District and all other required entities, copies of all Fair Political Practice Commission conflict of Interest forms, or forms that may otherwise be required by law, i.e., a Statement of Economic Interests which is required under the Political Reform Act by the Fair Political Practices Commission which are required of public school district board members and officials, and shall abide by an adopted conflicts code.
- B. The Parties agree and understand that all employees of Orchard School shall be employees of Golden Valley Charter School and not the District, and that it shall be the exclusive public school employer for the purposes of collective bargaining as provided in Government Code section 3540 et seq.
- C. Orchard School agrees to pay any and all attorney's fees and costs incurred by the District, the District's insurer, or its Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") that provide liability or property coverage to the District, that are incurred in any successful effort by the District, District's insurer, and/or JPA to invoke or enforce the indemnification and insurance provisions of this MOU. Any successful effort includes, but is not limited to: 1) the District prevailing in any litigation against Orchard School or its insurance providers, seeking to invoke or enforce the indemnification and insurance provisions of this MOU, and 2) voluntary

acceptance of the indemnification and insurance provisions of this MOU by Orchard School or its insurance providers. All fees and costs incurred by the District, the insurer, and/or JPA, after the District, the District's insurer, and/or JPA has requested in writing that Orchard School or its insurance provider comply with the indemnification and insurance provisions of this MOU, shall be paid to the District, District's insurer, and/or JPA, whichever has paid the fees and costs. The District agrees that this written notice shall provide Orchard School a minimum of thirty (30) days notice to allow Orchard School adequate time to respond to such notice.

- D. The Parties recognize that Orchard School is a separate legal entity. Orchard School shall be operated as a non-profit public benefit corporation under Education Code section 47604. As such, in accordance with Education Code section 47604 (c), if the District complies with all oversight responsibilities required by law, the District shall not be liable for any and all debts or obligations of Golden Valley Charter, Orchard School, and/or its employees or for any and all claims arising from the performance of acts, errors, or omissions by Orchard School and/or its employees.
- E. Any complaints/concerns received by the District about any aspect of the operation of the Orchard School or about Orchard School shall be forwarded by the District to Orchard School in a timely manner. To the extent that such concerns/complaints may involve issues related to possible revocation or nonrenewal of the Charter, the District may request that Orchard School inform the District of how such concerns/complaints were addressed. Orchard School agrees to provide such information.

VI. FISCAL RELATIONSHIPS

- A. To the extent that the District is required to submit financial forms on behalf of Orchard School, Orchard School is responsible for providing the necessary information to the District in a timely manner and in a format acceptable to District. Orchard School agrees to follow processing schedules and District business office procedures.
- B. AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE: Orchard School will be responsible for its daily and monthly attendance accounting. Orchard School will submit the attendance reports in accordance with the District format and State law and regulations to the District's attendance officer. These reports will be submitted to District at least one (1) week prior to the county submission due dates for Orchard School's P1, P2, and annual attendance periods. These dates will be part of Orchard School's annual calendar development. Such attendance information will be included in the annual independent audit of Orchard School. Orchard School will report to the District the names of the students who have

newly enrolled in Orchard School, grades TK-8, including their name, address, grade level, and the student's prior district and school.

In the case of Transitional Kindergarten students, Orchard School will report the school they would have attended if they are determined to be residents of the District. This will occur on the CBEDS reporting date and by February 15, of each year of this MOU, and during the annual report (without student names), or as otherwise required by law. Orchard School will report the names of students who have dis-enrolled from Orchard School along with the reason for disenrollment (i.e., by way of example, returning to district of residence, drop out, or expulsion) and where the student intends to attend school upon Orchard School's action of dropping the student. Orchard School will report by letter all students who disenroll and who plan to re-enroll in the District promptly upon learning of the disenrollment.

- C. ANNUAL AUDIT: Golden Valley Charter School/Orchard School shall be responsible for having an annual independent fiscal audit completed of the entire Orchard School operation in accordance with all applicable laws. The audit will be conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to public schools. The annual audit will be completed and forwarded to the chief financial officer of the District, County Office of Education, State Controller's Office, and California Department of Education on or before December 15, of each year of this MOU.

Orchard School's Executive Director will submit audit findings and corrective action plans to the District and County Office of Education by March 15, of each year succeeding the completion of an audit. Audit exceptions must be resolved to the satisfaction of District's governing board.

- D. In the event that the District seeks and receives a voter approval for a general bond, parcel taxes, or similar financial instrument, Orchard School obligation shall have no entitlement to any portion of the funds unless negotiated in advance or unless otherwise required by law. Orchard School agrees that it has no entitlement to funds currently being received, if any, by the District under former parcel tax or bond elections.
- E. Orchard School agrees that it shall establish a fiscal plan and provide a copy of this plan to the District, for repayment of any loans received by Orchard School in advance of receipt of such loans. It is agreed that any and all loans sought by Orchard School shall be the sole responsibility of Golden Valley Charter School and /or Orchard School and the District shall have no obligation for repayment, nor shall District guarantee repayment of any such obligations.
- F. Absent written agreement otherwise, the District shall not advance any funds to

Orchard School. In addition, the District shall not act or provide a line of credit for Orchard School.

- G. Orchard School shall maintain a minimum of 5% or \$50,000, whichever is greater, of annual total expenditures, transfers out, and other uses of funds of School as a reserve account for economic uncertainty at the end of each fiscal year. Reserve account, for purposes of this section, shall be defined as cash on hand.
- H. Orchard School shall annually prepare and submit the following reports to the District and County Superintendent of Schools in the format dictated by the County Superintendent of Schools:
 - 1. On or before June 25, of each year of this MOU, a preliminary budget for the upcoming year and projections for the next two (2) years. Also, the submission of a Statement of Cash Flows for both the current and subsequent fiscal years, along with supporting bank statements to verify reported cash balances.
 - 2. On or before September 10, of each year of this MOU, unaudited actual data for the full prior year.
 - 3. On or before 45 days after the Governor signs the annual Budget Act, a revised budget including any revisions in revenues and expenditures that have been made to its budget to reflect the funding made available by the Budget Act.
 - 4. On or before December 10, of each year of this MOU, an interim financial report reflecting changes through October 31, of each year of this Agreement. This interim report shall include projections of year-end balances and projections for the next two (2) years. Also, the submission of a Statement of Cash Flows for both the current and subsequent fiscal years, along with supporting bank statements to verify reported cash balances.
 - 5. On or before March 1, of each year of this MOU, a second interim financial report reflecting changes through January 31, of each year of this agreement. This interim report shall include projections of year-end balances and projections for the next two (2) years. Also, the submission of a Statement of Cash Flows for both the current and subsequent fiscal years, along with supporting bank statements to verify reported cash balances.
 - 6. Orchard School shall develop and monitor its budget in accordance with established laws and regulations. Orchard School will utilize and develop an annual budget development and monitoring calendar. This calendar shall be forwarded to the District by December 1, of the prior year. State required financial reports shall be forwarded to District as soon as they are completed and no later than the dates of submission that are

established by law.

VII. FISCAL CONTROLS

- A. Orchard School shall adopt and meet generally accepted accounting principles and shall adopt and maintain policies to ensure Orchard School's funds are used to most effectively support Orchard School's mission and to ensure that funds are budgeted, accounted for, expended, and maintained in an appropriate and lawful fashion. Such policies will include, but not be limited to, principles that ensure that: (1) expenditures are authorized in accordance with amounts specified in the adopted budget; (2) Orchard School's funds are managed and held in a manner that provide a high degree of protection of Orchard School's assets; and (3) all transactions are recorded and documented in an appropriate manner that allows reporting to the State as required by the District, the County Office of Education, or the California Department of Education.
- B. Segregation of Duties: Orchard School will develop and maintain simple warrant requests and purchase order forms to document the authorization of all expenditures. All proposed expenditures must be approved by the Executive Director or designee who will review the proposed expenditure to determine whether it is consistent with the Board-adopted budget and sign the check request form. All transactions will be posted on an electronic general ledger. The transactions will be posted on the ledger by someone at Orchard School site or a contracted bookkeeper. To ensure segregation of record recording and authorization, the bookkeeper may not co-sign check requests or purchase orders.
- C. Banking Arrangements: Orchard School's bookkeeper will reconcile Orchard School's ledger(s) with its accounts on a monthly basis and prepare (1) a balance sheet, (2) a comparison of budgeted to actual revenues and expenditures to date, and (3) a cash flow statement. The Executive Director or designee and finance committee of the Golden Valley Charter School/Orchard School Board will regularly review these statements. Orchard School will deposit all funds received as soon as practical upon receipt. A petty cash fund may not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and may be established with an appropriate ledger to be reconciled twice monthly by the school secretary, who shall not be authorized to expend petty cash.
- D. Procedures: All purchases over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) must include documentation of a good faith effort to secure the lowest possible cost for comparable goods or services. The Executive Director or designee shall not approve purchase orders or warrant requests lacking such documentation. Documentation shall be attached to all warrant and purchase order requests

showing that at least three (3) vendors were contacted and such documentation shall be maintained for at least three (3) years. All purchases in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) must be signed by two separate officers of the corporation designated by the Board.

- E. Property Inventory: Executive Director or designee shall establish and maintain an inventory of all non-consumable goods and equipment over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). In addition, an inventory shall be established and maintained of all computer equipment. This inventory shall include the original purchase price and date, a brief description, serial numbers, and other information appropriate for documenting Orchard School's assets. Property will be inventoried on an annual basis.
- F. PERS/STRS: If Orchard School decides to offer existing or new employees of Orchard School the opportunity to participate in STRS or PERS, Orchard School shall be responsible for making these arrangements through the County Office of Education or District as applicable.
- G. Property and Liability Insurance: Golden Valley Charter School/Orchard School's Board of Trustees shall ensure that Orchard School retains appropriate property and liability insurance coverage, as detailed in the Facilities Use Agreement entered into between the parties. Property insurance shall be for replacement costs and have limits of the total insured value of Orchard School's contents and personal property. Orchard School shall carry general liability insurance including broad form contractual liability coverage or its equivalent with limits of no less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00), occurrence based, providing coverage for, among other things, negligence, contractual liability, errors and omissions/educators legal liability, abuse and molestation, crime, and employment practices liability including, but not limited to, discrimination of Orchard School, its Board, officers, agents, employees, and/or students per occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) general aggregate. Limits are to be applicable to Orchard School and shall not be eroded by any other losses arising out of the operations for any other school. The District shall be named as additional insured by way of endorsement to this policy.

Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, including Employment Practices Liability Insurance, shall be obtained and kept in force at all times with a self-insured retention of no more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per occurrence. The District shall be named as additional insured on this policy. A copy of all required insurance policies including all liability and property damage policies, evidencing the District named as an additional insured shall be provided to the District within two (2) weeks of the effective date of this MOU.

- H. Indemnification and Hold Harmless: Orchard School shall comply with the

indemnification requirements outlined in the approved charter.

- I. Additional Insured Endorsement: The District, its elected and appointed officers, agents, employees, volunteers, contractors, and representatives shall be listed as Additional Insured as respects the operations of Orchard School or its successors. Coverage shall include, but not be limited to the vicarious liability or supervisory role of any additional insured. Said insurance policy shall be endorsed (copy of Endorsement attached to Certificate of Insurance) to include the following language, "SJUSD, its elected and appointed officers, agents, employees, volunteers, contractors, and representatives shall be listed as Additional Insured as respects the operations of the Golden Valley Charter School/Orchard School or its successors performed under the terms of this MOU."
- J. Certificate of Insurance: Prior to commencing services pursuant to this Agreement, Orchard School shall provide certificates as evidence of the existence of the insurance required by this MOU on insurance certificates executed by a duly-authorized agent of Orchard School's insurance provider. Such certificate shall include the Endorsements described in this MOU as Attachments.
- K. Workers' Compensation: Golden Valley Charter School/Orchard School shall provide Workers' Compensation coverage as required by California law, and in signing this MOU, makes the following certification: "Golden Valley Charter School/Orchard School of Sacramento is aware of the provisions of section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with such provisions before commencing the performance of this MOU." Prior to commencing services pursuant to this MOU, Orchard School shall provide a certificate indicating the existence of Workers' Compensation coverage as required by this MOU, on an insurance certificate executed by a duly-authorized agent of Orchard School's insurance provider.
- L. Injury and Illness Prevention: Orchard School shall maintain and enforce an Injury and Illness Prevention Program as required by State law, and in signing this MOU, makes the following certification: "Golden Valley Charter School/Orchard School of Sacramento is aware of the provisions of California Labor Code, Division 5, and of the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, and shall maintain an active Injury and Illness Prevention Plan in accordance with such provisions before commencing the performance of this MOU." The Injury and Illness Prevention Plan shall be available to the District upon request.

VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Employees of Orchard School are solely the employees of Golden Valley Charter School/Orchard School. As such, Golden Valley Charter School/Orchard School shall have the sole responsibility for employment management, dismissal, and discipline of its employees.

- A. Orchard School will conform to the laws regarding background checks, fingerprinting, and credentialing. Teachers of core academic subjects shall be held to the same credentialing standard as teachers in the public schools. No Orchard School teacher shall be maintained in employment without compliance with Education Code section 47605 (1).

IX. EVALUATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS/CONFORMANCE TO CHARTER

- A. Oversight monitoring of Orchard School shall be in conformance with District Board policy and the terms of the approved charter. At the District's request, Orchard School and District personnel shall meet to discuss areas of concern, review and monitor records, and student progress. In addition, Orchard School shall furnish the District with an annual report as well as an annual LCAP Plan and LCAP Annual Report, approved by Golden Valley Charter School/Orchard School's Board prior to June 30 of each year of this Agreement. The annual report, LCAP Plan and LCAP Annual Report will complement and provide the basis of the on-site annual visit.
- B. Orchard School agrees to administer the current statewide mandated performance assessments. Results of such statewide assessments shall be provided to District within one (1) month of receipt by Orchard School.
- C. Golden Valley Charter School's Board of Trustees shall be responsible for operating Orchard School in conformance with the provisions of the approved Charter and this MOU.
- D. It is agreed that the availability of instructional materials is critical to the learning process, including, but not limited to, state adopted textbooks and other materials that supplement the delivery of a solid core curriculum. Orchard School recognizes that these instructional materials must be in adequate supply. The District recognizes that Orchard School will have flexibility with regard to the number of state adopted textbooks purchased by Orchard School due to the curriculum employed by Orchard School, so long as Orchard School has adequate other instructional materials that are aligned with the educational program described in the Charter.
- E. Orchard School agrees to prepare and publicly distribute recruitment materials in languages that represent the demographics of the District. These materials must be translated into any native languages spoken by fifteen (15) percent or more of District residents. Enrollment will be open to all students and Orchard School shall admit all pupils who wish to attend up to capacity.

X. SPECIAL PROGRAM/SERVICES

In the event that either party to this MOU wishes to have its staff and/or faculty participate in a program offered by the other, advanced approval and arrangements must be made. It is fully recognized that expenses for such events are negotiable at the time of the event. Such arrangements must be made with the Orchard School Executive Director or District personnel in advance and confirmed in writing.

XI. CHARTER SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- A. Copies of all Orchard School Policies and Procedures shall be provided to the District promptly upon adoption by Orchard School. Any revised, amended, or deleted policies shall also be forwarded to the District.
- B. Orchard School shall maintain an anti-nepotism policy, which shall be provided to the District and a conflicts code which shall align with the approved charter. Additionally, persons related by blood or by marriage to a charter school employee shall not be appointed to a position where one relative would be in a supervisory position over another. Any employment of relatives outside of the restrictions herein noted must receive prior approval of Golden Valley Charter/Orchard School Board of Trustees.
- C. Orchard School shall maintain a conflicts of interest policy, which shall be aligned to the Charter and provided to District. This policy shall reflect compliance of the governance structure of Orchard School with the California Corporations Code and the Government Code's Political Reform Act. Orchard School agrees that it is responsible for complying with ethics and conflicts of interest laws that may apply to it. Orchard School has not received advice or authorization from the District regarding its obligations under these laws.

XII. STUDENT RECORDS

Orchard School hereby irrevocably designates employees of the District as having a legitimate educational interest such that they are entitled to access to education records of Orchard School students under 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and California Education Code section 49076(b)(6). The District, Orchard School, and their officers and employees shall comply with FERPA and applicable California laws relating to student privacy rights at all times, including confidentiality of student records. If the District's access to student records is subsequently prohibited due to new legislation, court decision(s) or administrative agency determinations, the Parties agree to meet and amend this section accordingly.

XIII. BROWN ACT/PUBLIC RECORDS

Orchard School shall fully conform to the Brown Act as set out in the California Government Code. The Brown Act requires school boards to conduct their business in a pre-announced open session with an agenda unless specific conditions exist that justify the meeting of a board in closed session. In addition, all of Orchard School's records that relate in any way to the operation of Orchard School, including without limitation all of the records of the non-profit corporation operating Orchard School, and any other entity to the extent it participates in the operation of Orchard School, are deemed to be subject to the requirements of the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000, et seq.) as well as Education Code section 47604.3. District and Orchard School recognize that the Public Records Act contains certain exceptions to disclosure requirements that may apply to certain Orchard School records, and Orchard School may assert that such exceptions apply in response to Public Records Act Requests.

XIV. LEGAL SERVICES/OTHER SERVICES

Orchard School will be responsible for procuring its own legal counsel and the costs of such service. Orchard School reserves the right to subcontract any and all services specified in this MOU to District and/or to public or private subcontractors as permitted by law and as available from District. Orchard School shall immediately inform District of any contracts it enters that will materially impact the finances of Orchard School. For purposes of this section, contracts that materially impact the finances of Orchard School shall be contracts in excess of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

XV. NO AGENCY RELATIONSHIP

No agent, employee, or servant of Orchard School shall be deemed to be the employee, agent, or servant of the District except as expressly acknowledged in writing by the District. Orchard School will be solely and entirely responsible for its acts and for the acts of Orchard School's agents, employees, servants, and subcontractors while acting under Orchard School's direction during the entire term of this MOU.

XVI. SEVERABILITY

If any provision or any part of this MOU is for any reason held to be invalid and/or unenforceable or contrary to public policy, law or statute and/or ordinance, the remainder of this MOU shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and fully enforceable.

XVII. ENFORCEMENT AND CHARTER REVOCATION

- A. If the District finds, through a showing of substantial evidence, that Orchard School:

1. Committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter;
2. Failed to meet or pursue any of the pupil outcomes identified in the charter;
3. Failed to meet generally accepted accounting principles, or engaged in fiscal mismanagement; or
4. Violated any law,

it may revoke the charter granted Orchard School, and void or enforce the terms of this MOU, consistent with, and including but not limited to California Education Code sections 47605, 47605.5, 47605.6, 47606, 47607, 47607.2, 47607.3, and 52064.5.

- B. Before revocation, the District shall notify Orchard School of any violation of this section and give the school a reasonable opportunity to remedy the violation, unless the District has determined, and notifies Orchard School in writing, that the violation constitutes a severe and imminent threat to the health or safety of Orchard School pupils.
- C. Before revoking the Orchard School's charter for failure to remedy a violation, and after expiration of the Orchard School's reasonable opportunity to remedy without successfully remedying the violation, District shall provide Orchard School a written notice of intent to revoke and notice of facts in support of revocation to the Orchard School's charter school. No later than 30 days after providing the notice of intent to revoke the Orchard School's charter, the District shall hold a public hearing, in the normal course of business, on the issue of whether evidence exists to revoke the Orchard School's charter. No later than 30 days after the public hearing, the District shall issue a final decision to revoke or decline to revoke the Orchard School's charter, unless the District and Orchard School agree to extend the issuance of the decision by an additional 30 days. The District shall not revoke the Orchard School's charter unless it makes written factual findings supported by substantial evidence, specific to the Orchard School, that support its findings.

XVIII. NOTIFICATION

All notices, requests, and other communication under this MOU shall be in writing and mailed to the proper address as follows:

To District: San Juan Unified School District, 3738 Walnut Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608.
Brian T. Ginter, Director, Admissions and Family Services

To Charter School: Golden Valley Orchard School, 9601 Lake Natoma Drive,
Orangevale, CA 95662. Attention: Executive Director

This MOU contains the entire agreement of Parties with respect to the matters covered hereby, and supersedes any oral or written understanding or agreements between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this MOU. No person or party is authorized to make any representations or warranties except as set forth herein, and no agreement, statement, representation or promise by any Party hereto which is not contained herein shall be valid or binding. The undersigned acknowledges that she/he has not relied upon any warranties, representations, statements, or promises by any of the parties herein or any of their agents or consultants except as may be expressly set forth in this MOU. Parties further recognize that this MOU shall only be modified in writing and by the mutual agreement of the Parties.

Dated: _____

San Juan Unified School District
Melissa Bassanelli, Superintendent of Schools

Dated: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Fhanysha Gaddis, General Counsel
San Juan Unified School District

Ratified by the Board of Education
San Juan Unified School District
Date: _____

Golden Valley Orchard School
Jennifer Hoover, Acting Executive Director
Dated: _____

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND
GOLDEN VALLEY - RIVER SCHOOL

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is executed by and between the Board of Education of the San Juan Unified School District ("District") and Golden Valley Charter School for Educational Renewal ("Golden Valley Charter School") operated as a California non-profit public benefit corporation, on behalf of Golden Valley River School ("River School"). River School has been granted charter school number 946 by the California State Board of Education. Collectively, Golden Valley Charter School, River School, and the District, shall be referred to as the "Parties."

RECITALS:

- A. The District is a school district existing under the laws of the State of California.
- B. The Golden Valley Charter School submitted a petition to establish a charter school within the District, which District conditionally approved on May 22, 2007. The Golden Valley Charter School was renamed Golden Valley River School in 2015, and was reauthorized for a term of five (5) years beginning July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2019. River School was again reauthorized for a term of five (5) years beginning July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024.
- C. This MOU is intended to outline the Parties' agreements governing their respective fiscal and administrative responsibilities and their legal relationship and other matters of mutual interest.
- D. If any provision of this MOU is inconsistent with the charter, the terms of the charter shall prevail.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein set forth, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENTS:

I. TERMS AND RENEWAL

- A. The term of this MOU is for two (2) years, from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.
- B. Failure to comply with any of the below conditions will result in immediate initiation of revocation proceedings, pursuant to Education Code section

47607(g), which allows for charter revocation if the charter school fails to meet generally accepted accounting principles, engages in fiscal mismanagement, violates any provision of law, or fails to fulfill material terms of its charter. The District will not hesitate to take corrective action, including charter revocation, should GVRs fail to address the identified deficiencies within the required timelines and to the District's satisfaction.

- Restore and maintain fiscal solvency by sustaining a minimum reserve of 5% or \$50,000, whichever amount is greater, as represented upon cash-on-hand reserves;

- Ensure full compliance with all independent study regulations as previously detailed;

- Submit all required financial documents — including annual independent fiscal audits, unaudited actuals, and multi-year budget projections — to all designated oversight agencies in a timely manner (i.e., each budget and interim review required to provide a statement of cash flows and bank statements supporting the same);

- Revise and clarify the school's special education program to align with SELPA guidelines and submit a detailed cost-sharing plan for review and approval;

- Include all legally required affirmations and a signed declaration affirming GVRs's status as the exclusive public employer in all future submissions.

C. This MOU is subject to termination during the term or any renewal as specified by law or as otherwise set forth in this MOU.

D. The Parties agree that the recitals set forth above are true and are incorporated as essential terms of this MOU.

E. Any modification of this MOU must be in writing and executed by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties specifically indicating the intent of the Parties to modify this MOU.

1. The duly authorized representatives of Orchard School are the Executive Director and Chairman of the Board of Trustees or the Board of Trustees as a whole.
2. The duly authorized representatives of the District are the District Board

of Education ("Board") and the District Superintendent or designee. For purposes of amendment of the Charter, the Board of Education is required to take action.

3. The District reserves the right to approve amendments and/or revoke the River School Charter as specified in Education Code section 47607.
- F. River School shall ensure that its name Golden Valley River School is correctly spelled in all notifications to the State and in its corporate documents.
- G. The charter for River School is for a K-8 school population only.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- A. In accordance with Education Code section 47613, the District may charge for the actual costs of supervisory oversight not to exceed one (1) percent of the revenue of River School. Revenue is defined as (subject to changes in the State Funding model): River School ADA multiplied by the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) to include base, supplemental, and, if eligible, concentration grants. This payment will be made in one annual payment after receipt of funding based on P2 reports to the State of California.
- B. River School and the District agree that "supervisory oversight," as used in Education Code sections 47613 and 47604.32, shall include the following:
1. All activities related to Charter revocation, renewal, and processes as described in Education Code section 47607.
 2. Activities relating to monitoring the performance and compliance of River School with respect to the terms of its Charter, related agreements, and all applicable laws.
 3. Participating in the dispute resolution process described in the Charter.
 4. Review and timely response to River School's Annual Independent Fiscal and Performance Audit.
 5. Identification of at least one District staff member as a contact person for River School.
 6. District visitation to River School at least annually.
 7. Ensuring that River School complies with all reports required of charter schools by law.
 8. Monitoring the fiscal condition of River School.
 9. Providing timely notification to the California Department of Education if any of the following circumstances occur:
 - Renewal of River School is granted or denied.
 - The River School charter is revoked.

- River School ceases operation for any reason.

C. In addition to supervisory oversight responsibilities and the oversight fee described above, the District shall also provide River School with the following services and Golden Valley Charter School shall compensate District as follows:

1. Facilities: Should River School choose to use any District facilities the terms and conditions of such use shall be in accordance with a separate facility use agreement for that purpose.
2. Meal Services: River School assumes responsibility for ensuring that River School's meal program complies with all federal requirements and state/local health regulations. The District's Child Nutrition Department agrees to make available nutritionally adequate breakfast and lunch meals to River School upon negotiation of a separate Memorandum of Understanding.
3. If the District is utilized for the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) reporting, River School shall reimburse District for the actual costs of administration of STRS records and submission of required reports.

D. Golden Valley Charter School shall retain the authority to contract with third parties for any services required to operate River School In accordance with the law, this MOU, and the approved Charter.

1. Golden Valley Charter School has contracted with Charter School Management Corporation ("CSMC") for services which may include, but not be limited to the following services: accounting software hosting and support; consulting services; monthly payroll; issuance of w2s; tax deposits; maintenance of the General Ledger; deposit and enter cash receipts; assist in purchasing and AP processing; print and mail all AP checks; process and submit SACS reports as required during the year; assist in development and revision of the budget; complete monthly cash flow reports; generate revenue and expense reports; and facilitate auditor's requests. A copy of the fully executed Golden Valley Charter School's business service agreement and/or Memorandum of Understanding with CSMC, detailing the services to be provided and costs therefore, will be provided to the District upon renewal for reference purposes.
2. Prior to contracting with any other entity as primary provider of business and/or administrative services, Golden Valley Charter School and River School shall provide timely notice to the District's Board of Education or designee with 30 days' written notice.
3. River School and District have agreed to the terms for special education funding entitlements and service requirements, pursuant to Education Code sections 47612 and 51745(c), as identified in the

"Special Education Memorandum of Understanding," attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and fully incorporated herein.

- E. Additional services may be contracted by River School from District, if available, pursuant to a separate written agreement between the Parties.

III. PROGRAMMATIC AUDIT

After receipt of standardized testing scores and California School Dashboard results, River School's Executive Director or designee will compile and provide to the District an annual performance audit documenting whether or not students are achieving the measurable outcomes defined in the River School and such other information requested by the District relating to River School's performance. This section does not limit the District's statutory authority to make reasonable requests for information at any time during the year.

IV. FUNDING

- A. To the extent that River School is required to submit records or information to the District or the Sacramento County Office of Education in order to confirm funding, those records shall be prepared by River School in a format acceptable to the recipient.
- B. As established by Education Code section 47630 et. seq., River School shall receive funding under the charter school funding model as follows:
 - 1. "General-purpose entitlement" means an amount computed by the Local Control Funding Formula ("LCFF") pursuant to Education Code section 42238.02 as implemented by Education Code section 42238.03. In-lieu property taxes and state aid are also included pursuant to Education Code section 47632.
 - 2. Should River School be entitled to lottery funds, such funding is as identified in and pursuant to Education Code section 47638.
 - 3. A variety of state and federal application-based programs, as well as various grant opportunities, exist. Except as otherwise noted In this MOU, it shall be the responsibility of River School to apply for any and all funding that is beyond the basic statutory entitlement.
 - 4. Any additional funds negotiated by River School in accordance with Education Code section 47636 (see section XV below).
- C. River School has elected to receive funding from the State directly, pursuant to Education Code section 47651.
- D. The District shall provide funding in lieu of property taxes to River School as required by law. Monies will either be electronically transferred to River School's bank account or a check will be mailed to River School by the

fifteenth (15th) day of each month as required by law. The District shall have the right to withhold any amounts owed by River School to District which have not been paid to the District more than sixty (60) days after requesting payment in writing by the District.

- E. The Parties recognize the authority of River School to pursue additional sources of funding.
 - 1. The District has no obligation to apply for additional sources of funding for River School.
 - 2. River School shall cooperate fully with District in any funding applications made by the District on behalf of the students of River School.
 - 3. The District shall cooperate fully with River School in any funding applications made by River School on its funding applications.
 - 4. River School agrees to comply with all regulations related to expenditures and receipt of such funds.
- F. River School agrees that all revenue obtained from the District shall only be used as set forth in the approved Charter and any authorized amendments, or as otherwise permissible by law.

V. LEGAL RELATIONSHIP

- A. River School is operating as a non-profit, public benefit corporation. Members of the Golden Valley Charter Corporate Board and all officials of River School shall file with the District and all other required entities, copies of all Fair Political Practice Commission conflict of Interest forms, or forms that may otherwise be required by law, i.e., a Statement of Economic Interests which is required under the Political Reform Act by the Fair Political Practices Commission which are required of public school district board members and officials, and shall abide by an adopted conflicts code.
- B. The Parties agree and understand that all employees of Orchard School shall be employees of Golden Valley Charter School and not the District, and that it shall be the exclusive public school employer for the purposes of collective bargaining as provided in Government Code section 3540 et seq.
- C. River School agrees to pay any and all attorney's fees and costs incurred by the District, the District's insurer, or its Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") that provide liability or property coverage to the District, that are incurred in any successful effort by the District, District's insurer, and/or JPA to invoke or enforce the indemnification and insurance provisions of this MOU. Any successful effort includes, but is not limited to: 1) the District prevailing in any litigation against

River School or its insurance providers, seeking to invoke or enforce the indemnification and insurance provisions of this MOU, and 2) voluntary acceptance of the indemnification and insurance provisions of this MOU by River School or its insurance providers. All fees and costs incurred by the District, the insurer, and/or JPA, after the District, the District's insurer, and/or JPA has requested in writing that River School or its insurance provider comply with the indemnification and insurance provisions of this MOU, shall be paid to the District, District's insurer, and/or JPA, whichever has paid the fees and costs. The District agrees that this written notice shall provide River School a minimum of thirty (30) days notice to allow River School adequate time to respond to such notice.

- D. The Parties recognize that River School is a separate legal entity. River School shall be operated as a non-profit public benefit corporation under Education Code section 47604. As such, in accordance with Education Code section 47604 (c), if the District complies with all oversight responsibilities required by law, the District shall not be liable for any and all debts or obligations of Golden Valley Charter, River School, and/or its employees or for any and all claims arising from the performance of acts, errors, or omissions by River School and/or its employees.
- E. Any complaints/concerns received by the District about any aspect of the operation of the River School or about River School shall be forwarded by the District to River School in a timely manner. To the extent that such concerns/complaints may involve issues related to possible revocation or nonrenewal of the Charter, the District may request that River School inform the District of how such concerns/complaints were addressed. River School agrees to provide such information.

VI. FISCAL RELATIONSHIPS

- A. To the extent that the District is required to submit financial forms on behalf of River School, River School is responsible for providing the necessary information to the District in a timely manner and in a format acceptable to District. River School agrees to follow processing schedules and District business office procedures.
- B. AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE: River School will be responsible for its daily and monthly attendance accounting. River School will submit the attendance reports in accordance with the District format and State law and regulations to the District's attendance officer. These reports will be submitted to District at least one (1) week prior to the county submission due dates for River School's P1, P2, and annual attendance periods. These dates will be part of River School's annual calendar development. Such attendance

information will be included in the annual independent audit of River School. River School will report to the District the names of the students who have newly enrolled in River School, grades TK-8, including their name, address, grade level, and the student's prior district and school.

In the case of Transitional Kindergarten students, River School will report the school they would have attended if they are determined to be residents of the District. This will occur on the CBEDS reporting date and by February 15, of each year of this MOU, and during the annual report (without student names), or as otherwise required by law. River School will report the names of students who have dis-enrolled from River School along with the reason for disenrollment (i.e., by way of example, returning to district of residence, drop out, or expulsion) and where the student intends to attend school upon River School's action of dropping the student. River School will report by letter all students who disenroll and who plan to re-enroll in the District promptly upon learning of the disenrollment.

- C. ANNUAL AUDIT: Golden Valley Charter School/River School shall be responsible for having an annual independent fiscal audit completed of the entire River School operation in accordance with all applicable laws. The audit will be conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to public schools. The annual audit will be completed and forwarded to the chief financial officer of the District, County Office of Education, State Controller's Office, and California Department of Education on or before December 15, of each year of this MOU.

River School's Executive Director will submit audit findings and corrective action plans to the District and County Office of Education by March 15, of each year succeeding the completion of an audit. Audit exceptions must be resolved to the satisfaction of District's governing board.

- D. In the event that the District seeks and receives a voter approval for a general bond, parcel taxes, or similar financial instrument, River School obligation shall have no entitlement to any portion of the funds unless negotiated in advance or unless otherwise required by law. River School agrees that it has no entitlement to funds currently being received, if any, by the District under former parcel tax or bond elections.
- E. River School agrees that it shall establish a fiscal plan and provide a copy of this plan to the District, for repayment of any loans received by River School in advance of receipt of such loans. It is agreed that any and all loans sought by River School shall be the sole responsibility of Golden Valley Charter School and /or River School and the District shall have no obligation for repayment, nor shall District guarantee repayment of any such obligations.

- F. Absent written agreement otherwise, the District shall not advance any funds to River School. In addition, the District shall not act or provide a line of credit for River School.
- G. River School shall maintain a minimum of 5% or \$50,000, whichever is greater, of annual total expenditures, transfers out, and other uses of funds of School as a reserve account for economic uncertainty at the end of each fiscal year. Reserve account, for purposes of this section, shall be defined as cash on hand.
- H. River School shall annually prepare and submit the following reports to the District and County Superintendent of Schools in the format dictated by the County Superintendent of Schools:
 - 1. On or before June 25, of each year of this MOU, a preliminary budget for the upcoming year and projections for the next two (2) years. Also, the submission of a Statement of Cash Flows for both the current and subsequent fiscal years, along with supporting bank statements to verify reported cash balances.
 - 2. On or before September 10, of each year of this MOU, unaudited actual data for the full prior year.
 - 3. On or before 45 days after the Governor signs the annual Budget Act, a revised budget including any revisions in revenues and expenditures that have been made to its budget to reflect the funding made available by the Budget Act.
 - 4. On or before December 10, of each year of this MOU, an interim financial report reflecting changes through October 31, of each year of this Agreement. This interim report shall include projections of year-end balances and projections for the next two (2) years. Also, the submission of a Statement of Cash Flows for both the current and subsequent fiscal years, along with supporting bank statements to verify reported cash balances.
 - 5. On or before March 1, of each year of this MOU, a second interim financial report reflecting changes through January 31, of each year of this agreement. This interim report shall include projections of year-end balances and projections for the next two (2) years. Also, the submission of a Statement of Cash Flows for both the current and subsequent fiscal years, along with supporting bank statements to verify reported cash balances.
 - 6. River School shall develop and monitor its budget in accordance with established laws and regulations. River School will utilize and develop an annual budget development and monitoring calendar. This calendar shall be forwarded to the District by December 1, of the prior year. State

required financial reports shall be forwarded to District as soon as they are completed and no later than the dates of submission that are established by law.

VII. FISCAL CONTROLS

- A. River School shall adopt and meet generally accepted accounting principles and shall adopt and maintain policies to ensure River School's funds are used to most effectively support River School's mission and to ensure that funds are budgeted, accounted for, expended, and maintained in an appropriate and lawful fashion. Such policies will include, but not be limited to, principles that ensure that: (1) expenditures are authorized in accordance with amounts specified in the adopted budget; (2) River School's funds are managed and held in a manner that provide a high degree of protection of River School's assets; and (3) all transactions are recorded and documented in an appropriate manner that allows reporting to the State as required by the District, the County Office of Education, or the California Department of Education.
- B. Segregation of Duties: River School will develop and maintain simple warrant requests and purchase order forms to document the authorization of all expenditures. All proposed expenditures must be approved by the Executive Director or designee who will review the proposed expenditure to determine whether it is consistent with the Board-adopted budget and sign the check request form. All transactions will be posted on an electronic general ledger. The transactions will be posted on the ledger by someone at River School site or a contracted bookkeeper. To ensure segregation of record recording and authorization, the bookkeeper may not co-sign check requests or purchase orders.
- C. Banking Arrangements: River School's bookkeeper will reconcile River School's ledger(s) with its accounts on a monthly basis and prepare (1) a balance sheet, (2) a comparison of budgeted to actual revenues and expenditures to date, and (3) a cash flow statement. The Executive Director or designee and finance committee of the Golden Valley Charter School/River School Board will regularly review these statements. River School will deposit all funds received as soon as practical upon receipt. A petty cash fund may not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and may be established with an appropriate ledger to be reconciled twice monthly by the school secretary, who shall not be authorized to expend petty cash.
- D. Procedures: All purchases over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) must include documentation of a good faith effort to secure the lowest possible cost for comparable goods or services. The Executive Director or designee shall

not approve purchase orders or warrant requests lacking such documentation. Documentation shall be attached to all warrant and purchase order requests showing that at least three (3) vendors were contacted and such documentation shall be maintained for at least three (3) years. All purchases in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) must be signed by two separate officers of the corporation designated by the Board.

- E. Property Inventory: Executive Director or designee shall establish and maintain an inventory of all non-consumable goods and equipment over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). In addition, an inventory shall be established and maintained of all computer equipment. This inventory shall include the original purchase price and date, a brief description, serial numbers, and other information appropriate for documenting River School's assets. Property will be inventoried on an annual basis.
- F. PERS/STRS: If River School decides to offer existing or new employees of River School the opportunity to participate in STRS or PERS, River School shall be responsible for making these arrangements through the County Office of Education or District as applicable.
- G. Property and Liability Insurance: Golden Valley Charter School/River School's Board of Trustees shall ensure that River School retains appropriate property and liability insurance coverage, as detailed in the Facilities Use Agreement entered into between the parties. Property insurance shall be for replacement costs and have limits of the total insured value of River School's contents and personal property. River School shall carry general liability insurance including broad form contractual liability coverage or its equivalent with limits of no less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00), occurrence based, providing coverage for, among other things, negligence, contractual liability, errors and omissions/educators legal liability, abuse and molestation, crime, and employment practices liability including, but not limited to, discrimination of River School, its Board, officers, agents, employees, and/or students per occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) general aggregate. Limits are to be applicable to River School and shall not be eroded by any other losses arising out of the operations for any other school. The District shall be named as additional insured by way of endorsement to this policy.

Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, including Employment Practices Liability Insurance, shall be obtained and kept in force at all times with a self-insured retention of no more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per occurrence. The District shall be named as additional insured on this policy. A copy of all required insurance policies including all liability and property damage policies, evidencing the District named as an additional insured shall be provided to the District within two (2) weeks of the effective date of this MOU.

- H. Indemnification and Hold Harmless: River School shall comply with the indemnification requirements outlined in the approved charter.
- I. Additional Insured Endorsement: The District, its elected and appointed officers, agents, employees, volunteers, contractors, and representatives shall be listed as Additional Insured as respects the operations of River School or its successors. Coverage shall include, but not be limited to the vicarious liability or supervisory role of any additional insured. Said insurance policy shall be endorsed (copy of Endorsement attached to Certificate of Insurance) to include the following language, "SJUSD, its elected and appointed officers, agents, employees, volunteers, contractors, and representatives shall be listed as Additional Insured as respects the operations of the Golden Valley Charter School/River School or its successors performed under the terms of this MOU."
- J. Certificate of Insurance: Prior to commencing services pursuant to this Agreement, River School shall provide certificates as evidence of the existence of the insurance required by this MOU on insurance certificates executed by a duly-authorized agent of River School's insurance provider. Such certificate shall include the Endorsements described in this MOU as Attachments.
- K. Workers' Compensation: Golden Valley Charter School/River School shall provide Workers' Compensation coverage as required by California law, and in signing this MOU, makes the following certification: "Golden Valley Charter School/River School of Sacramento is aware of the provisions of section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with such provisions before commencing the performance of this MOU." Prior to commencing services pursuant to this MOU, River School shall provide a certificate indicating the existence of Workers' Compensation coverage as required by this MOU, on an insurance certificate executed by a duly-authorized agent of River School's insurance provider.
- L. Injury and Illness Prevention: River School shall maintain and enforce an Injury and Illness Prevention Program as required by State law, and in signing this MOU, makes the following certification: "Golden Valley Charter School/River School of Sacramento is aware of the provisions of California Labor Code, Division 5, and of the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, and shall maintain an active Injury and Illness Prevention Plan in accordance with such provisions before commencing the performance of this MOU." The Injury and Illness Prevention Plan shall be available to the District upon request.

VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Employees of River School are solely the employees of Golden Valley Charter School/River School. As such, Golden Valley Charter School/River School shall have the sole responsibility for employment management, dismissal, and discipline of its employees.

- A. River School will conform to the laws regarding background checks, fingerprinting, and credentialing. Teachers of core academic subjects shall be held to the same credentialing standard as teachers in the public schools. No River School teacher shall be maintained in employment without compliance with Education Code section 47605 (1).

IX. EVALUATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS/CONFORMANCE TO CHARTER

- A. Oversight monitoring of River School shall be in conformance with District Board policy and the terms of the approved charter. At the District's request, River School and District personnel shall meet to discuss areas of concern, review and monitor records, and student progress. In addition, River School shall furnish the District with an annual report as well as an annual LCAP Plan and LCAP Annual Report, approved by Golden Valley Charter School/River School's Board prior to June 30 of each year of this Agreement. The annual report, LCAP Plan and LCAP Annual Report will complement and provide the basis of the on-site annual visit.
- B. River School agrees to administer the current statewide mandated performance assessments. Results of such statewide assessments shall be provided to District within one (1) month of receipt by River School.
- C. Golden Valley Charter School's Board of Trustees shall be responsible for operating River School in conformance with the provisions of the approved Charter and this MOU.
- D. It is agreed that the availability of instructional materials is critical to the learning process, including, but not limited to, state adopted textbooks and other materials that supplement the delivery of a solid core curriculum. River School recognizes that these instructional materials must be in adequate supply. The District recognizes that River School will have flexibility with regard to the number of state adopted textbooks purchased by River School due to the curriculum employed by River School, so long as River School has adequate other instructional materials that are aligned with the educational program described in the Charter.
- E. River School agrees to prepare and publicly distribute recruitment materials in languages that represent the demographics of the District. These materials must be translated into any native languages spoken by fifteen (15) percent or more of District residents. Enrollment will be open to all students and River School shall admit all pupils who wish to attend up to capacity.

X. SPECIAL PROGRAM/SERVICES

In the event that either party to this MOU wishes to have its staff and/or faculty participate in a program offered by the other, advanced approval and arrangements must be made. It is fully recognized that expenses for such events are negotiable at the time of the event. Such arrangements must be made with the River School Executive Director or District personnel in advance and confirmed in writing.

XI. CHARTER SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- A. Copies of all River School Policies and Procedures shall be provided to the District promptly upon adoption by River School. Any revised, amended, or deleted policies shall also be forwarded to the District.
- B. River School shall maintain an anti-nepotism policy, which shall be provided to the District and a conflicts code which shall align with the approved charter. Additionally, persons related by blood or by marriage to a charter school employee shall not be appointed to a position where one relative would be in a supervisory position over another. Any employment of relatives outside of the restrictions herein noted must receive prior approval of Golden Valley Charter/River School Board of Trustees.
- C. River School shall maintain a conflicts of interest policy, which shall be aligned to the Charter and provided to District. This policy shall reflect compliance of the governance structure of River School with the California Corporations Code and the Government Code's Political Reform Act. River School agrees that it is responsible for complying with ethics and conflicts of interest laws that may apply to it. River School has not received advice or authorization from the District regarding its obligations under these laws.

XII. STUDENT RECORDS

River School hereby irrevocably designates employees of the District as having a legitimate educational interest such that they are entitled to access to education records of River School students under 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and California Education Code section 49076(b)(6). The District, River School, and their officers and employees shall comply with FERPA and applicable California laws relating to student privacy rights at all times, including confidentiality of student records. If the District's access to student records is subsequently prohibited due to new legislation, court decision(s) or administrative agency determinations, the Parties agree to meet and amend this section accordingly.

XIII. BROWN ACT/PUBLIC RECORDS

River School shall fully conform to the Brown Act as set out in the California Government Code. The Brown Act requires school boards to conduct their business in a pre-announced open session with an agenda unless specific conditions exist that justify the meeting of a board in closed session. In addition, all of River School's records that relate in any way to the operation of River School, including without limitation all of the records of the non-profit corporation operating River School, and any other entity to the extent it participates in the operation of River School, are deemed to be subject to the requirements of the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000, et seq.) as well as Education Code section 47604.3. District and River School recognize that the Public Records Act contains certain exceptions to disclosure requirements that may apply to certain River School records, and River School may assert that such exceptions apply in response to Public Records Act Requests.

XIV. LEGAL SERVICES/OTHER SERVICES

River School will be responsible for procuring its own legal counsel and the costs of such service. River School reserves the right to subcontract any and all services specified in this MOU to District and/or to public or private subcontractors as permitted by law and as available from District. River School shall immediately inform District of any contracts it enters that will materially impact the finances of River School. For purposes of this section, contracts that materially impact the finances of River School shall be contracts in excess of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

XV. NO AGENCY RELATIONSHIP

No agent, employee, or servant of River School shall be deemed to be the employee, agent, or servant of the District except as expressly acknowledged in writing by the District. River School will be solely and entirely responsible for its acts and for the acts of River School's agents, employees, servants, and subcontractors while acting under River School's direction during the entire term of this MOU.

XVI. SEVERABILITY

If any provision or any part of this MOU is for any reason held to be invalid and/or unenforceable or contrary to public policy, law or statute and/or ordinance, the remainder of this MOU shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and fully enforceable.

XVII. ENFORCEMENT AND CHARTER REVOCATION

A. If the District finds, through a showing of substantial evidence, that River School:

1. Committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter;
2. Failed to meet or pursue any of the pupil outcomes identified in the charter;
3. Failed to meet generally accepted accounting principles, or engaged in fiscal mismanagement; or
4. Violated any law,

it may revoke the charter granted River School, and void or enforce the terms of this MOU, consistent with, and including but not limited to California Education Code sections 47605, 47605.5, 47605.6, 47606, 47607, 47607.2, 47607.3, and 52064.5.

- B. Before revocation, the District shall notify River School of any violation of this section and give the school a reasonable opportunity to remedy the violation, unless the District has determined, and notifies River School in writing, that the violation constitutes a severe and imminent threat to the health or safety of River School pupils.
- C. Before revoking the River School's charter for failure to remedy a violation, and after expiration of the River School's reasonable opportunity to remedy without successfully remedying the violation, District shall provide River School a written notice of intent to revoke and notice of facts in support of revocation to the River School charterl. No later than 30 days after providing the notice of intent to revoke the River School's charter, the District shall hold a public hearing, in the normal course of business, on the issue of whether evidence exists to revoke the River School's charter. No later than 30 days after the public hearing, the District shall issue a final decision to revoke or decline to revoke the River School's charter, unless the District and River School agree to extend the issuance of the decision by an additional 30 days. The District shall not revoke the River School's charter unless it makes written factual findings supported by substantial evidence, specific to the River School, that support its findings.

XVII. NOTIFICATION

All notices, requests, and other communication under this MOU shall be in writing and mailed to the proper address as follows:

To District: San Juan Unified School District, 3738 Walnut Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608.
Brian T. Ginter, Director, Admissions and Family Services

To Charter School: Golden Valley River School, 9601 Lake Natoma Drive,
Orangevale, CA 95662. Attention: Executive Director

This MOU contains the entire agreement of Parties with respect to the matters covered hereby, and supersedes any oral or written understanding or agreements between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this MOU. No person or party is authorized to make any representations or warranties except as set forth herein, and no agreement, statement, representation or promise by any Party hereto which is not contained herein shall be valid or binding. The undersigned acknowledges that she/he has not relied upon any warranties, representations, statements, or promises by any of the parties herein or any of their agents or consultants except as may be expressly set forth in this MOU. Parties further recognize that this MOU shall only be modified in writing and by the mutual agreement of the Parties.

Dated: _____

San Juan Unified School District
Melissa Bassanelli, Superintendent of Schools

Dated: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Fhanysha Gaddis, General Counsel
San Juan Unified School District

Ratified by the Board of Education
San Juan Unified School District
Date: _____

Golden Valley River School
Jennifer Hoover, Acting Executive Director
Dated: _____

Orchard School Board Report, August
By Jennifer Evans, Faculty Chair

It has been a rush to get everything ready for the start of school, and so many parents, students, and families have been so helpful here at Orchard. We welcomed four new students to the Baobab Tree class this year and they are such great kids. Their families are excited for them to begin their journey here at Golden Valley.

With all the many tasks we are each faced with, it is good to see familiar and new faces. Our colleagues are supportive, inspiring, and welcoming. Meeting our new SPED Director, RSP, teachers, and class assistants has brought hope and inspiration to so many of us. A huge thank you goes to Susan Hixson and Stephanie Lorenze for taking our first-grade class until a teacher is hired. This was no easy undertaking and Susan and Steph stepped in and helped create a wonderful, welcoming, and enriching environment for our new first graders. The Baobab Tree class is so excited to be their buddies starting this year.

Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Page have been a wonderful support team for the Baobab Tree class the past few days. Orchard faculty and staff appreciate the hard work and efforts from our Leadership team, the Central Office heroes, and our office wizards across both campuses. We see your efforts, results, and true regard for our work and appreciate all you are doing.

Thanks to Eileen for her tireless efforts over the summer with hiring the necessary employees, updating our policies to match our employee handbook, and so much more. Much appreciation goes to Mrs. Page and the PBIS team who have worked so hard to help improve our campus culture.

As we move into a new year, may you all have blessings on your day and on each other.

River School Board Report, August
By Tavia Pagan, Faculty Chair

We were blessed with a sunny, but cool morning for our Rose Ceremony on the first day of school. Many new faculty and staff members were introduced and celebrated. The 8th grade students presented not one, but two roses at a time, welcoming the first double-tracked 1st grade in many years at the River School. The matching Cottonwood Class of 2026 shirts brought a sense of unity and respect to and for our school community.

The River School faculty are looking forward to a successful year, filled with kindness and support for one another.



August 20, 2025

As the golden days of late summer begin to mellow into autumn's promise the Golden Valley staff are excited and honored to welcome our new and returning families to the start of a new school year.

The start of school is always a moment of renewal: classrooms are alive with fresh supplies and eager footsteps of future leaders, teachers are preparing rich lessons grounded in the rhythms of Waldorf education, and our campus hums with joyous anticipation. This year, we're particularly excited to begin the journey ahead with fresh energy, meaningful goals, and some wonderful changes that will further strengthen our community and enrich students' experiences.

We're thrilled to share positive developments:

- **New Faculty and Staff:** We warmly welcome new faculty members who bring a deep commitment, diverse perspectives, and a shared reverence for child development and creativity.
- **Campus Enhancements:** At our Orchard campus, the playground portables were repaired and will now house handwork and other classes.

Our calendar is already rich with community events, celebrations, and festivals that embody the spirit of Waldorf education and community. A few highlights to look forward to:

- **Back-to-School Night-** August 28th, 6-8 PM- A joyful time to gather as families and meet our teachers in a relaxed setting.
- **Chalk-it Up Festival:** A cherished tradition of the 8th-grade chalk team of artists, along with art teachers from both Orchard and River campuses.
- **Eagle Chase Fundraiser-** lace up for a fun and healthy way to raise funds for both campuses, the Orchard campus will be on October 23, and at the River campus on October 24

As Board Chair, I continue to be inspired by the strength, warmth, and dedication of our parent body, faculty, staff, and volunteers. This is a community where each person's presence matters. Your support and participation make all the difference as we strive to uphold the values that make Waldorf education so meaningful: reverence for childhood, a deep respect for the natural world, and a commitment to nurturing the whole human being— head, heart, and hands.

We are continuing 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 is interested in our schools' governance, please contact the Board at bot@gvcharter.org

We look forward to seeing many of you on campus and at upcoming events. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, ideas, or simply wish to connect. We are building something truly special together, and together we are stronger than ever.

Warmly,
Katie Gerski-Keller
Board of Trustees, Chair
Golden Valley Charter School

Board of Trustees, Vic Chair
Golden Valley Charter School

Meredith Willsen



GOLDEN VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOLS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Submitted by Jennifer Hoover, Interim EdD

August 20, 2025

K-8 Tuition-Free Public Waldorf Schools

THE CHARTER MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Golden Valley has opened the 2025–26 school year with a vibrant spirit—marked by energy, warmth, and a renewed sense of community. The air on our school sites has been filled with the excitement of new beginnings and the comfort of familiar traditions that knit us together.

We began the year by welcoming new and returning families through our Parent Orientation Nights at both River and Orchard. These evenings were more than just informational—they were opportunities to form meaningful connections, share our collective vision, and reaffirm the values that guide our work. The rooms were filled with warm conversation, thoughtful questions, and the unmistakable enthusiasm of parents eager to partner in their children’s educational journey.

Before the students arrived, our 95+ faculty and staff members came together for three days of in-service training. These sessions were intentionally designed to prepare us for a year of strong teaching and learning, grounded in both compliance and creativity. We explored:

- Data: Reviewing the performance metrics that will be key to our upcoming charter renewals.
- Compliance: Ensuring our practices align with evolving state requirements and internal policies.
- Central Office Orientation: Strengthening our understanding of operational systems and the resources available to support teachers and schools.
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL): Equipping our educators with the foundations to ensure every learner—regardless of ability, background, or learning style—can engage deeply and successfully in our classrooms. The faculty will continue with this training, coaching and feedback for the entirety of the 2025-26 school year.

Then came the first day of school, a day filled with joy and anticipation. The morning bustle of children arriving with bright eyes and backpacks seemed to bring every hallway back to life. At both River and Orchard, the Rose Ceremony served as a moving reminder of our purpose—welcoming our first graders into the Golden Valley journey with beauty, reverence, and a promise of growth. This beloved tradition not only honors our newest students but also inspires the entire community to hold their educational path with care and intention.

This school year, student attendance will be of great importance for both academic and financial reasons. Consistent attendance ensures students have the daily learning experiences they need to thrive, and it also sustains the programs, staff, and resources that make Golden Valley’s education possible. With approximately 95% of our revenue generated through attendance, everyday matters—for our students’ growth and for the health of our schools. Maintaining strong attendance is a shared responsibility between home and school, and we will continue to emphasize its importance throughout the year.

As we step into this new year, we do so with confidence in our staff, trust in our families, and unwavering commitment to our mission. Together, we will continue to offer a rich, Waldorf-inspired education that nurtures the head, heart, and hands of every child who walks through our doors.

ORCHARD – This year, our faculty and staff have begun a year-long professional development journey in Universal Design for Learning (UDL). UDL is an educational framework that helps teachers design lessons and environments that remove barriers and offer multiple ways for students to engage with content, express their understanding, and connect with their learning. Through UDL, we aim to meet each child where they are—supporting diverse learning styles, fostering inclusion, and empowering every student to succeed.

We are excited to share that the portable classrooms on the blacktop have been fully repaired, repainted, and newly carpeted. These refreshed spaces are now home to our “Specialty Island.” Cultural Studies, Spanish, and Music will share one room in the library, while the other room will serve our Handwork and Fine Arts classes. Some specialty subjects will take place on “Specialty Island,” while others will be taught in the students’ main classrooms through teacher “push-ins.” This flexible use of space allows us to maximize resources and provide a vibrant, engaging learning environment for all students.

Our new library is also coming to life, and we welcome parent volunteers to help with setup and organization so that our students can enjoy it as soon as possible.

A cherished annual tradition took place as our eighth graders welcomed our first graders to “the grades” by presenting each of them with a rose. This year, the event was held on Sycamore Hill instead of the amphitheater. The setting offered a reverent atmosphere and welcome shade, which everyone appreciated.

We are off to a great start and look forward to a year filled with learning, creativity, and community connection.

RIVER – Things are buzzing at the River campus with the start of the '25-'26 school year. There has been a plethora of positive changes and new additions to our faculty and staff over the past summer, and we are so excited to see the new River team in action. We have welcomed 3 new kindergarten teachers to help usher in a new chapter of our early childhood education program. We have added a new Resource Specialist, School Psychologist, as well as a new Director to our Special Education department. Collaboration, communication, and fidelity of service are our top priorities this year and this is just the team to do all three with dedication and excellence.

Last year, we placed a special focus on perseverance and the importance of acknowledging that *We Can Do Hard Things*. This year, our guiding theme is *Kindness is Free!* Basic human kindness can be the simplest yet most transformative gestures we can engage in our daily lives- and it costs nothing! In every classroom and across our campus, we will explore and practice the many facets of kindness—acts of deference, generosity, gratitude, compassion, inclusion, and tactful honesty. These qualities are not just “nice to have”—they are essential threads in the fabric of our community life. Just as a river nourishes all it touches, kindness flows freely when we choose to offer it.

We look forward to all the great lessons, achievements, challenges, and triumphs this year has to offer our students!



Enrollment and Attendance – Orchard					
	2025-2026	End of Year ADA	Movement	25/26 Budget Assumptions	
TK	34				
K	26				
ABK	20				
OBK	20				
MBK	20				
1	31				
2	44				
3	46				
4	28				
5	31				
6	32				
7	27				
8	21				
TK-3		94%			
4-6		94%			
7-8		97%			
Total	320	End of Year Total 93%	08/13/2025		

Enrollment and Attendance – River					
	2025-2026	End of Year ADA	Movement	25/26 Budget Assumptions	
TK	38				
K	46				
CBK	20				
LBK	20				
PBK	20				
SBK	24				
1	53				
2	32				
3	31				
4	32				
5	32				
6	32				
7	27				
8	22				
TK-3		94%			
4-6		94%			
7-8		95%			
Total	334	End of Year Total 94%	08/13/2025		

Enrollment – Open Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year has closed and the Public Lottery was held on March 12, 2025. We held Parent Information Meetings at the GV Orchard and GV River School in April.

Outreach – Up to 32 local Waldorf-inspired and play-based preschools as well as our new, incoming families for the 2025-26 school year were invited to our GV Orchard and GV River School May Festivals. GVCS will have an outreach booth set up at the Orangevale Farmer's Market to showcase our student's artwork and promote ongoing enrollment for the 2025-26 school year.

Our 2025-26 Open Enrollment period closed on February 28, 2025. All applications received during the Open Enrollment period received qualifying priorities and were included in the Public Lottery that took place Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 9:00 am at the GV River School. We will continue to accept new applications for the 2025-26 school year and make offers once a waitlist has been exhausted. New for the 2025-26 school year, children turning four years old by September 1, 2025, are eligible for Transitional Kindergarten.

New Parent Information Meetings will be held in June. Dates to be determined. We also have pre-recorded Parent Information Meetings available for prospective families.

Marketing, Communications, & Outreach

- Focus: Highlighting the daily life and vibrancy of Golden Valley Charter Schools, demonstrating an engaged and connected community.
- Actions:
 - Active social media posting with glimpses (“windows”) into school life.
 - **Chalk It Up** – August 30th: Outreach event to showcase 8th graders, Waldorf-inspired art curriculum, and our school presence within the greater community.

Communications

- **Back-to-School Nights** at each school will be all-inclusive evenings welcoming parents and caregivers.
- Objectives:
 - Meet teachers and support staff.
 - Learn how to volunteer and engage with school needs.
 - Build relationships between home and school.

Development

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

- The forecasted budget for the school year is printed on the back of AGC forms, included in newsletters, and will be reiterated at Back-to-School Nights.
- PayPal POS system is now set up to accept **Venmo** donations.
- “Earnie the Eagle” (felted mascot) begins the year in the classroom with the highest participation rate. Award for August will go to the class with the largest percentage increase in participation.

FUNDRAISING with GVEF

- **GVEF Meeting (August 12)**
 - Adam Perales nominated as Acting Board Chair.
 - Darryl Cragun stepped down as Chair but will assist with transition of accounts, backend access, and other information to support the **Eagle Chase Fundraiser** launch.
- **Next Meeting: August 26 (in person)**
- **Membership Mixer: September 3**
- During orientation events, the Foundation collected contact information from numerous parents interested in getting involved.

SCHOOL	Donors/enrollment	YDT Received	Projected AGC Receivables	Goal
GVOS	64/317	\$5,575		\$75,000.00
GVRs	89/334	\$7,705		\$75,000.00
General Donation	n/a	\$100		
TOTAL	153/651	\$13,380	\$130,000	\$150,000.00

