CHARTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE

This Performance Certificate ("Certificate") is executed on April 14, 2022, by and between the Idaho Public Charter School Commission (the "Authorizer") and Idaho STEM Academy, DBA Bingham Academy (the "Charter Holder") for the purpose of operating Idaho STEM Academy, DBA Bingham Academy (the "School"), an independent public school organized as an Idaho nonprofit corporation and established under the Public Charter Schools Act of 1998, Idaho Code section 33-5201 *et seq.*, as amended (the "Charter Schools Act").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Charter Holder is a non-profit entity incorporated with a board of directors; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2013, the Authorizer approved the Charter Holder's petition to establish a new charter school; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2017, the Authorizer conditionally renewed the School's charter for a five-year term of operations to begin July 1, 2017 and end on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2022, the Authorizer conditionally renewed the School's charter for a subsequent five-year term of operations to begin July 1, 2022 and end on June 30, 2027.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual understandings contained herein, the Authorizer and the Charter Holder agree as follows:

SECTION 1: TERMS OF AUTHORIZATION

A. **Establishment of School.** The Charter Holder is hereby authorized to implement at the School the program described in the Charter, attached to this Certificate as Appendix C and incorporated herein by this reference. Any significant changes to any section of the Charter, including the educational program, facilities plan, financial plan, or the management plan, during the School's pre-operational period or first operational term shall be treated as an amendment in accordance with the Authorizer's policy.

B. **Term of Agreement.** The School's operational term shall be from July 1, 2022 and end on June 30, 2027. Subsequent terms of operation may be issued by the Authorizer in accordance with Idaho Code and Authorizer policy.

C. **Renewal Conditions.** The School is conditionally approved to operate. Applicable conditions are attached as Appendix B and incorporated herein by this reference. If all renewal conditions have been completed to the satisfaction of the Authorizer by the stated due date, the School shall continue operations through the remainder of the current Certificate term. In the event that all renewal conditions have not been completed to the satisfaction of the Authorizer by the stated due date, the Authorizer will consider whether to exercise its authority to revoke the School's Charter at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

SECTION 2: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

A. **School Mission.** The mission of the School is as follows:
The mission of Bingham Academy (BA) is to prepare students to make intelligent and appropriate decisions about their education and future careers. Students who are motivated will be able to complete an Associate Degree by the time they graduate from high school.

B. **Grades Served.** The School may serve students in grades 9 through 12.

C. **Design Elements.** The School shall implement and maintain the following essential design elements of its educational program:
   i. The School shall provide and encourage extensive participation in Dual Enrollment coursework so that our students may earn college credits while still in high school. This shall be verified by the accreditation report.
   ii. The School shall provide and encourage extensive participation in Tech Prep coursework leading toward college credits and professional/technical careers. This shall be verified by the accreditation report.
   iii. The School shall provide and encourage extensive participation in STEM coursework approved by "the STEM academy" leading toward credits provided by their partner colleges. This shall be verified by the accreditation report.

D. **Standardized Testing.** Students of the School shall be tested with the same standardized tests as other Idaho public school students.

E. **Accreditation.** The School shall be accredited as provided by rule of the State Board of Education. The School shall be accredited or appropriately credentialed by Cognia. The School shall also maintain STEM Certification through Cognia. All reports issued to the School from the accrediting agency shall be submitted to the Authorizer within five days of receipt.

SECTION 3: SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

A. **Governing Board.** The School shall be governed by a non-profit board of directors (the "Board") incorporated by the Charter Holder. The Board shall serve as public agents authorized by the Authorizer, in a manner that is consistent with the terms of this Certificate, so long as such provisions are in accordance with state and federal laws, rules and regulations. The Board shall have final authority with respect to the School's operation, and shall have the responsibility of overseeing academic achievement, financial stability, and operational management of the School. The Charter Holder shall also be responsible for maintaining and enforcing a compliant Board and providing overall Board stewardship for the School.

B. **Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.** The articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Charter Holder shall provide for governance of the operation of the School as a nonprofit corporation and a public charter school, and shall at all times be consistent with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and this Certificate. The Charter Holder shall notify the Authorizer of any modification to the articles of incorporation or bylaws within five business days of approval by the Charter Holder.

C. **Charter Board Composition.** The composition of the Board shall at all times be determined by and consistent with the articles of incorporation and bylaws, and all applicable laws, rules,

regulations, and policies. The Charter Holder shall notify the Authorizer of any changes to its composition and provide an amended School Leadership Roster within five business days of it taking effect.

SECTION 4: AUTHORIZER ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. **Oversight Allowing Autonomy.** The Authorizer's role shall be to evaluate the School's performance outcomes according to this Certificate and the Performance Framework, and shall be to provide compliance oversight. The Authorizer shall comply with the provisions of the Charter Schools Act and the terms of this Certificate in a manner that does not unduly inhibit the autonomy of the School.

B. **Charter School Performance Framework.** The Charter School Performance Framework ("Performance Framework") is attached and incorporated into this agreement as Appendix A. The Performance Framework shall be used to annually evaluate the School's academic achievement, Board stewardship, operational management, and financial stability. The specific terms of the Performance Framework are determined by the Authorizer and shall be binding on the School.

C. **Identified Comparison Group.** For purposes of evaluating the School against the metrics and measures established in the Performance Framework, the School's comparison group shall be identified as described below and shall be established for the length of the Certificate term.

   i. The School's comparison group shall include the following schools:

      - Shelley Senior High School, #0035
      - Blackfoot High School, #0034
      - Aberdeen High School, #0036
      - Snake River High School, #0032
      - Firth High School, #0038

D. **Authorizer to Monitor School Performance.** The Authorizer shall monitor and report on the School's progress in relation to the indicators, measures, metrics, and targets set out in the Performance Framework. A formal report of the School's academic, financial, and operational performance ("Performance Report") shall be provided to the school and the public by the Authorizer annually. Data necessary to conduct this evaluation will be collected throughout the year. Additional reviews may be necessary if compliance concerns arise.

E. **School Performance.** The School shall meet standard on all measures of the Performance Framework. The Authorizer shall renew any charter in which the School met all the terms of its Certificate, including all appendices, at the time of renewal.

F. **Performance Framework as Basis for Renewal of Charter.** The School's performance in relation to the Performance Framework, as reported in the annual Performance Report issued by the Authorizer to the Charter Holder, shall provide the basis upon which the Authorizer shall decide whether to renew the School's Charter at the end of the Certificate term. The School's Performance Framework includes mission-specific measures, agreed to by the School and the Authorizer, and are incorporated in the Performance Framework.

G. **Required Reports.** The School shall prepare and submit reports as required by the Authorizer's policy.

H. **Authorizer's Right to Review.** The Authorizer maintains the right to request and review additional documentation if such becomes necessary in the course of regular oversight duties or to investigate the validity of a compliance concern. The Authorizer shall conduct its reviews in a manner that does not unduly inhibit the autonomy granted to the School.

I. **Site Visits.** The Authorizer may conduct site visits in accordance with the Authorizer's policy. Reports from any site visit shall be made available to the School and shall be included in the School's annual Performance Report.

SECTION 5: SCHOOL OPERATIONS

A. **In General.** The School and the Charter Holder shall operate at all times in accordance with all federal and state laws, rules, regulations, local ordinances, and Authorizer policies applicable to public charter schools.

B. **Maximum Enrollment.** The maximum number of students who may be enrolled in the School, across all programs, shall be 400.

C. **Equitable Enrollment Procedures.** The School shall make student recruitment, admissions, enrollment, and retention decisions in a nondiscriminatory manner and without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, marital status, religion, ancestry, disability or need for special education services. In no event may the School limit admission based on race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, gender, income level, athletic ability, or proficiency in the English language. If there are more applications to enroll in the School than there are spaces available, the School shall select students to attend using a random selection process that shall be publicly noticed and open to the public.

   i. **Calendar.** The School shall operate on a traditional nine-month calendar in which the last day of the regular term shall fall on or before June 30.

   ii. The School will offer a summer school session for the purpose of acceleration and/or credit recovery.

D. **oSchool Facilities.** The School shall operate at the following location(s): 1350 Parkway Drive, Suites 14-19, Blackfoot, ID 83221. The School shall provide the Authorizer with facilities documentation, including occupancy permits, fire marshal reports, building inspection reports, and health department reports for any facility newly occupied by the School, and any remodeling or construction project for which such documentation is necessary in accordance with Authorizer policy and in accordance with law, rule, regulations, and authorizer policy.

E. **Attendance Area.** The School's primary attendance area shall be used for the purposes of determining applicability of this enrollment preference category.

   i. The School's primary attendance area is as follows: Blackfoot, Snake River, and Firth School Districts.

F. **Staff.** Instructional staff shall be certified as provided by rule of the State Board of Education. All full-time staff members of the School shall be covered by the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho, federal social security, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation insurance, and health insurance.

G. **Alignment with All Applicable Law.** The School shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. In the event any such laws, rules, or regulations are amended,

the School shall be bound by any such amendment upon the effective date of said amendment.

SECTION 6: SCHOOL FINANCE

A. **General.** The School shall comply with all applicable financial and budget laws, rules, regulations, and financial reporting requirements, as well as the requirements contained in the School's Performance Framework.
B. **Financial Controls.** At all times, the Charter Holder shall ensure that the School maintains appropriate governance, managerial procedures, and financial controls, which shall include, but not be limited to: (1) commonly accepted accounting practices and the capacity to implement them; (2) a checking account; (3) adequate payroll procedures; (4) procedures for the creation and review of monthly and quarterly financial reports, which procedures shall specifically identify the individual who will be responsible for preparing such financial reports in the following fiscal year; (5) internal control procedures for cash receipts, cash disbursements and purchases; and (6) maintenance of asset registers and financial procedures for grants, all in accordance with state and federal laws, rules, regulations, and Authorizer policy.
C. **Financial Audit.** The School shall submit audited financial statements from an independent auditor to the Authorizer no later than November 1 of each year.
D. **Annual Budgets.** The School shall adopt a budget for each fiscal year, prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. The budget shall be in the Idaho Financial Accounting Reporting Management Systems (IFARMS) format or any other format as may be reasonably requested by the Authorizer.

SECTION 7: TERMINATION, NON-RENEWAL AND REVOCATION

A. **Relinquishment.** Should the Charter Holder choose to relinquish its Charter before the expiration of this Certificate, it may do so upon written notice to the Authorizer. In such a case, the Authorizer's closure protocol shall begin immediately following written notification.
B. **Nonrenewal.** The Authorizer may non-renew the Charter at the expiration of the Certificate if the School failed to meet one or more of the terms of its Certificate, including the Performance Framework. The Charter Holder may appeal a decision to non-renew directly to the State Board of Education.
C. **Revocation.** The School's Charter may be revoked by the Authorizer if the School has failed to meet one or more of the renewal conditions, included in Appendix B, by the stated due date. The School's Charter may be revoked as provided by Idaho Code section 33-5209C. In such an event, the Authorizer shall consider whether to revoke the School's Charter at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The decision shall be made at that time. The Charter Holder may appeal a decision to revoke directly to the State Board of Education.
D. **Closure.** The Authorizer's closure protocol shall begin immediately after a decision to relinquish is made by the Charter Holder, or a decision to revoke or non-renew or is made by the Authorizer. Closure protocol shall begin regardless of whether the Charter Holder appeals the decision. In the event that closure protocol begins, the School shall cease operations no later than the following June 30. Closure protocol shall only cease if the State Board of Education overturns the Authorizer's decision.

SECTION 8: MISCELLANEOUS

A. **No Employee or Agency Relationship.** None of the provisions of this Certificate will be construed to create a relationship of agency, representation, joint venture, partnership, ownership, or employment between the Authorizer and the School.
B. **Additional Services.** Except as may be expressly provided in this Certificate, as set forth in any subsequent written agreement between the School and the Authorizer, or as may be required by law, neither the School nor the Authorizer shall be entitled to the use of or access to the services, supplies, or facilities of the other.
C. **No Third-Party Beneficiary.** This Certificate shall not create any rights in any third parties, nor shall any third party be entitled to enforce any rights or obligations that may be possessed by either party to this Certificate.
D. **Amendment.** This Certificate may be amended by agreement between the School and the Authorizer in accordance with Authorizer policy. All amendments must be in writing and signed by the School and the Authorizer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Authorizer and the Charter Holder have executed this Performance Certificate to be effective April 14, 2022.

Alan L Reed
Alan L Reed (Apr 21, 2022 15:49 MDT)

Apr 21, 2022

Chairman
Idaho Public Charter School Commission

Larry D Cravens (Apr 21, 2022 13:50 MDT)

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Appendix A: Performance Framework

Appendix B: Conditions

Appendix C: Charter

Appendix A: Performance Framework

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ACADEMIC MEASURES

All School Measures

1. Math Proficiency
2. ELA Proficiency
3. College and Career Readiness

1. MATH PROFICIENCY

Proficiency Rate: The PCSC will use the proficiency rates as determined by the Idaho Accountability Framework and reported via the Idaho Report Card.

Math and ELA Proficiency Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school's proficiency rate is greater than one standard deviation above the mean of the identified comparison group, or the school's proficiency average is in 90th percentile of all Idaho schools.
Meets Standard	**The school's proficiency rate is equal to the mean or falls between the mean and one standard deviation above the mean of the identified comparison group.**
Approaches Standard	The school's proficiency rate falls between the mean and one standard deviation below the mean of the identified comparison group.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school's proficiency rate is more than one standard deviation below the mean of the identified comparison group, OR the school has been identified for comprehensive or targeted support for three consecutive years as per the Idaho Consolidated Plan.

2. ELA PROFICIENCY

Proficiency Rate: The PCSC will use the proficiency rates as determined by the Idaho Accountability Framework and reported via the Idaho Report Card.

Math and ELA Proficiency Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school's proficiency rate is greater than one standard deviation above the mean of the identified comparison group, or the school's proficiency average is in 90th percentile of all Idaho schools.
Meets Standard	**The school's proficiency rate is equal to the mean or falls between the mean and one standard deviation above the mean of the identified comparison group.**
Approaches Standard	The school's proficiency rate falls between the mean and one standard deviation below the mean of the identified comparison group.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school's proficiency rate is more than one standard deviation below the mean of the identified comparison group, OR the school has been identified for comprehensive or targeted support for three consecutive years as per the Idaho Consolidated Plan.

5. COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR): Alternative schools will be evaluated based on their 5-Year ACGR. All other schools will be evaluated based on their 4-Year ACGR.

Graduation Rate: The PCSC will use either the 4-Year ACGR or the 5-Year ACGR as determined by the Idaho Accountability Framework and reported via the Idaho Report Card.

C&C Readiness Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school's 4-Year or 5-Year ACGR is greater than one standard deviation above the identified comparison group, OR the school's ACGR is 90%.
Meets Standard	**The school's 4-Year or 5-Year ACGR is equal to the mean or falls between the mean and one standard deviation above the mean of the identified comparison group.**
Approaches Standard	The school's 4-Year or 5-Year ACGR falls between the mean and one standard deviation below the mean of the identified comparison group.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school's 4-Year or 5-Year ACGR is more than one standard deviation below the identified comparison group.

OPERATIONAL MEASURES

BOARD STEWARDSHIP

1. Governance Structure
2. Governance Oversight
3. Governance Compliance

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

4. Student Services
5. Data Security and Information Transparency
6. Facility and Services
7. Operational Compliance

BOARD GOVERNANCE

1. Governance Structure Rubric

Data Sources: Board bylaws, articles of incorporation, and any courtesy letters or notifications issued to the school by entities responsible for oversight or enforcement.

Governance Structure Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for 3 or more consecutive years.
Meets Standard	**Board Bylaws are compliant with ID law. Articles of Incorporation are current.** **No investigations were conducted into either ethical behavior or conflict of interest regarding any board director.** **The board did not experience an Open Meeting Law violation that needed to be cured this year.**
Approaches Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was taken within 30 days.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was not taken within 30 days.

2. Governance Oversight Rubric

Data Sources: Board meeting minutes, school policies, continuous improvement plan (or other strategic planning evidence if submitted by the school), and verification of submission of annual administrator evaluation.

Governance Oversight Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for 3 or more consecutive years.
Meets Standard	**The board reviews academic data in a timely and thorough manner. The board reviews financial reports in a timely and thorough manner. The board maintains compliant policies.** **The board engages in strategic planning.** **The board conducts a compliant annual evaluation of their school leader and/or management organization.**
Approaches Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was taken within 30 days.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was not taken within 30 days.

3. Governance Compliance Rubric

Data Sources: If applicable, courtesy letters/notifications of concerns, investigation, or findings issued to the school by entities responsible for oversight or enforcement, and any documentation of correction provided by the school.

Governance Compliance Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for 3 or more consecutive years.
Meets Standard	**The IPCSC did not issue any courtesy letters or notify an external investigative body of compliance concerns this year.**
Approaches Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was taken within 30 days.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was not taken within 30 days.

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

4. Student Services Rubric

Data Sources: If applicable, any notifications or courtesy letters issued by the SDE or SBOE which required corrective action with regard to the school's ELL, SPED, or College and Career Readiness programs, as well as any documentation submitted by the school evidencing correction.

Student Services Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for 3 or more consecutive years.
Meets Standard	**The school's English Language Learner program is in good standing.** **Special Education program and federal programs are in good standing; and** **The school's college and career readiness program is in good standing.**
Approaches Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was taken within 30 days.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was not taken within 30 days.

5. Data Security and Information Transparency Rubric

Data Sources: periodic desk audit of school website, and any formal notifications regarding data security or public records compliance.

Data Security and Information Transparency Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for 3 or more consecutive years.
Meets Standard	**The school's website is compliant with I.C. 33-133(7) (data collection, access, and security policy); I.C. 33-320 (continuous improvement plan); and I.C. 33-357 (expenditures updated monthly, contracts, performance reports, and annual budgets). The school did not experience any issues involving data security this year. The school did not experience any compliance issue regarding public records requests this year.**
Approaches Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was taken within 30 days.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was not taken within 30 days.

6. Facility and Services Rubric

Data Sources: Verification of meal service program and transportation services via public documents and/or school website, and any notifications of concerns regarding occupancy or safety issued to the school by entities responsible for oversight or enforcement.

Facility and Building Services Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for 3 or more consecutive years.
Meets Standard	**The school's occupancy certificate is current. The school maintains current safety inspections and drills. The school provides daily transportation to students in compliance with Idaho Code. The school provides a compliant lunch program.**
Approaches Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was taken within 30 days.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was not taken within 30 days.

7. Operational Compliance Rubric

Data Sources: Periodic observation of enrollment lottery, and if applicable, any corrective action plans issued by the SDE not related to special education, ELL, or college and career readiness (as these are captured elsewhere), or formal notification of late reports or enrollment violations.

Operational Compliance Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for 3 or more consecutive years.
Meets Standard	**Required reports are submitted accurately and on time. The school maintains a compliant enrollment process. No correct action plans were issued by the SDE this year.**
Approaches Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was taken within 30 days.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school was informed of or became aware of non-compliance and action to correct the issue was not taken within 30 days.

FINANCIAL MEASURES

NEAR TERM HEALTH

1. Current Ratio
2. Unrestricted Days Cash
3. Default
4. Enrollment Variance

SUSTAINABLE HEALTH

5. Total Margin and 3Yr Aggregated Total Margin
6. Cash Flow and Multi-Year Cash Flow
7. Debt Service Coverage Ratio
8. Debt to Asset Ratio
9. Financial Compliance Rubric

NEAR-TERM HEALTH

1. Current Ratio

Calculation: Current Assets divided by Current Liabilities

Data Source: Annual Fiscal Audit Report

Current Ratio Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school has a current ratio of more than 1.5
Meets Standard	**The school has a current ratio of at least 1.1 (or between 1.0 and 1.1 with a 1-year positive trend)**
Approaches Standard	The school has a current ratio of between .9 and 1.0 (or between 1.0 and 1.1 with a 1-year negative trend)
Does Not Meet Standard	The school has a current ratio of .9 or less.

2. Unrestricted Days Cash

Calculation: Unrestricted Cash and investments divided by ((Total Expenses minus Depreciation Expense) / 365)

Data Source: Annual Fiscal Audit Report

Unrestricted Days Cash Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school has more than 60 days cash on hand
Meets Standard	**The school has 60 days cash OR between 30- and 60-days cash and one-year trend is positive. Note: Schools in their first or second year of operation must have a minimum of 30 days cash.**
Approaches Standard	The school has between 15-30 days cash OR between 30-60 days cash, but one-year trend is negative.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school has fewer than 15 days cash on hand.

3. Default

Calculation: No calculation.

Data Source: Annual Fiscal Audit Report, Terms of Debt, Other Formal Notifications Received by School.

Default Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for at least 3 consecutive years.
Meets Standard	**The school is not in default of any financial obligations and did not experience any instances of default during the fiscal year. Financial obligations include, but are not limited to, making payments to vendors and utility services on time, complying with all loan covenants, filing any reports required for maintenance of grants or philanthropic funds, meeting all tax obligations, and operating without financial judgements or property liens.**
Approaches Standard	The school experienced one or more instances of minor default during the fiscal year (such as making late payments); however, the school is not currently in default of any financial obligations.
Does Not Meet Standard	School is currently in default of financial obligations.

4. Enrollment Variance

Calculation: Actual enrollment as of the first Friday in November (drawn from ISEE) divided by enrollment projections (as submitted directly to the IPCSC in July).

Data Source: ISEE and direct school report

Enrollment Variance Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for at least 3 consecutive years.
Meets Standard	**Enrollment variance is equal to or greater than 95%.**
Approaches Standard	Enrollment variance was between 90% and 95%, OR the enrollment variance was less than 90% and the school provided a mid-year amended budget evidencing at least a break-even budget based on mid-term enrollment and any resulting revenue adjustments.
Does Not Meet Standard	Enrollment variance was less than 90% and the school did not provide evidence of mid-year budget amendments or operational changes evidencing at least a break-even budget based on mid-term enrollment and any resulting revenue adjustments.

SUSTAINABLE HEALTH

5. Total Margin and 3Yr Aggregated Total Margin

Calculation:

Most Recent Year Total Margin: 2019 Net Income divided by 2019 Total Revenue.

3-Year Aggregated Total Margin: (2019 Net Income +2018 Net Income +2017 Net Income) divided by (2019 Total Revenue +2018 Total Revenue +2017 Total Revenue)

Data Source: Annual Fiscal Audit Report

Total Margin and 3-Yr Aggregated Total Margin	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for 3 or more consecutive years.
Meets Standard	**Aggregated 3-year Total Margin is positive and the most recent year Total Margin is positive OR Aggregated 3-Year Total Margin is greater than -1.5 percent, the trend is positive for the last two years, and the most recent year Total Margin is positive. Note: For schools in their first or second year of operation, the cumulative Total Margin must be positive.**
Approaches Standard	Aggregated 3-Year Total Margin is greater than -1.5 percent, but trend does not "Meet Standard".
Does Not Meet Standard	Aggregated 3-Year Total Margin is less than or equal to -1.5 percent OR the most recent year Total Margin is less than -10 percent.

6. Cash Flow and Multi-Year Cash Flow

Calculation (example years are included as reference):

Most Recent Year Cash Flow: 2020 Cash and Investments minus 2019 Cash and Investments Previous Year Cash Flow: 2019 Cash and Investments minus 2018 Cash and Investments Multi-Year Cash Flow: 2020 Cash and Investments minus 2018 Cash and Investments

Data Source: Annual Fiscal Audit Report

Cash Flow and Multi-Year Cash Flow	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for 3 or more consecutive years.
Meets Standard	**Multi-Year Cumulative Cash Flow is positive, and Cash Flow is positive in the most recent year is positive, OR Multi-Year Cumulative Cash Flow is negative, but documentation identifies this as a result of a one-time, planned purchase (such as a facility remodel).** **Note: Schools in their first or second year of operation must have positive cash flow.**
Approaches Standard	Multi-Year Cumulative Cash Flow is positive, but Cash Flow is negative in the most recent year.
Does Not Meet Standard	Multi-Year Cumulative Cash Flow is negative, and no documentation identifies this as a result of a one-time, planned purchase.

7. Debt Service Coverage Ratio

Calculation:

If school owns its facility or if the school leases its facility and the lease is capitalized: (Net Income + Depreciation Expense + Interest Expense) divided by (Principal + Interest + Lease Payments)

If school leases its facility and the lease is not capitalized: (Facility Lease Payments + Net Income + Depreciation Expense + Interest Expense) divided by (Principal + Interest + Lease Payments)

Data Source: Annual Fiscal Audit Report

Debt Service Coverage Ratio Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school's debt service coverage ratio is 1.5 or greater OR the school operates debt-free.
Meets Standard	**Debt Service Coverage Ratio is between 1.1 and 1.49**
Approaches Standard	The school's debt service coverage ratio is between .9 and 1.09
Does Not Meet Standard	Debt Service Coverage Ratio is less than .9

8. Debt to Asset Ratio

Calculation: Total Liabilities divided by Total Assets

Data Source: Annual Fiscal Audit Report

Debt to Asset Ratio	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for 3 consecutive years, OR the school operates debt-free.
Meets Standard	**The school's Debt to Asset Ratio is less than 0.9**
Approaches Standard	The school's Debt to Asset Ratio is between 0.9. and 1.0
Does Not Meet Standard	The school's Debt to Asset Ratio is greater than 1.0

9. Financial Compliance Rubric

Calculation: Total Liabilities divided by Total Assets

Data Source: Annual Fiscal Audit Report, Desk Audit of Policies, Other Formal Notifications Received by School

Financial Compliance Rubric	
Exceeds Standard	The school has met standard for 3 or more consecutive years.
Meets Standard	**Accounting Practices: finances are managed in compliance with GAAP. Financial Transparency: expenditures and contracts are posted on the school's site. Internal Controls: the school's internal controls are compliant.**
Approaches Standard	The school was informed of non-compliance with accounting practices, financial transparency, or internal controls, and prompt action to correct is in evidence.
Does Not Meet Standard	The school is operating under a notification of fiscal concern or a notification of possible or imminent closure OR the school was informed of non-compliance with accounting practices, financial transparency, or internal controls and the issues were not corrected within 30 days.

Appendix B: Conditions

Appendix B: Conditions of Renewal

1. Condition 1: Bingham Academy must have a positive year-end fund balance at the end of each fiscal year of the renewed performance certificate term. This condition is based on Bingham Academy meeting and maintaining the fund balance necessary for removal of the Notification of Fiscal Concern under which it currently operates. This condition will be evaluated on November 1st of each year of the renewed term and will be based on the financial data reported in Bingham Academy's independent financial audit report submitted annually to the Commission.

2. Condition 2: Bingham Academy must either have a minimum of sixty (60) days of cash on hand or between thirty (30) and sixty (60) days cash on hand with a positive one-year trend at the end of each fiscal year of the renewed performance certificate term. This condition is based on Bingham Academy meeting and maintaining the number of days' cash on hand necessary for removal of the Notification of Fiscal Concern under which the school currently operates. This condition will be evaluated on November 1st of each year of the renewed term using the calculation identified in the "cash on hand" measure of the Commission's performance framework, and will be based on the financial data reported in Bingham Academy's independent financial audit report submitted annually to the Commission.

Appendix C: Charter

To Begin 2013-2014

Bingham Academy

Available to all Idaho students with a primary attendance area consisting of Blackfoot, Snake River and Firth School Districts

Presented to

Idaho Public Charter School Commission

December 31, 2012
[this revision received by the PCSC via e-mail on 3-25-13]

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION/DBA

See Appendix A.

BYLAWS

Bylaws Idaho STEM Academy, Inc. doing business as Bingham Academy, an Idaho Non-profit Corporation and Public Charter School

ARTICLE 1
OFFICES

Section 1.1 Offices

The Corporation's principle office shall be fixed and located in the County of Bingham, State of Idaho as the Board of Directors ("Board") shall determine. The Board is granted full power and authority to change the principle office from one location to another within the County of Bingham, State of Idaho.

ARTICLE 2
PURPOSE

Section 2.1 Purpose

The Corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provisions of any future Federal income tax code.
Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws to the contrary, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted of:

(a) a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 50l(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future Federal income tax code, or
(b) A corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provisions of any future Federal income tax code.

ARTICLE 3
NO MEMBERS

Section 3.1 No Members

The Corporation shall have no members. Any action which would otherwise by law require approval by a majority of all members or approval by the members shall require only approval of the Board. All rights, which would otherwise by law vest in the members, shall vest in the Board.

ARTICLE 4
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4.1 Board of Directors

The number of Directors constituting the Board of the Corporation shall be five to seven (5 - 7) Directors. The function of the Board can be described as fiscal management, policy making, advising and evaluating. The Board shall have the further duty of directing the financial means by which the educational program is conducted. It shall also ensure that the community be informed of the needs, purposes, values and status of the charter school.

Section 4.2 Powers of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors, as a board, shall have the full power and duty to manage and oversee the operation of the Corporation's business and to pledge the credit, assets and property of said Corporation when necessary to facilitate the efficient operation thereof. Authority is given to the Board of Directors by the State of Idaho as provided in the "Public Charter Schools Act of 1998." (I.C. 33-5201).

Section 4.3 Election of Directors

(a) Upon charter authorization, the founding board will transition to a governing board. A general meeting of founders and current stakeholders will be convened within 10 working days of official authorization date wherein those present will nominate and elect officers as outlined in Section 6.1 of the Bylaws. A founder is defined as any person, including employees or staff of a public charter school, who makes a material contribution to the establishment of the school. The criteria for determining what constitutes a material contribution shall be established by the Board of Directors and in accordance with I.C. 33-5202A. Founders must be designated within 180 calendar days after the date that instruction first begins at the charter school. Founders are recognized by de facto involvement as defined herein. Additional Directors, that is, more that the initial 5 may be added, but not to exceed 7, at the discretion of the current Directors, as established with a two-thirds majority vote.

(b) After the initial year of operation, Directors shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.3 (c).

(c) After the initial year of operation, Directors will be elected to fill vacancies on the Board by the process outlined below:

i. All Board of Directors applicants will be required to submit a letter of interest and resume.

ii. Board of Directors applicants will be required to go through a screening process, overseen by the Board of Directors or a committee consisting of staff members, parents, and members of the Board of Directors.
iii. This screening committee will then nominate to the School Board of Directors, candidates for each open position.
iv. No more than three candidates per position shall be nominated.
v. Stakeholders of the school will then be asked to vote on the candidates. A stakeholder of the school is defined as one or more of the following; a parent of a child attending the school; a legal guardian of a child attending the school; staff members or employees of Bingham Academy; Bingham Academy board members and founders of the charter school that signed the charter petition. Each parent or guardian may vote, but no more than 1 vote will be allowed per family.
vi. Bingham Academy Board of Directors will ensure all ballots are counted in a fair and impartial manner, by a neutral 3rd party.
vii. The time, date and location of all elections will be advertised by Bingham Academy using, but not limited to, the following methods; newspaper articles, public service announcements in newspapers, and notification sent home with students.
viii. Voting on board member elections can be done in person or via absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. of the day on which the board will receive the tabulated voting results from the third party counters. Absentee ballots are valid only if person is named on the Stakeholder list. The stakeholder list consists of; parents of students attending the school, staff members or employees of Bingham Academy, board members and founders of the school that signed the charter petition. The cut-off for being listed as a stakeholder is the final day of school each year. Parents of newly enrolled students are eligible to vote; parents of students who have exited the school will not vote.

Section 4.4 Terms

(a) Directors shall be elected or appointed to a two (2) year term of office. However, during the initial year of operation, one Director shall be selected by the founders of the charter school for a term of only one (1) year; two Directors will be appointed for a term of two (2) years and two Directors will be appointed for a term of three (3) years.
(b) Each Director shall serve until the stakeholders at the annual meeting of the Corporation duly elect his/her successor.

Initial Terms

Directors elected or appointed in the first year of incorporation shall serve terms as follows:

(Seat One) - 1 year
(Seat Two) - 2 years
(Seat Three) - 2 years
(Seat Four) - 3 years
(Seat Five) - 3 years

Section 4.5 Resignation and Removal

Subject to the provisions of Section 30-3-69 of the Idaho Nonprofit Public Corporation Act, any Director may resign effective upon giving written notice to the Chairman of the Board, or the Secretary of the Board, unless the notice specifies a later effective time. If the resignation is effective at a future time, a successor may be selected before such time, to take office when the resignation becomes effective. A Director may be removed without cause by a majority of the Directors then in office.

Section 4.6 Vacancies

(a) A Board vacancy or vacancies shall be deemed to exist if any Director dies, resigns, or is removed, or if the authorized number of Directors is increased.

(b) The Board may declare vacant the office of any director who has been convicted of a felony, or has been found to have breached any duty arising under Article 30-3-85 of the Idaho Nonprofit Public Corporation Act or to be of unsound mind, by any court of competent jurisdiction, has failed to attend three (3) consecutive meetings during any fiscal year, or has failed to attend four (4) or more meetings of the Board in any calendar year.

(c) Removal of a Director for one or more of the reasons listed in Section 4.6(b) above may be initiated by any member of the Board or by petition signed by at least 20 Stakeholders. To consider a Section 4.6(b) vote for removal, the Board shall hold a public meeting within ten (10) school attendance days of receiving such a request or at the next scheduled monthly board meeting during the summer. Such a meeting shall be conducted with regard for the reasonable due process rights of all parties and in public, except where either the Board or the Director whose removal is sought requests a closed session. Where a closed session is held, the final action of the Board shall be taken in public.

(d) A vacancy on the Board may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, although less than a quorum. Resumes of potential directors will be solicited from the stakeholders and the community. Each Director so elected shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Corporation.

(e) No reduction of the authorized number of Directors shall have the effect of removing any Director prior to the expiration of the Director's term of office.

Section 4.7 Compensation of Directors

Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services; however, the Board may approve the reimbursement of a Director's actual and necessary expenses incurred in the conduct of the Corporation's business. The Corporation shall carry liability insurance covering the Corporation's business.

Section 4.8 Employees

The Board shall have the power to hire employees of the Corporation whose duties shall be specified by the Board.

Section 4.9 Voting

No proxy voting on the Board may occur. Tie votes will be broken by the Chairman of the Board.

Section 4.10 Quorum

A quorum consisting of a majority or more of the then current Directors must be assembled to vote and conduct business. The board may not continue to transact business or vote if a quorum is not present.

Section 4.11 Rights of Inspection

Every Director has the right to inspect and copy all books, records and documents of every kind and to inspect the physical properties of the Corporation provided such inspection is conducted at a reasonable time after reasonable notice, and provided that such right of inspection and copying is subject to the Corporation's obligations to maintain the confidentiality of certain books, records and documents under any applicable federal, state or local law.

ARTICLE 5
BOARD MEETINGS

Section 5.1 Place of Meeting

The place of all meetings of the Directors shall be permanently established after a building is constructed. Until that time, all meetings will be conducted in the library of the Blackfoot Charter Community Learning Center, 2801 Hunters Loop, Blackfoot, Idaho, or at such other place as shall be determined from time to time by the Board; and the place at which such meetings shall be held shall be stated in the notice and call of meeting. No change in the place of meeting shall be made within three (3) days before the day on which an election of directors is to be held.

Section 5.2 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Directors of the Corporation for the election of Directors and Officers to succeed those whose terms expire and for the transaction of other business as may properly come before the meeting, shall be held each year during the first full week of June, at the principle office of the Corporation in the County of Bingham, Idaho. If the annual meeting of the Directors be not held as herein prescribed, the election of Directors and Officers will be held as soon as possible thereafter, pursuant to these Bylaws.

Section 5.3 Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings of the Directors of the Corporation will be scheduled for the second Thursday of each month. This may change if a Director sees the need to have a different meeting time during the month.

Section 5.4 Notice of Meeting

Notice of the date, time and place of any meeting of the Board shall be in accordance with Idaho Open Meeting Law. Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting of the Directors or of any monthly meetings of the Directors shall be posted in accordance with section 67-2343 Idaho Open meeting Law at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting and an agenda notice posted 48-hours prior to the meeting.

Section 5.5 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be in accordance with Idaho Open Meeting Law and may be held at any time on a call issued by two or more members of the Board of Directors. Any special meeting of the Board shall be given at least 24 hours' notice for the meeting and agenda previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail, facsimile, or electronic mail to each Director and posted publicly in two locations.

Section 5.6 Attendance

Each member of the Board is expected to diligently and responsibly execute his duties and responsibilities. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings during any fiscal year of the Board, or four absences in one year shall be, at the discretion of the Board, grounds for removal with cause.

Section 5.7 Robert's Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order will be used by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.8 Order of Business

At the meetings of the Board of Directors, the order of business shall be as follows:

(a) Call meeting to order.
(b) Proof of notice of meeting and determination of quorum.
(c) Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
(d) Reports of officers and Directors.
(e) Reports of committees.
(f) Unfinished business.

(g) New business.
(h) Public input.
(i) Executive session (if needed)
(j) **Adjournment.**

ARTICLE 6
OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 6.1 Officers

The Officers of the Corporation shall be Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, except that neither the Secretary nor the Treasurer may serve concurrently as the Chairman of the Board. Officers of the Corporation shall also be Directors of the Corporation. The Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the Board each year at the annual meeting and serve a one (1) year term. If mid-term officer elections become necessary, the same process will be followed.

Section 6.2 Chairman of the Board

The Chairman of the Board has general supervision, direction and control of the business of the Corporation. The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The Chairman of the Board has the general management powers and duties usually vested in the office of President and General Manager of a corporation as well as such other powers and duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board.

Section 6.3 Vice Chairman

In the absence or disability of the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman will perform all the duties of the Chairman of the Board and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the Chairman of the Board. The Vice Chairman shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe from time to time.

Section 6.4 Secretary

(a) The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at the principle office or such other place as the Board may order, a book of minutes of all meetings of the Board and its committees, including the following information for all such meetings: the time and place of holding; whether regular or special; if special, how authorized; the notice thereof given; the names of those present and absent, and the proceedings thereof. The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, at the principle office in the State of Idaho the original or a copy of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as amended to date, and a register showing the names of all Directors and their respective addresses.
(b) The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Board and any committees thereof required by these Bylaws or by law to be given, and shall

distribute the minutes of meetings of the Board to all its members promptly after the meetings; shall see that all reports, statements and other documents required by law are properly kept or filed, except to the extent the same are to be kept or filed by the Treasurer; and shall have such other powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board.

Section 6.5 Treasurer

(a) The Treasurer of the Corporation shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Corporation, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements. The books of account shall at all times be open to inspection by any Board member. The school secretary may serve as Treasurer.

(b) The Treasurer shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, all money and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Corporation with such depositories as may be designated from time to time by the Board. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board, and shall render to the Board, upon request, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall present an operating statement and report, since the last preceding regular Board meeting, to the Board at all regular meetings. The Treasurer shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board

Section 6.6 Removal

Any Officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by a majority of the Directors then in office.

Section 6.7 Vacancies

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in these Bylaws for regular election or appointment to such office, provided that such vacancies shall be filled as they occur and not on an annual basis. Any office filled in such manner will serve the remainder of the existing term.

ARTICLE 7
DEPOSITORIES AND CONTRACTS

Section 7.1 Depositories

All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited in the name of the Corporation in such bank, banks, or other financial institutions the Board of Directors may from time to time designate. Those funds shall be drawn on checks, drafts, or other orders signed by individuals designated by the Board. The board must adopt policies for the signing of checks, drafts, or orders to ensure

appropriate control over the expenditure of corporate funds and those policies must be included in the Board's Policy Handbook. Under no circumstances is any person authorized to sign checks, draft, or other orders drawn on a financial institution of the Corporation if that person is not covered by the Corporation's errors and omissions policy or directions and officers liability policy.

Section 7.2 Contracts

The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, is authorized to execute any contract which has been previously approved or has been budgeted by the Board. No member of the board is authorized to bind the corporation by any contract, agreement, understanding, obligation, instrument, or by any other means, in any manner, inconsistent with the will of the Board.

ARTICLE 8
FISCAL AFFAIRS

Section 8.1 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be from July 1st to June 30th.

ARTICLE 9
NOTICES

Section 9.1 Manner of Giving Notice

Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting of the Directors or of any monthly meetings of the Directors shall be given in accordance with section 67-2343 Idaho Open Meeting Law.

Section 9.2 Waiver

A waiver of any notice in writing, signed by a Director or Officer, whether before or after the time stated in said waiver for holding a meeting, or presence at any such meeting, shall be deemed equivalent to a notice required to be given to any Director, or individual.

ARTICLE 10
DISSOLUTION

Section 10.1 Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed to creditors pursuant to Sections 30-3-114 and 30-3-115 of the Idaho Code. All remaining assets will be distributed to the authorizing chartering entity.

ARTICLE 11
AMENDMENTS

Section 11.1 Bylaws

New Bylaws may be adopted or these Bylaws may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Board and contingent on the approval of the chartering entity, provided that notice of the proposed amendments have been published to the members of the Board at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Whenever any amendment or new Bylaws are adopted, copies shall be placed in the Book of Bylaws with the original Bylaws, and immediately after them, and shall not take effect until so copied. If any Bylaws are repealed, the fact of repeal with the date of the meeting at which the repeal was enacted must be stated in the book and until so stated, the repeal must not take effect. Whenever any provision of the Bylaws is either amended or repealed, a marginal note shall be made thereon indicating the place or page where the amendment or repeal may be found. Amendments made to the bylaws must be approved by the authorized chartering entity before they take effect.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

See Appendix B

SIGNATURES OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS

See Appendix C

PROOF OF ATTENDANCE AT CHARTER START 101

See Appendix D

IRS 501(c)(3) DESIGNATION

See Appendix E

Mission Statement

The mission of Bingham Academy (BA) is to prepare students to make intelligent and appropriate decisions about their education and future careers. Students who are motivated will be able to complete an Associate Degree by the time they graduate from high school.

Vision Statement

Bingham Academy will emphasize opportunities for high school students to earn both secondary and postsecondary credit during their high school years. Whether they choose a traditional university, a professional-technical school, or other specialized postsecondary training, the focus will be to maximize each individual's high school experience toward postsecondary education.

Each student will come to understand that high school is a preliminary step and that postsecondary education is essential to career success. Bingham Academy will provide a safe and supportive environment where each student can optimize learning.

TAB 2: PROPOSED OPERATION AND POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF THE PUPLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Bingham Academy will serve the community and students by offering an educational choice currently not available. There are over 400 charter school students in grades K-8. A great many of the charter parents see a powerful need for and want a choice beyond eighth grade. Other community members also support the need for charter education as evidenced by the fact that only 31% of the students in the community's current charter middle school (grades 6-8) were students in the charter elementary school.

All students will participate in a common core of learning that will fulfill the school's goal to produce students who possess the academic skills and personal habits needed for success in the 21st century. Bingham Academy will remain aligned with the goals and objectives of the Idaho Thoroughness Standards. When possible, Bingham Academy's emphasis on postsecondary credit will carry into every aspect of its curricular program.

Bingham Academy will offer a unique opportunity for students to maximize postsecondary credit opportunities. The school will establish and nurture relationships with colleges and universities to enhance dual and online enrollment opportunities. Trained facilitators will guide and monitor students as they pursue postsecondary credit. Direct communication between Bingham Academy facilitators and the postsecondary institutions will help create an atmosphere where students are highly likely to succeed.

Bingham Academy instructional methodology hosts three types of learning environments: 1) classrooms similar to traditional high school classes, taught by highly qualified teachers. 2) Dual enrollment classrooms where the teacher is both a highly qualified secondary teacher and an adjunct university faculty; credit is awarded for both high school and college simultaneously. 3) Computer labs with full-time facilitators where students schedule individual online college courses based on their interests and ability.

Physical Facilities

Bingham Academy recognizes the need to provide adequate and safe facilities without burdensome fiscal commitments. Bingham Academy has developed three options to meet its initial facility needs.

Primary Facility Plan

The primary facility plan option consists of purchasing modular insulated panel units from Diverse Services Group (DSG) on a seven year contract. Total cost is listed in Appendix F. These units can be converted into the Bingham Academy permanent building. The initial units to operate the school for the first year consists of 6 classroom units, each 28'x 32'; 1 administrative unit, 10'x 30'and 1 bath unit, 12'x30' (boys and girls unit). Additional units will be added until the school population reaches a total of 400 students.

These modular units will be located on property leased from the Idaho Science and Technology Charter School. A Letter of Intent from ISTCS is included in Appendix F. This location includes the infrastructure plus access to the ISTCS music room, outdoor fields, and other ISTCS facilities. This lease includes grounds maintenance and snow removal as listed in the Letter of Intent. Set up costs, as detailed in the budget, include building, sewer and electrical permits. The vendor will ensure that all modular units meet all local and state regulations for schools. A visual of the proposed site is found in Appendix G.

Secondary Facility Plan

Bingham Academy's secondary facilities plan includes two elements: 1) leasing modular classrooms and offices from Design Space Modular Buildings; 2) leasing land from Mr. Warren A. Hahne. Design Space Modular Buildings, Boise Idaho, has provided an estimate of costs to lease, transport, and set-up a minimum of five modular classrooms (three are double classrooms in one unit) on a year-to-year lease basis. Appendix H contains the Design Space estimates.

A letter of intent to lease land from Mr. Hahne is included in Appendix H. The Set up costs include building, sewer and electrical permits. The vendor would ensure that all modular units meet all local and state permits, regulations and inspection for schools.

Based on the estimates provided by the vendors, Option 2 would cost $2,935.00 more than Option 1 for the initial year. In the event that BA's enrollment grows beyond the anticipated 100, the Best Case budget projections include additional facility costs. Facility costs for the worst case scenario remain the same as the most likely case.

Tertiary Facility Plan

Appendix I contains a Letter of Intent from the Woodbury Corporation for Bingham Academy to lease 16,000 square feet in the Riverside Plaza. This space formerly housed Bradbury College Outreach classrooms, the Blackfoot Book Store, and the Twin Theatre. It would provide space for 9 classrooms, offices, restrooms, a small auditorium, and a small gymnasium. A copy of the existing floor plan is included in Appendix I, as well as a visual of the mall.

Randy Woodbury (CEO and Owner) has been involved with retrofitting other similar facilities for Charter School use. He understands how charter school are funded and has indicated that if BA moves ahead with this option, they will structure a flexible lease payment plan tied directly to student enrollment numbers.

Prior to the start of school, facilities will be inspected to ensure compliance with Section 39-4130, Idaho Code and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Attendance Area

The primary attendance area includes Blackfoot, Snake River, and Firth School Districts. A map of the attendance area is documented in Appendix J. These students will be given priority as designated in Idaho Code Section 33-5205(3) (j), however, students from other areas may be

enrolled. Interest has been expressed by residents in all of these areas. A survey of area families indicates there is sufficient interest to meet the initial enrollment levels. See Appendix K. Bingham Academy will endeavor to maintain small class sizes, with no more than 30 students per class.

Potential Impact on the School Districts

BA's potential impact on surrounding school districts uses the survey of area families (Appendix K) to calculate that 60% of BA's first year enrollment is projected to come from current Idaho Science and Technology Charter School students; consequently these students do not represent an enrollment decrease to surrounding school districts. The remaining 40% (or 40 students) are projected as follows: 72.5% (29) from Blackfoot School District; 22.5% (9) from Snake River School District; 5% (2) from Firth School District.

At capacity, the total enrollment cap for Bingham Academy is 400 students with a cap of 100 students/grade level. It is recognized that few older students would be attracted to the school for the first years; consequently, the initial year budget is projected on a student population of approximately 100 students in grades 9 and 10. Once again, based on the most current Survey of Attendance Area Families (Appendix K) BA's first year enrollment is projected to be 60% ninth grade and 40% tenth grade. Grade 11 will be added the next year, followed by grade 12 the succeeding year.

Currently there are approximately 2,121 students in grades 9-12 within the Bingham Academy primary attendance area. When filled to capacity, Bingham Academy's goal is to enroll approximately 20% of this population.

Bingham Academy will benefit students, families and the community. Student benefits are smaller classroom size, more diverse educational opportunities, and increased innovation in teaching and greater accountability for the school to retain them. Family benefits are increased parent involvement in the education of their student, higher potential their student will graduate from high school and attend post-secondary institutions and school choice. Community benefits of Bingham Academy include the ability of Bingham Academy to focus on a STEM curriculum that reflects the needs of the local industries, competition with local schools that translates into a better education for all students and more educational opportunities for all students through collaborative efforts of local schools.

The attendance areas for Bingham Academy and Chief Taghee Elementary Academy overlap for the Blackfoot School District #55. Chief Taghee Elementary Academy will enroll elementary school students and Bingham Academy will enroll high school students. These student populations are mutually exclusive. Establishing BA in the Blackfoot School District will primarily impact students of high school age in that district. Much of that impact is alleviated by the fact that 60% of the students to enroll at BA will be transfer students from the Idaho Science and Technology Charter School.

Bingham Academy will not rely on adjacent school districts for contracted services such as special education, psychological evaluation services, occupational services, speech and language therapy, vision, gifted and/or talented, or other administrative or special needs. Bingham Academy will partner with the other charter schools in the area to provide these services in the most economically conservative way possible.

Administrative Services

Administrative services for the school will be provided by the school's Chief Administrator, who will serve as both the building level principal and LEA administrator. A description of the Chief Administrator's responsibilities is included in Appendix L. A full-time secretary to handle paperwork and required reporting and a part-time business manager will take care of the school's fiscal affairs. Appendices V and W contains a detailed budget that demonstrates how all employee costs will be covered.

Day-to-Day Operations

The Chief Administrator will determine the day-to-day operations of Bingham Academy.

Civil Liability

The Idaho State Board of Education and the Idaho Public Charter School Commission shall have no liability for the acts, omissions, debts or other obligations of any charter schools.

Insurance Coverage

Bingham Academy will procure and maintain insurance on its facilities, equipment, and other assets against damage and for liability exposures with minimum limits of liability of not less than $1,000,000 per person, $5,000,000 aggregate or such limits as imposed by the State requirement or as otherwise determined by the Board.

Proof of insurance will be given to the Public Charter School Commission each time it is renewed to maintain continuous coverage. Bingham Academy will provide a list of all other types and amounts of insurance required prior to the opening of the school.

TAB 3: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND GOALS

Educational Program

The Bingham Academy educational program focuses on preparing all students for their future by first graduating from high school and second improving their college and career readiness. BA provides the opportunity and encouragement for students to earn post-secondary credit through concurrent/dual credit enrollment, tech prep, and through a pre-engineering STEM education program. These work synergistically to prepare students for their future.

Dual Enrollment
The intended outcome of all dual enrollment programs is to provide high school students with the opportunity to pursue college-level coursework while still in high school. It is also a way to smooth the transition to college for students traditionally underrepresented in higher education. Many scholars and practitioners are coming to believe that high school students who have the opportunity to participate in college courses are more likely to enroll in college and succeed once there. Dual enrollment has multiple purposes. These include the following:

- Advanced academic options for high-achieving students. Dual enrollment programs were originally developed to provide high-achieving students with academically rigorous courses beyond those offered at the secondary level. Sometimes, this was viewed as a way for them to make better use of the senior year of high school. This continues to be the central purpose of dual enrollment locally and nationally.
- Preparing a skilled workforce for the 21st century. An increasing number of policymakers, educators and researchers are promoting dual enrollment as an avenue for building a workforce with the knowledge and skills needed for the emerging globalized economy. With almost 80% of the nation's fastest-growing jobs requiring some postsecondary education, there is a growing recognition that a college education is necessary to prepare a workforce for the present and future economic realities. Dual enrollment is viewed as an important mechanism for encouraging students to enter college and meet the needs of the emerging job market.

Tech Prep
This program receives significant federal funding to focus on preparing high school students interested in preparing for professional/technical careers to earn college credit by aligning high school courses with entry-level college courses. Many Tech Prep students enter postsecondary education with one or more years completed toward an Associate Degree. Often they also have completed important industry-related certification.

- Include both academic and technical courses of study.
- Focus on preparing students to transition seamlessly to post-secondary education.
- Promote post-secondary education so Tech Prep students graduate with in-demand technical and marketable skills.

STEM
Educationally, STEM instruction is viewed as a tool to successfully accomplish all learning goals. Additionally, as a field of study, STEM looks for highly proficient students and tries to increase their interest in these fields so that we develop the innovators of the future. Our goal is to get them through high school prepared for rigorous college coursework so they can become the leaders of tomorrow's industry. Educationally we see STEM as a very specialized, high-tech field we are grooming our students to join. Industry, on the other hand, has a very unique view.

STEM from the workforce perspective is significantly different and more about grooming workers with 21st-century skills who are ready to jump right in. When teachers think about technology, we envision computers, touchscreens, and digital data-collection tools. Technology in industry is about thinking outside the box and using materials to solve problems. Scissors were once considered a form of technology, and for industrial purposes, they really are. They were created to solve a problem: how to cut something more precisely. Problem-solving and developing quick and cost-effective solutions on the go are what industry is seeking in the next-generation workforce.

Biochemistry, engineering, computer programming, and emerging technologies are just a small sliver of what the STEM workforce needs. These positions require the most skills, and we need to continue developing students for these specialized fields, but we cannot forget the larger segment of industry that relies on STEM. Construction, transportation, and even the hospitality industry rely on a STEM-developed workforce. Whether it's understanding how an engine works, or plotting trucking routes, the advanced level of technical knowledge and problem-solving capability needed for these positions have become obstacles that did not previously exist. Industries view career and technical education as a key piece of STEM education. Students must be prepared for any path they choose in life, whether it is directly into a STEM career or studying a specialized STEM field in college.

The educational program at Bingham Academy is about preparing all students for their future.

Thoroughness Standards (Idaho Code 33-1612)

Bingham Academy will fulfill the thoroughness standards identified in Idaho Code 33-1612. It will establish a thorough system of instruction that will fully address the following standards:

Standard a: A safe environment conducive to learning is provided.

Goal: Maintain a positive and safe teaching and learning climate. Every student has the right to attend a school that encourages positive and productive learning, provides a safe and orderly environment, and promotes student respect for themselves and others. Students have the right to an education without fear of taunting, teasing, ridicule, or violence. Each parent has the right to expect a school to provide a safe and secure environment for his/her child. Every teacher has the right to work without the threat or fear of violence.

Objectives: Bingham Academy will:

- Develop a staff/student handbook to provide rules and guidelines for physical safety. These guidelines will include and not be limited to the procedures for fire drills, reporting unsafe equipment, methods for checking students in and out of school, ensuring the school is drug-free, notification of parents' rights, and staff monitoring responsibilities.
- Provide a facility and adopt policies that meet all required city, state, and federal health, accessibility, safety, fire, and building codes for public schools, and are inspected as required to ensure the safety of students and staff.
- Establish, publish, and enforce policies that define acceptable and unacceptable behavior, including zero tolerance for weapons, violence, gangs, and use or sale of alcohol and drugs.
- Create an environment that encourages parents and other adults to visit the school and participate in the school's activities.

Standard b: Educators are empowered to maintain classroom discipline.

Goal: Create a positive teaching and learning environment with an emphasis on high expectations of behavior and performance.

Objectives: Bingham Academy will:

- Develop policies that ensure a positive teaching and learning environment with an emphasis on high expectations of behavior and performance.
- Develop a student handbook providing a code of conduct including clear expectations and consequences for unacceptable behavior, and a process for teachers to handle minor and major infractions in the classroom setting. Teach appropriate behaviors and foster responsible decision-making skills.
- Establish and maintain consistent rules aligned throughout the school.

Standard c: The basic values of honesty, self-discipline, unselfishness, respect for authority, and the central importance of work are emphasized.

Goal: Offer opportunities for students to develop and express exemplary character traits in concert with the overall educational program.

Objectives: Bingham Academy will:

- Emphasize the importance of adults modeling important values at school.
- Help students build personal bonds and carry out responsibilities to one another and to the faculty and staff.
- Develop a sense of community and service within the school, and between the school and the larger community. Community service instills a sense of individual, social, and civic responsibility and enables the student to use newly found knowledge to solve community problems.
- Provide character education as an integrated part of the curriculum
- Provide opportunities for community service and service learning

Standard d: The skills necessary to communicate effectively are taught.

Goal: Teach students a range of effective communication skills appropriate for the 21st century.

Objectives: Bingham Academy will:

- Emphasize meaningful language experience in literature, writing, and spelling, enhanced by dramatization and speech.
- Provide a technology-rich environment that enhances communication. A technology-rich environment is defined as an environment well equipped with computer hardware, software, electronic whiteboards and rich digital and online curricular resources. In a technology-rich learning environment interactive learning, higher level thinking skills, and student engagement are pervasive, whether students are learning math, science, reading, or history. Digital cameras, interactive white boards, robust courseware, digital content, and computers provide students with opportunities to collaborate and connect to the rich and relevant content that might not usually be available. Using technology tools enables teachers to develop personalized learning plans for students of varying learning abilities. The needs of the gifted student are met as well as those of the slower learner without affecting the progress of any student or group. In a technology-rich environment students are likely to spend up to 45-55% of their time using some form of technology.
- Provide instruction in a foreign language. Knowledge of a second language is essential in many occupations. In addition, knowledge of a second language boosts English proficiency, improves memory and self-discipline, and enhances verbal and problem-solving skills. In the event Bingham Academy is unable to fill positions based on FTE projections, BA will utilize one of the distant learning academies or college/universities to meet these needs in a facilitated lab or independently.

Standard e: A basic curriculum necessary to enable students to enter academic or professional-technical postsecondary educational programs is provided.

Goal: Offer a thorough, dynamic, and interactive academic program where pacing is driven by student capabilities and opportunities for postsecondary credit are maximized for each individual. Students must be well grounded in the basics such as reading, writing, and social studies, with an overarching emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Objectives: Bingham Academy will:

- Develop relationships with multiple universities and colleges to offer a broad range of concurrent and/or dual enrollment opportunities for students.
- As provided in the budget projections, Appendices S and T, establish computer labs with full-time facilitators where students will receive effective support while pursuing postsecondary courses. Initially one computer lab augmented with SDE-supplied laptops will be established. A second lab will be established in the second year of operation. This will provide a ratio of 1:2 to 1:1 computers per student.
- Use a variety of methods to ensure student learning. In addition to traditional approaches, Bingham Academy will use methods of instruction that employ technology and prepare students for successful careers. This also includes a strong emphasis on real-life experience

and hands-on experimentation. It will be important for the school to access and integrate resources such as the INL and other local industries into classroom and field instruction.

- Field trips and career development will be used to expose students to a wide range of career options.

Standard f: The skills necessary for the students to enter the work force are taught.

Goal: Provide students with basic skills that prepare them for future employment using learning tools such as computers, scientific equipment, and networks linked to local and nationwide resources. These tools assist students in learning how to learn so that they become lifelong learners and are prepared to enter the work force with a solid foundation of knowledge and skills.

Objectives: Bingham Academy will:

- Provide a strong foundation in core subjects such as English and History, with strong programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- Provide a technology-rich environment that supports and encourages the effective use of resources to pursue both secondary and postsecondary educational opportunities.
- Enable students to develop the following intellectual habits important in the work place: adapting to new situations and responding effectively to new information; solving problems; locating and evaluating information from a variety of sources; making flexible connections among various disciplines of thought; thinking logically and making informed judgments.
- Enable students to develop the following personal habits important in the work place: accepting responsibility for personal decisions and actions; honesty, courage, and integrity; a healthy lifestyle; empathy, courtesy, and respect for differences among people; self-confidence; concentration and perseverance; responsible time management; assuming a fair share of the work load; and working cooperatively with others to reach group consensus.

Standard g: The students are introduced to current technology.

Goal: Provide students with tools such as computers, scientific equipment, and networks linked to local and worldwide resources.

Objectives: Bingham Academy will:

- Develop and maintain labs of computers with full-time facilitators that provide online access to colleges and universities across the nation and beyond.
- Ensure students use interactive technology and tools in an integrated educational program.
- Emphasize the acquisition of computer skills as an important medium for communication and research.
- Ensure students use computer networks and the internet as tools for such activities as accessing information, authoring, computation, record keeping, data storage, and communication.

Standard h: The importance of students acquiring the skills to enable them to be responsible

citizens of their homes, schools, and communities is emphasized.

Goal: Provide students with the skills and understanding necessary to become responsible citizens in their respective jobs and communities of the 21st century.

Objectives: Through its service learning program, Bingham Academy will:

- Provide a program of community service that reflects responsible citizenship in a democratic society and an interdependent world.
- Enable students to develop the following habits of responsible citizens: accepting responsibility for personal decisions and actions; honesty, courage and integrity; empathy, courtesy and respect for differences among people; assuming a fair share of the work load; and working cooperatively with others to reach group consensus.
- Provide a well-developed social studies curriculum that enable students to understand and apply concepts and principles embedded in history, geography, political science, economics, etc..

Bingham Academy will achieve the Thoroughness Standards through its basic curriculum and the unique aspects its expanded resources. A strong emphasis is placed on hard work, responsibility, honesty, and respect. This helps to create an environment that allows peace of mind and maximizes learning potential.

Defining an Educated Person

An educated student is one who is prepared for a successful future where technology and science are an integral part of every career. This requires a solid academic core, an in-depth knowledge of modern technologies, and productive work habits. In addition, individuals need the ability to accept responsibility, work cooperatively with a team, and the ability to solve complex problems.

Bingham Academy believes that high school can serve a much more productive role in preparing individuals to become a truly educated person.

When Learning Best Occurs

Bingham Academy believes that a challenging but supportive atmosphere along with a safe environment create the setting where learning best occurs. Bingham Academy's core educational philosophy is that learning best occurs when:

- students experience the connection between school curriculum and the real world
- students actively engage in hands-on and practical tasks
- student activities are integrated, meaningful, and applicable
- learners work both individually and as responsible members of a group
- Students, parents, and educators work together to identify academic and personal learning goals
- expectations are clearly communicated to students

- expectations for student achievement are held to a high level
- advanced learning opportunities are an integral part of each class
- the educational program includes character education and community service
- the learning experience contributes to the development of positive self esteem

Bingham Academy is committed to the concept that during high school, students can make significant progress toward a college degree or professional-technical certificate.

Instructional Methods

Bingham Academy instructional methodology hosts three types of learning environments: 1) classrooms similar to traditional high school classes, taught by highly qualified teachers. 2) Dual enrollment classrooms where the teacher is both a highly qualified secondary teacher and an adjunct university faculty; credit is awarded for both high school and college simultaneously. 3) Computer labs with full-time facilitators where students schedule individual online college courses based on their interests and ability.

After Bingham Academy is authorized and funded, the school will establish and nurture relationships with colleges and universities to enhance dual and online enrollment opportunities. Trained facilitators will guide and monitor students as they pursue postsecondary credit. Direct communication between Bingham Academy facilitators and the postsecondary institutions will help create an atmosphere where students are highly likely to succeed.

BA has contacted High School/Concurrent Credit Coordinators for the surrounding colleges and universities, as well as the Engineering Academy 101 to discuss BA's college credit options. College and universities through which students can earn college credit for Engineering Academy 101 courses include: Purdue University, the United States Academy at West Point, University of Wisconsin, Massachusetts Institute Technology and the United States Naval Academy. Each has expressed full willingness to work with us. Any costs not covered through Idaho's Dual Credit for Early Completers Program or other dual enrollment cost assistance programs, will be the responsibility of the family if a student takes courses eligible for dual credit.

Bingham Academy classrooms will employ a multiplicity of methods to ensure student learning. These methods include the following:

- The Subject Matter Method presumes that an educated learner needs to know clearly defined skills and concepts that can best be learned in an organized sequential fashion. Traditionally, this approach has been predominately lecture-based. The charter school utilizes computer and other technology-based learning to increase the efficiency of this method and to provide the opportunity for everything from rote drill to complex analysis and problem solving.
- The Inquiry and Problem-Solving Method suggests that learning occurs when individuals think critically and solve problems. The predominant premise of this method is that it is important to know how to retrieve and use the information, not just to have instant recall

and possession of the information.

- The Individualized Learning Method attempts to personalize the learning process to the interests of the individual by allowing students to develop goals for their self-study. The reasons for learning thus become intrinsic--one's own curiosity and personal applicability of the information learned.
- The Discussion Method encourages learning through sharing of information and concepts within a group, with the thinking process playing an important role. A discussion leader is prepared to recognize each learner's level of understanding and can respond at the level most helpful to the learner. This method emphasizes learning, the democratic way of thinking, training in reflective thinking and training in self-expression.

Professional development is a critical component of the Bingham Academy program. The success of any teaching method is largely dependent on the teacher's ability to apply the technique. For this to occur, individuals must 1) learn the theoretical foundations and 2) practice the specific processes in order to develop competency. Bingham Academy professional development will occur through the following:

- hiring teachers as early as possible and begin pre-service training organized by administrative personnel and covering the unique aspects of BA's emphasis
- extensive teacher mentoring (see next bullet)
- a four day student week, with every Friday set aside for targeted professional development
- teams of teachers who work cooperatively and are provided structured team planning, mentoring, and professional development time
- Opportunities for teachers to observe and work directly in the classroom with other teachers.

Curriculum Overview

All students will participate in a common core of learning that will fulfill the school's goal to Produce students who possess the academic skills and personal habits needed for success in the 21st century. Bingham Academy will remain aligned with the goals and objectives of the Idaho Thoroughness Standards section of this petition. All course work will be available for high school credit. When possible, Bingham Academy's emphasis on postsecondary credit will carry into every aspect of its curricular program.
Bingham Academy students will:

- be responsible users of scientific information
- gain hands–on skills and practical knowledge in the use of technology across the curriculum
- participate in a well-defined career exploration and preparation program
- use knowledge, critical thinking, and logic to solve problems in mathematics, science and other curricular areas
- develop well defined oral and written skills
- develop their aesthetic talents in areas such as music, visual, and/or performance arts
- participate in a comprehensive program of community service that teaches responsible citizenship both locally and beyond

Bingham Academy recognizes that true education means students acquire knowledge and

develop skills. This knowledge and these skills enable them to become proficient practitioners and establish a foundation for advanced study and career options.

The Bingham Academy curriculum is unique in that it contains traditional academic subjects as well as a strong emphasis on science, technology, mathematics, pre-medical and pre-engineering options. The Idaho State Board of Education's Thoroughness Standards serve as the starting point. Traditional core curriculum areas such as language, arts and social studies remain vital. They are augmented by music, art, career, health, physical, and professional-technical education.

Bingham Academy will establish a pre-engineering curriculum the first year and seek to establish a pre-medical professions curriculum no later than the third year. For each of these, qualified teachers will be hired as described in TAB 6.

Classrooms and computer labs provide the space and technology for these curricula. In the initial start-up year there is one computer lab with 24 computers with software and associated equipment. These facilities may be augmented with laptops provided by the SDE as part of the Students Come First Plan. A second computer lab will be added the second year of operation. The cost of the initial computer lab was determined by the IT specialist for ISTCS and is documented in Appendix M. Instructors and facilitators will be recruited through regional university teacher career fairs, university career centers and advertising on the school website, the state SDE website and through local newspapers. Hiring preference will be given to those applicants with more than one endorsement. Teachers hired as instructors of the Academy 101 curriculum will receive on-site training and earn 3 graduate school credits through the University of Wisconsin. Bingham Academy will need to hire facilitators and instructors early and train them due to the unique nature of their responsibilities. Bingham Academy will foster a culture of collaborative inquiry among faculty and students. The primary forum for training faculty will be the Friday staff development meetings.

STEM Education: The goal is to develop a STEM literate student citizenry with open ended problem solving capacity while improving student growth, closing achievement gaps, decreasing dropout rates, increasing graduation rates, and improving teacher and principal effectiveness. STEM education involves more than education in the separate fields of science and math. STEM involves curriculum that integrates rigorous project-based content from science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, within the context of designing solutions to real-world problems, especially those at the local level where communities can be positively affected. STEM students will conduct scientific experiments, gather and analyze data, draw and communicate conclusions, develop and evaluate prototypes, and think critically. Integrated STEM education is a very effective way to engage students in higher order critical thinking and problem solving skills by placing rigorous mathematics and science in the context of technology and engineering. STEM education at Bingham Academy includes the modules from the Academy 101 Foundation Course (Appendix DD) and the courses offered through dual enrollment at Idaho's colleges and universities (Appendix CC).

The STEM Academy 101 program includes an intensive 3-day orientation and training program for teachers and administration. Participants will learn the STEM pedagogy, best practices for curriculum delivery, course sequencing, career pathways, and how to manage student outcome

data. (See Budget for curriculum costs and professional development for teachers and administration, Appendix W and X).

Modules of the Foundation Course schedule represent the recommended curricular content foundation required to deploy a true STEM academic model with the capacity to empower an entire school with the resources to integrate an interconnected or multidisciplinary approach to STEM. Courses feature learning activities based upon STEM principles which challenge students to develop critical thinking and problem solving capacity. The real world learning activities utilize resources demanded by industry today and tomorrow. Students will explore aerodynamics, aeronautics, alternative energy, architecture, biotechnology, electronics, engineering, material science, robotics and sustainability. Modules within the foundation course are described in Appendix DD.

Language Arts (English and Foreign): The goal is to develop learners who are effective communicators, who enjoy literature, and are lifelong readers and writers. The curriculum is literature based. Comprehensive skills, grammar, and vocabulary are integrated within the literature program. Dramatization and memorization of accelerated vocabulary is a motivational aspect of the language arts experience. Writing includes creative, narrative, technical and expository writing. Communication skills include speaking, writing, and presentation skills. The innovative teaching methods will expand to include modern technological tools such as tablets, iPads, iPods, and 3-dimensional visual software. These technological tools will be limited the first year and expanded as funds become available the second and third years. In addition to high school credit in each of the Language Arts and foreign language areas, students will have the opportunity to enroll in college credit courses as outlined in Appendix CC. Courses available for dual credit include Speech, English Composition, Introduction to Literature, Elementary French, Elementary German and Elementary Spanish.

Science and Health: The science curriculum is a multi-year sequence that emphasizes hands-on experimentation and functional knowledge of scientific phenomena. Science must take students beyond the factual approach of reading, reciting, drilling, and testing science to actually "doing" and "feeling." This process approach lets students experience the excitement of science so they can better understand facts and concepts. Curriculum will include integrating the scientific method, identifying variables, constructing tables or data, constructing graphs, describing relationships between variables, acquiring and processing data, constructing hypotheses, and designing investigations. Bingham Academy will foster a culture of collaborative inquiry among faculty and students. In addition to high school credit in each of the Science and Health areas, students will have the opportunity to enroll in college credit courses as outlined in Appendix CC. Courses available for dual credit include Concepts in Biology, General Biology I and II, Environmental Science, Anatomy and Physiology, and General Chemistry.

*Mathematics: S*tudents will master computation processes and proceed into algebra and/or geometry as individual ability dictates. Exploring, conjecturing, and thinking concepts as well as manipulative experiences will engage students and enhance learning. Students will learn to view and use technology as a tool for reasoning and problem solving in purposeful ways. Bingham Academy's emphasis on math will differ from traditional schools through its focus on specialized curriculum (Academy 101) and postsecondary ties early in the high school years (See

Appendix N). Bingham Academy will foster a culture of collaborative inquiry among faculty and students. In addition to high school credit in Mathematics, students will have the opportunity to enroll in college credit courses as outlined in Appendix CC. Courses available for dual credit include Calculus I and II, Introduction to Statistics, Applied Statistics and General Physics I and II.

Social Studies and Community Service: The curriculum will include the basic elements of history, government, geography, economics, sociology and citizenship with a focus on local, state, national, and world history. In addition, there will be a strong emphasis on community service in Grades 9 through12. Bingham Academy will seek out ways for the students to discover and experience responsibilities and rights as members of our democratic community. In addition to high school credit in each of the Social Studies and Community Service areas, students will have the opportunity to enroll college credit courses as outlined in Appendix CC. Courses available for dual credit include Foundations of European History and US History.

Career Education: Through the Idaho Career Information System (CIS) BA will provide direct access to the vast array of career opportunities available in today's world. Additionally, individuals will work to recognize and understand their unique aptitudes, interests, and abilities as assets in the world of work. This will be accomplished through administering aptitude and interest survey throughout the high school years, along with career counseling and internships. Individuals will also begin to understand the importance of "soft skills" such as personal responsibility, teamwork, and dependability in career success.

Technology Education: Students will gain a strong understanding of computer, mechanical, electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic, electronic, and other technologies that operate in the world around us as an integrated part of each classroom and its pre-engineering program. Instruction will utilize a hands-on modular approach that employs discovery learning and problem solving. Students will seek solutions to real-life challenges. Modern technological tools such as tablets, iPads, iPods, and 3-dimensional visual software as well as the traditional computer lab and SDE supplied student laptop will be available to students to enhance the integration of technology into the classroom. Bingham Academy will provide our learners with technology skills that prepare them for future employment. Bingham Academy will comply with all requirements set forth in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Professional-Technical Education: Bingham Academy will offer strong and effective programs to prepare students who are interested in engineering and health professions careers. These programs will accelerate learning opportunities through dual and online postsecondary coursework as previously described. Programs available to Bingham Academy through the Eastern Idaho Professional Technical High School are documented in Appendix N. Costs for local PTE programs for students to attend are approximately $1000.00/year through a consortium. BA will bear these consortium costs.

Curriculum Development and Approval

Bingham Academy recognizes that curriculum development is a continuous process. Prior to the completion of the first year of operation curriculum will be fully aligned with the Thoroughness

Standards as documented under Tab 3. As the state of Idaho implements the Common Core State Standards over the next 3 years, Bingham Academy will use these standards to guide its curriculum implementation. Bingham Academy will continue to develop its curricular offerings by establishing and nurturing relationships with colleges and universities across the county. Both the secondary and postsecondary curriculum will be evaluated through ongoing observations of teachers and students, program audits, and with follow-up discussions with the Chief Administrator to include written goals.

Textbooks and Curriculum

Bingham Academy will follow the Common Core State Standards. Textbooks for the school are not yet chosen and will be selected as required by online courses and by curriculum committees that include the Chief Administrator, teachers, and parents. Textbooks will be approved by the State Department of Education.

Educational Programs and Services

Means for all educational programs and services such as special education, physical education, HIV/AIDS education, family life/sex education, guidance and counseling services, Safe/Drug Free Schools programs, summer school programs, parent education programs, social work, and psychological services will be provided from the first day of school forward.

Any additional contracted services in areas such as psychological evaluation services, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, etc. will be provided through qualified school employees or other non-employee contracted private professionals.

How Special Education and Other Special Needs Will Be Met

Bingham Academy serves all children including special education, gifted and talented, and LEP (Limited English Proficient) students. Bingham Academy follows the requirements of IDEA, the State of Idaho, and all other federal and state mandates regarding special needs students.

Bingham Academy will adhere to The *Idaho Special Education Manual,* and will adopt and implement all special education policies and procedures consistent with state and federal laws, rules, regulations, and legal requirements. All children will receive appropriate services as outlined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, Section 504, and the State of Idaho Special Education Manual.

Bingham Academy budgeting will provide personnel, physical facilities, funding and contractual arrangements to ensure that students with disabilities attending the charter school will receive special education and other services as requirements in IDEA and outlined on the students' IEPs. All special education personnel will meet highly qualified special education standards and will be interviewed, selected, hired, trained, and in place by the first day of the 2012-2013 school year.

Bingham Academy will conduct a yearly Child Find activity. This will include a three step process leading to the determination of whether or not a student requires special education services.
This process will follow the procedure outlined in the Idaho Special Education Manual and will focus on:

Step 1. Locating students: The school will establish and implement an ongoing Child Find system. An individual will be appointed to coordinate the development, revision, implementation, and documentation of the Child Find system.

Step 2. Ensuring that staff and the school's constituents are informed of the availability of special education services

Step 3. A screening process that will include any and all referrals by parents and/or other adults including teachers, counselors, or other school professionals. This screening will be an organized process, to identify students who are not meeting or who may not be meeting Idaho Content Standards.

Nondiscriminatory enrollment procedures

Bingham Academy will not deny enrollment to a student with a disability solely because of that student's need for special education or related aids and services. All appropriate services will be provided for students with disabilities that have the opportunity to meet the minimum federally established eligibility criterion for such services. Enrollment described elsewhere in this petition, is consistent with the mission of Bingham Academy and civil rights requirements.

LRE Requirements

Bingham Academy will provide special education and related services to eligible Bingham Academy students in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) in accordance with the Idaho Special Education Manual and as identified on each student's IEP. In many cases, the LRE will be specified as Bingham Academy. In other cases, the LRE might be a district school site or an alternative site, depending on the needs of each student.

If an IEP team determines that a student's academic needs cannot be met on site, the school will contract with another agency to provide those services. The school will, however, continue to monitor student progress.

Regardless of transportation services for other students, Bingham Academy will also provide transportation services to those students whose IEP requires it.

Bingham Academy will provide assessments to admitted students as required, meeting individual student needs and IDEA requirements. At risk students will be monitored and assessed using the Response to Intervention model and will be placed as needed. Services will include psychologist, speech/language pathologist, occupational therapist, vision specialist, and any other professionals

listed in the student's IEP.

Gifted and Talented program

Gifted/talented children are those students who are identified as possessing demonstrated or potential abilities that give evidence of high performing capabilities in intellectual, creative, specific academic, or leadership areas, or ability in the performing or visual arts, and who require services or activities not ordinarily provided by the school in order to fully develop such capabilities.

After qualified personnel are hired, Bingham Academy will develop a written plan for its gifted and talented program and submit it to the authorized chartering entity and State Department of Education. Updated plans will be submitted every three (3) years thereafter. Bingham Academy's plan shall include the following:

- Philosophy statement
- Definition of giftedness program goals
- Program options, including identification procedures and program evaluation
- Bingham Academy will screen all potentially gifted and talented students to ensure they have an opportunity to be considered for the program. The screening criteria will be age/grade appropriate, will be nondiscriminatory, and will comply with the procedures set forth in all governmental mandates.

The school will assess those students meeting the screening criteria and gather additional information concerning their specific aptitudes and educational needs. Identification of gifted and talented students will be based on multiple indicators of giftedness with information obtained through the following methods and sources:

1. Formal assessment methods, such as group and individual tests of achievement, general abilities, specific aptitudes, and creativity.
2. Informal assessment methods, such as checklists, rating scales, pupil product evaluations, observations, nominations, biographical data, questionnaires, interviews, and grades.
3. Information regarding students will be obtained from multiple sources, such as testing results, teachers, counselors, peers, parents, community members, subject area experts, and the students themselves.

The needs of identified gifted and talented students will be met through advanced learning opportunities (focus on dual enrollment), added leadership responsibilities and opportunities for internships, community service and other programs (STEM Academy 101). Dual enrollment opportunities are documented in Appendix CC and STEM Academy 101 modules are detailed in Appendix DD.

LEP Students

Bingham Academy will conform to the federal definition of Limited English Proficient (LEP) as defined in Title III and IX of the ESEA. Idaho LEP program guidance will be used to support the needs of students who are English language learners (ELL). Students for whom English is a second language will be assessed using the ELL placement test. The eligibility criteria (listed below) will be used for a Home Language Survey in order to identify the primary home language other than English. The Idaho English Language Assessment (ELA) will be used to assess English proficiency as English language learners progress through school.

Students who are eligible for the LEP program will participate in the NCA LEP program according to state and federal guidelines. State and federal mandated testing of LEP students will be administered. LEP servicers may be provided on-site or contracted out. The IELA will be used to monitor student growth.

Curriculum will be purchased and modified using the Sheltered Instructional Observation Protocol and other LEP instructional approaches. Educational Learning Plans (ELP) will be developed to support ELLs. ELPs will be developed and overseen by teachers certified in Bilingual Education.

IELA will be used to monitor student growth. Students who meet state recommended levels of proficiency on the IELA or other assessments will be exited from the LEP program.

The LEP program will be evaluated based on collected data and trends and will be revised, if necessary. Evaluation of the program will be based on tracking data on swiftness of intervention, type of intervention, comparison with peers for student improvement tracking; availability of resources; staff training; and viable sources of assistance.

LEP program eligibility criteria:

- Registration cards will include at least the following question: What is the primary language spoken at home?
- If a response is any language other than English, a survey will go home to the parents.
- If the survey comes back indicating that a student may be LEP, they will be tested using the “Woodstock Munoz” test to determine the student’s English language proficiency within 30 days of registration or within two weeks of entry into the school.
- If a student tests less than proficient on the English language proficiency test, a letter will go home to the parents indicating that their child was identified as needing specific English language services. The parents must be given the opportunity to waive the service.
- If the parent does not waive the limited English proficiency services for their child, then the student will be placed in the LEP program.
- Those students placed in the LEP program can be counted for state and federal funding purposes.

Additional Special Needs Services

As required by state and federal statutes, students attending Bingham Academy who are identified as disadvantaged to the extent that they may require Special Education, Title I or Section 504 services or requiring other accommodations will receive those services at or through Bingham Academy or at an alternate site.

Dual and Concurrent Enrollment

Bingham Academy students will be allowed to participate in dual enrollment with other public schools as required by Idaho Code 33-203. Dual enrollment will be subject to school district procedures as allowed in Idaho Code 33-203 (1). State funding of a dually enrolled student will be limited to the extent of the student's participation in the public school programs. Information concerning dual enrollment options and requirements will be provided to all parents.

Concurrent enrollment will include the option of enrollment in a postsecondary institution if the student chooses. Any credits earned from the accredited postsecondary institution will be credited toward graduation requirements as outlined in Bingham Academy Board Policy. If a student takes courses eligible for dual credit, any costs not covered through Idaho's Dual Credit for Early Completers Program or other dual enrollment cost assistance programs will be the responsibility of the family. Information regarding this responsibility will be clearly communicated to parents through parent and student handbooks, course descriptions, registration materials, etc.

TAB 4: MEASURABLE STUDENT EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

Measurable Student Educational Standards

Bingham Academy will accomplish the following standards:

1. 86% of students who have been at Bingham Academy since the beginning of the (current) school year will score proficient or advanced on the Reading, section of the Idaho Standard Achievement Test (ISAT) or ISAT-Alt. Assessment.

2. 84% of students who have been at Bingham Academy since the beginning of the (current) school year will score proficient or advanced on the Mathematics section of the Idaho Standard Achievement Test (ISAT) or ISAT-Alt. Assessment.

3. 77% of students who have been at Bingham Academy since the beginning of the (current) school year will score proficient or advanced on the Language Usage section of the Idaho Standard Achievement Test (ISAT) or ISAT-Alt. Assessment.

4. 75% of students who have been at Bingham Academy since the beginning of the (current) school year will achieve a Student Growth Percentile (SGP) that is equal to or greater than their Adequate Growth Percentile (AGP) in each of the Reading, Mathematics, and Language Usage sections of the ISAT or ISAT-Alt. Assessment.

5. ~~25%~~ The percentage of BA juniors ~~will~~ who achieve a score indicating college readiness on either the SAT, ACT, ACCUPLACER Placement Test, or COMPASS will meet or exceed yearly state standard to achieve at least 4 points for college readiness within the Star Rating System.

6. 75% of graduating seniors will successfully complete at least 18 postsecondary credits prior to graduation, with a letter grade of "c" in at least one class. Successful completion means a passing grade as determined by the postsecondary institution.

7. Each year, BA will achieve a four-year graduation rate of at least 90%.

Methods for Measuring Student Progress

Methods for measuring student progress will include, but not be limited to:

Standards 1, 2, and 3:

Data regarding the percentage of students scoring advanced or proficient on the ISAT will be pulled directly from the school's official ISAT results.

Standard 4:

The percentage of students whose Student Growth Percentile (SGP) is equal to or greater than their Adequate Growth Percentile (AGP) will be calculated using official testing results for each individual.

Standard 5:

The percentage of Bingham Academy juniors designated as "college ready" will be determined according to the scores achieved on the individual tests listed.

Standard 6:

A letter grade of "C" must be earned in at least one college level course. Successful completion of postsecondary credit is defined as receiving college level credit from at least one postsecondary institution. The percentage of graduating seniors receiving 18 or more postsecondary credits will be determined by the school counselor and through an examination of each senior student's file.

Standard 7:

The percentage of seniors achieving on-time graduation will be determined as defined by the State of Idaho. This calculation takes into consideration when each student entered high school as well as the number of years it has taken him/her to graduate. It also defines and includes drop-out considerations.

Provisions by Which Students Will Receive Standardized Testing

Under the direction of the School Test Coordinator, standardized testing will be conducted in strict accordance with and at the specified intervals mandated by the State of Idaho:

Any and all other assessments required in Idaho now or in the future will be administered in accordance with state mandates and policies.

Additionally, all postsecondary tests or assessments to be administered at Bingham Academy will strictly adhere to the policies and processes defined by the postsecondary institution.

Accreditation

During its first year of operation, BA will apply to the Northwest Accreditation Commission as required in IDAPA 08.02.02.140 for secondary accreditation. In compliance with Idaho State Board of Education Rules BA will complete the state accreditation process. During its initial year of operation, the school will complete an accreditation self-assessment.

All student and teacher standards will meet state-approved accreditation standards as adopted by the State Board of Education.

Throughout the accreditation and strategic planning process, Bingham Academy will comply with all provisions of NCLB, ESEA, and/or of other federal and state mandates. In the event that concerns regarding NCLB standards should arise, steps will be taken by the Principal and the Board to identify and target school and individual needs. A comprehensive plan of improvement will be developed and implemented as required.

Accreditation reports outlining the attainment of standards will be submitted to both the authorized chartering entity and the State Accreditation Committee. The Committees will review the reports and make recommendations to the State Board of Education for accreditation status.
After accreditation, the Chief Administrator will submit annual accreditation reports to the Idaho State Department of Education. BA representatives have reviewed Idaho and Northwest accreditation requirements. The school will fully comply and meet accreditation requirements.

Copies of all annual reports including accreditation reports, financial audits, school reports cards, testing results, and all other federal, state and local reports will be given to the authorized chartering entity and other required state officials, and federal agencies. Parents and the public in general will also be provided access to report information, where appropriate.

Improvement Planning

If Bingham Academy is placed in "needs improvement" status, the school will develop a five year strategic plan focused on the improvement of student performance. The strategic plan will be monitored by a review team established by the school's administration and board of directors. This team will be empowered to recommend revision of goals as necessary and provide regular reports on implementation of the plan to the board of directors.

Bingham Academy will also develop a Continuous School Improvement Plan based on its strategic plan and focused on the improvement of student performance. This plan will also focus on improving school and staff capacity (structure/resource allocation/teacher skill sets) to increase student achievement.

Additionally the school will comply fully with the national and state mandates for No Child Left Behind including full compliance with the steps established by the ACT. The following chart lists the specific school improvement requirement per each year missing AYP. Should the time come that BA is placed in ''needs improvement" status, the board of directors and the school administrator will guide the school through the process as required by the state of Idaho.

AYP TIMELINE

Improvement Year Status	When the Status Takes Effect	Accountability Workbook Label	School Improvement Requirements	LEA Improvement Requirements

Not in "Needs Improvement"	**N/A (or in the year following 2 consecutive years of making AYP)**	**Year 1**	**None**	**None**
Alert	**Year Following the 1st time Missing AYP**	**Year 2**	**None**	**None**
School Improvement Year 1	**Year Following 2nd Consecutive Time Missing AYP**	**Year 3**	**School Improvement**	**LEA Improvement**
			• Technical Assistance from LEA	• Technical Assistance from SDE
			• Choice	• Develop and implement an Improvement Plan
			• Develop and implement a School Improvement Plan	
			• Supplemental Services (SES) for eligible students in reading and math if choice not available	
School Improvement: Year 2	**Year Following 3rd Consecutive Time Missing AYP**	**Year 4**	**School Improvement**	**LEA Improvement**
			• Technical Assistance from LEA	• Technical Assistance from SDE
			• Choice & SES	• Implement the LEA Improvement Plan
			• Implement Intervention Plan School Improvement	

Corrective Action	**Year Following 4th Consecutive Time Missing AYP**	**Year 5**	**School - Corrective Action**	**LEA - Corrective Action**
[School Improvement Year 3]			• Choice & SES	• Technical Assistance from SDE
			• Technical Assistance from LEA	• Plan for and Implement Corrective Action
			• Plan for and Implement Corrective Action	
Restructuring Year 1: Planning	**Year Following 5th Consecutive Time Missing AYP**	**Year 6**	**School - Restructuring**	**LEA - Corrective Action**
[School Improvement Year 4]			• Choice & SES	• Technical Assistance from SDE
			• Develop a Restructuring Plan for Alternative Governance	• Plan for and Implement Corrective Action
Restructuring Year 2: Plan Implementation	**Year Following 6th Consecutive Time Missing AYP**	**Year 7**	**School - Restructuring**	**LEA - Corrective Action**
[School Improvement Year 5]			• Choice & SES	• Technical Assistance from SDE
			• Implement the Restructuring Plan for Alternative Governance	• Implement Corrective Action

* School Improvement Holding - Years are marked with an asterisk on the State Report Card and delay the implementation of any new AYP requirements. However, all previously existing requirements must still be met.

Academic performance each year is determined by the Adequate Yearly Progress Proficiency Targets established by the State of Idaho. These are as follows:

AYP Proficiency Targets			
% Proficient or Advanced Needed Under Indexing			
School Year	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Reading	85.60%	90.40%	95.20%
Mathematics	83.00%	88.70%	94.30%
Language Usage	75.10%	83.40%	91.70%

The first stage of AYP accountability is School Improvement and it has two phases. In the first year of School Improvement, the school must develop and implement a "School Improvement Plan" that identifies specific actions for improving a school's performance. Furthermore, parents are entitled to transfer their child to another, better performing school (this is called Public School Choice). As schools of choice, parents decide to send their child to a charter school so offering Public School Choice to charter school parents may mean notifying parents of their right to return to their local school district (a right that charter parents, no matter if the charter is low-performing or not, can always exercise.)

If Bingham Academy is in Alert status and fails to make AYP for a third year, the school will move into "school improvement" status in which parents who elect to keep their child in the underperforming school are entitled to have the child receive, at no cost to them, federally-funded Supplemental Educational Services (SES), such as tutoring. There are no improvement requirements to be followed at this point; however, the school will take action to develop and implement an improvement plan. As both a School and LEA, this designation will require the school to notify parents of this status and their choice for other schools notify parents of provisions for supplemental services to qualified students in reading and math if choice is not available, and develop an intervention school improvement plan. The school may also receive technical assistance from the SDE. At any time during the School Improvement phase, if a school achieves AYP for one year, it will then move into a holding pattern and be labeled as in "School Improvement 1" status. Any school in Improvement status must achieve AYP for two years consecutive years in order to exit the school improvement phase and be designated as "Met Goal".

In the fourth consecutive year of missing AYP, the school moves into what NCLB calls Corrective Action. The Corrective Action stage requires a school to make substantial changes to its program with one or more of the following steps:

- Replacing the school staff that are relevant to the failure to make AYP.
- Instituting and fully implementing a new curriculum, including providing appropriate professional development for all relevant staff that is grounded on scientifically-based

research and offers substantial promise of improving educational achievement for low-achieving students and enabling the school to make AYP.

- Significantly decreasing management authority at the school, perhaps by hiring an educational management organization to operate the school. Fourth is appointing an outside expert to advise the school on its progress toward making AYP, based on its school plan.
- Extending the school year or school day or restructuring the internal organizational structure of the school.

If the school doesn't make AYP for a fifth year, it enters the Restructuring phase. Under Restructuring, the school must plan for and then, in the following year, execute fundamental changes in its program and the governance of the school, including:

- Contracting with an external provider to manage a school;
- Replacing staff and leadership;
- Turning the school's operation over to the state; or engage in some other kind of restructuring.
- Significantly decreasing management authority at the school, perhaps by hiring an educational management organization to operate the school;
- Appointing an outside expert to advise the school on its progress toward making AYP, based on its school plan;
- Extending the school year or school day; or
- Restructuring the internal organizational structure of the school.

If for a sixth year the school fails to meet AYP then all previous sanctions will be applied plus the school will be required to develop a Restructuring Plan that will implement one of the restructuring models such as closing down the school, closing down the school and reopening it under new authorizing authority, replacing all the teachers, or replacing the Chief Administrator.

If a seventh year of failing to meet AYP is reached, the school will be subject to all previous sanctions and must then implement alternate governance provisions.

In the event that BA moves into the School Improvement, the Bingham Academy Board of Directors will assume responsibility to provide the financial support for planning and implementing school improvement and professional development as outlined in NCLB. The Title I budget will be altered to include a 10% provision to purchase professional development for staff. The professional development will be determined by the School Improvement Plan. Further, 20% of the budget will be set aside for providing supplementary education services. While the general education budget, as well as additional Federal funds will be taken into consideration, no general budget funds will be used to cover set asides, rather the Title program budgets will be modified to cover set aside amounts.

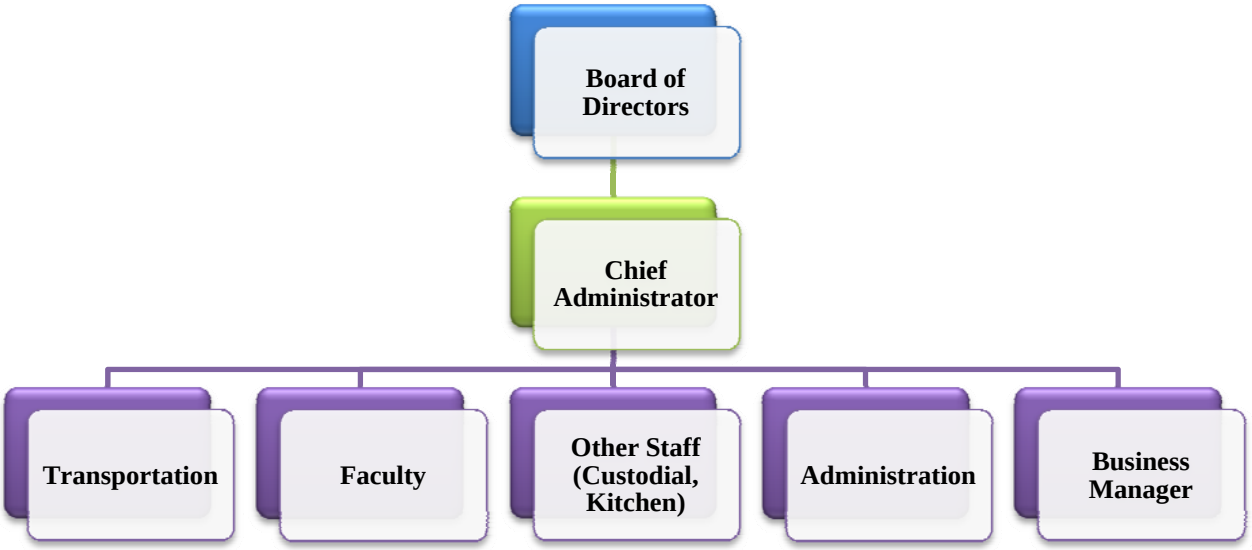
If the school enters a restructuring phase, finances will be set aside to offset changes including but not limited to: replacing teaching staff; adding additional paraprofessional staff; implementing new curriculum, or other restructuring alternatives that may designated for improvement.

Using viable data, the Chief Administrator will determine what changes need to be made; the Chief Administrator will develop several restructuring plans and present them to the governing board. The governing board will partner with an outside entity to provide arbitration, perspective, coaching and evaluation. The governing board will choose a viable plan; the board will oversee the implementation and evaluation of the plan.

TAB 5: GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Governance Structure

Idaho STEM Academy, Inc., doing business as Bingham Academy, is a non-profit organization managed under the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act. The Board of Directors will be the public agents who control and govern the school. Bingham Academy shall be responsible to identify and comply with all statutory requirements affecting the operation of a public school. The Board of Directors' meetings will follow open meetings laws, keep accurate minutes, and make the minutes available to the public.



Founders

A founder is hereby defined as a person, including employees, parents, or staff of a public charter school, who within 180 calendar days after the date that instruction first begins at the charter school, makes a material contribution toward the establishment of a public charter school.

Additionally, to qualify as a founder, one must:

A. Have been involved in the initial writing of the petition for the Charter of BA, researching start-up facilities, budget planning, writing policies and definition.
B. Have been directly involved in the initial development of the charter petition, or
C. Have made a significant contribution of time, expertise, money, property or talents related to the successful development or establishment of BA as defined by the Board.

BA founders include parents and other community members who meet the above criteria. Founders will elect the initial Board of Directors, write and edit the charter petition, recruit candidates for the position of school Chief Administrator, and establish a preliminary operating budget. Following the election of the Board of Directors, founders may be appointed to serve on various committees that provide input and recommendations to the board of directors.

Powers and Limitations

Bingham Academy is a legally and operationally independent entity established by the nonprofit corporation's Board of Directors. The elected Board of Directors will be legally accountable for the operation of the school. Bingham Academy acknowledges that upon approval of the petition ~~and 501(c)(3) status~~, the school's Board of Directors will be public agents required to control the school's operation. Bingham Academy commits to compliance with all federal and State laws and rules and acknowledges its responsibility for identifying essential laws and regulations, and complying with them.

The Board of Directors will have the responsibility to approve the selection of the school Chief Administrator, who may not be one of its members.
Bingham Academy will not extend the faith and credit of any school district or the Idaho Public Charter School Commission to any third person or entity. Bingham Academy will not contractually bind any school district or the Idaho Public Charter School Commission with any third party.

Board Training

BA governing board will insure that each member receives adequate and continuous training. This will occur through multiple sources such monthly training sessions at board meetings, Idaho School Board Association training, and the Idaho Charter School Network or other training opportunities. The board will conduct a yearly self-assessment. ~~A recommended~~ The training plan ~~schedule~~ for board members is contained in ~~attached. See~~ Appendix U.

Relationship between Board of Directors and School Administration

The relationship of the Board of Directors to Bingham Academy's administration will be as follows:

The Board of Directors is responsible for policy implementation, fiscal oversight, contractual agreements, and general governance. Under the direction of the board, the Chief Administrator is authorized to provide educational direction, administration, and on-site, day-to-day operation in accordance with Title 33 of Idaho Code, as well as certain decisions concerning but not limited to:

- implementing the vision and mission of the school
- providing instructional materials and supplies
- allocating resources
- fulfilling state charter school requirements
- building school-wide community
- providing special services
- contracting services
- providing disciplinary support

- establishing public and media relations
- building business and community partnerships
- developing curriculum, instruction, and assessment
- implementing professional development
- resolving employment and personnel issues
- overseeing enrollment and attendance
- conducting formative/summative staff evaluations
- maintaining facility conditions
- providing transportation
- promoting climate for innovation and growth
- building staff and school morale
- functioning as commission/board liaison
- supervising budget and financial records
- supplying annual reports to the Idaho State Charter School Commission

Standing Committees and Ancillary Support Personnel

Standing committees may be formed in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation. These committees will include, but are not limited to, Parent Activity Committee (PAC), fundraising, policy review, etc.

Ancillary support personnel, including clerical and custodial, will be hired and supervised by the Chief Administrator. The state funding formula will be used for funding to hire staff through the regular budgetary process. Additional resources will be sought through volunteer and fundraising efforts.

The Board of Directors of Bingham Academy will provide consultation to the Chief Administrator regarding ongoing plans for the school. Parent committees may also work with the Board of Directors on school improvement.

Process to Ensure Parental Involvement

Parents of students who attend Bingham Academy will be involved in the education of their children and in the school at many levels. The process to ensure parental involvement will be as follows:

- Parents will receive a student/parent handbook at registration.
- Parents will be encouraged to attend two parent teacher conferences per year.
- Parents will be asked to complete surveys throughout the school year addressing the following issues: safety of students, classroom discipline, school-wide discipline, child's response to classroom atmosphere, and parents' perception of learning environment.
- Parents will be encouraged to be involved in the Parent Activity Committee (PAC) and to volunteer for school projects, programs, and committees, and to work specifically with students who are challenged academically.
- Parents will be encouraged to provide an appropriate learning environment at home for

study.

Public Access

Bingham Academy's policies regarding the ways in which the public may have access to the school's students, staff, and facilities will be outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook. Parents and members of the community are invited to communicate with teachers, administrators, and board members. The charter school will comply with Idaho statutes relating to public records and public meetings, as indicated in the Bylaws. Bingham Academy gives permission for public inspection.

Annual Financial and Programmatic Operations Audits

An independent annual financial audit will be conducted by a qualified CPA after the completion of each charter school year.

Programmatic Operations audits will be conducted as mandated by state requirements as outlined in:

- I.C. 33-5205(4)(k)
- I.C. 33-5206(7)
- IDAPA 08.02.04.300.03, Rules Governing Public Charter Schools
- IDAPA 08.03.01.301.12, Rules of the Public Charter School Commission

In accordance with Idaho Administrative Rule the programmatic operations audit must be submitted annually and must be submitted to the Public Charter School Commission no later than October 15th for the previous school year (IDAPA 08.03.03.301.12).

Dispute Resolution

The Public Charter School Commission and the Governing Board of Bingham Academy will resolve disputes relating to provisions of the charter following the procedures set forth in Section 33-5209, Idaho Code, and the applicable rules of the State Board of Education for notice of defect and submission of a corrective action plan.

TAB 6: EMPLOYEES OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL

Employee Qualifications

Bingham Academy's certificated staff will meet all federal HQT standards. All full-time and part-time staff, including both classified and non-certificated individuals, will meet or exceed qualifications required by Idaho law. Staff will be required to possess personal characteristics, knowledge, and experience consistent with the philosophy, mission, and expectations of Bingham Academy as outlined within this petition. The Chief Administrator will make recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval of instructional staff.

Bingham Academy reserves the right to hire any person for temporary assistance under the direct supervision of certified staff members as provided by rule of the Idaho State Board of Education when deemed in the best interests of the educational program. For all permanent or long term employees, Bingham Academy will meet state certification standards and the No Child Left Behind, Highly Qualified Teacher requirements. A thorough screening process will be used for temporary personnel to assure the safety of students and personnel. These provisions are intended to allow various community experts and other specialized persons who may not hold certification to contribute to the school according to their talents, experience, creativity, or expertise on a short-term or seminar basis.

Background Checks

All employees and individuals having contact with students will undergo State of Idaho criminal background checks and FBI fingerprinting checks. One fingerprint card will be submitted to the Office of Certification at the State Department of Education and one will be kept in the individual's personnel file.

Targeted Staff Size

Bingham Academy will make every effort to keep class size small by employing one core area teacher per every 25 students. BA will employ additional staff as lab facilitators and and/or teachers in technical education, music, foreign language, career education, physical education, etc. Hiring will focus on applicants with more than one endorsement. Because BA is so closely situated to both ISU and BYU-I, there are two major teacher preparation programs within a very short distance. BA will actively recruit teachers with multiple and targeted endorsements from these and other sources. Additionally, there are five school districts within Bingham County, plus 2 in Idaho Falls and 1 in Pocatello. All of these areas have retired teachers who often wish to supplement their retirement with part time employment. This too is a viable pool from which to draw.

The following positions are based on a first year student population of 100 students in grades 9 and 10. If more students are enrolled, these position numbers will be adjusted accordingly:

Chief Administrator	1.0 FTE
English	0.5 FTE
Math	0.5 FTE

Science	0.5 FTE
Social Studies	0.5 FTE
Teacher/Postsecondary Facilitator	1.0 FTE
Special Education	0.5 FTE
Professional-Technical	0.5 FTE
Counselor	0.5 FTE
Foreign Language	0.5 FTE
Physical Education	0.5 FTE
Total Certificated Staff	6.5 FTE

Administrative Assistant	0.8 FTE
Business Manager	0.3 FTE
Custodian/Maintenance	0.8 FTE
Paraeducators	0.3 FTE
Classified	2.2 FTE

Bingham Academy's goal is to achieve full capacity enrollment by its third year of operation. Additional certificated and classified staff will be added as needed. Projections for the coming year will be determined by the number of students in the lottery, as outlined under Tab 7.

Health and Safety Procedures

Bingham Academy will comply with the following health and safety procedures:

- Conduct criminal history checks for all employees in compliance with Idaho Code 33-130. This requirement is a condition of employment.
- Require that all students show proof of immunizations before being enrolled at Bingham Academy or have an exemption signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Require that all visitors sign in at the office and receive and wear a visitor's pass when visiting the school building.
- Provide for inspection of the facility in compliance with Section 39-4130 of Idaho Code. Adopt policies to meet all required city, state, and federal health, accessibility, safety, fire, and building codes for public schools. Fire and safety officials using the same guidelines for all public schools will inspect the facility.
- Adopt and implement a comprehensive set of health, safety and risk management policies.

These policies will be developed in consultation with Bingham Academy's insurance carriers and at a minimum address the above and the following items:

- Policies and procedures for response to natural disasters and emergencies, including fires and bomb threats.
- Polices relating to preventing contact with blood-borne pathogens.
- A policy requiring that all staff receives training in emergency response, including appropriate "first responder" training.
- Policies relating to the administration of prescription drugs and other medicine.

- A policy that the school will be housed in a facility that has received fire marshal approval and has been evaluated by a qualified structural engineer who has determined the facilities present no safety hazards.
- Policies establishing that the school functions as a gun-free, drug, alcohol and tobacco free workplace.
- Bingham Academy will develop a policy regarding intern usage and comply with all requirements set forth in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

All policies will be incorporated as appropriate into the school's student and staff handbooks and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis in the school's staff development efforts.

Employee Benefits and Provisions

Bingham Academy will provide all employees with the opportunity to participate in group health insurance and the following programs and benefits:

- Public Employee Retirement System
- Federal Social Security
- Unemployment Insurance and Worker's Compensation Insurance to the extent allowed and required by law.

Accumulation of sick leaves for teachers shall be up to ninety (90) days and be governed by section 33-1217, Idaho Code.

Faculty at Bingham Academy will work in an environment where they have opportunities to work with other faculty to align subject areas. The Chief Administrator will determine in-service training days in order to provide teachers with training in the teaching methods described in this petition. All employees will undergo an annual performance review.

Transfer Rights

Bingham Academy claims no employee transfer rights.

Collective Bargaining

Bingham Academy's staff shall be a separate unit for purposes of collective bargaining.

Written Employment Contracts

All certificated staff will be required to sign a written contract with Bingham Academy. Contracts will be in the standard form as approved by the state superintendent of public instruction and in compliance with Idaho Code 33-5206(4). Copies of these contracts are available at www.sde.idaho.gov/EducatorResources/docs/Contracts.

Copies of all teacher contracts and certificates for all certified teachers/staff members will be on file in the school office. Job announcements and all other hiring and employment practices will be free of any unlawful discriminatory language or practices.

Experience for Salary Schedule

Certified teachers at Bingham Academy shall be considered public school teachers. Educational experience shall accrue for service at the school similar to any other public school. Bingham Academy certificated employees who are re-employed by the local district shall receive full credit for their years of service in the public charter school.

Employee Use of Drugs and Alcohol

See Appendix O.

TAB 7: ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Admission and Over Enrollment Procedures

During its first year of operation, Bingham Academy will focus on 9th and 10th grade students. Enrollment will be capped at 120 students this first year with no more than 70 students/grade and no more than 80 new students per year until the 400 student cap is reached with no more than 100 students/grade. One grade will be added each year so that a full high school program will be offered within three years.

In accordance with Idaho Code Section 33-5205(3), Bingham Academy has identified the following admission procedures:

Bingham Academy will be open to all students on a space available basis. No student will be denied admission based on ethnicity, creed, gender, disability, or place of residence. No out of state students will be enrolled. The public will be notified of enrollment opportunities as described in the "Public Notification of Enrollment Opportunities" section below.

Bingham Academy will follow the admission procedure identified by the Idaho State Board of Education in Idaho Administrative Rules 08.02.04 and 08.02.04.203 in the initial year and for every year thereafter.

Enrollment Deadline

Each year Bingham Academy will establish an enrollment admissions deadline that will coincide with the Board of Director's March meeting. This will be the date by which all written requests for admission to attend the public charter school for the next school year must be received. The enrollment deadline cannot be changed once the enrollment information is disseminated. Late applications will be accepted for admission for slots remaining open and/or in addition to waiting lists at any time, but will be added to the bottom of the final selection list after the lottery.

Requests for Admission

A parent, guardian, or other person with legal authority to make decisions regarding school attendance on behalf of a child in this state, may make a request in writing for such child to attend Bingham Academy. In the case of a family with more than one (1) child seeking to attend, a single written request for admission must be submitted on behalf of all siblings. The written request for admission must be submitted to and received by the public charter school at which admission is sought on or before the enrollment deadline. The written request for admission shall contain the name, grade level, address, and telephone number of each prospective student in a family.

If the initial capacity of the school is insufficient to enroll all prospective students, then a lottery as described below shall be utilized to determine which prospective students will be admitted to the public charter school. Only those written requests for admission submitted on behalf of prospective students that are received prior to the enrollment deadline shall be permitted in the lottery. Written requests for admission received after the established enrollment deadline will be

added to the bottom of the waiting list for the appropriate grade. If there is an opening in one grade, a sibling, if any, from a late submitted application must go to the bottom of the sibling list.

Admission Preferences

Bingham Academy will establish admission preference as authorized by Section 33-5205(3)(k), Idaho Code, for students returning to Bingham Academy, students of founders, siblings of students already selected to attend Bingham Academy, and those in the attendance area.

Priority of Preferences for Initial Enrollment

Admission preferences for initial Bingham Academy enrollment of students shall be as follows:
a. First, to children of founders and children of full-time employees, provided that this admission preference shall be limited to not more than ten percent (10%) of the initial capacity of the public charter school
b. Second, to siblings of pupils already selected by the lottery.
c. Third, to prospective students residing in the primary attendance area.
d. Fourth, to all other students by lottery.

Priority of Preferences for Subsequent Enrollment Periods

The selection hierarchy for admission preferences for enrollment of students in subsequent school years shall be as follows:
a. First, to pupils returning to the public charter school in the second or any subsequent year of operation. Returning students are automatically enrolled in the appropriate grade and do not need to be selected by a random selection method.
b. Second, to children of founders and to children of full-time employees; this admission preference shall be limited to not more than ten percent (10%) of the school's capacity.
c. Third, to siblings of pupils already enrolled in the public charter school.
d. Fourth, to students residing in the primary attendance area.
e. Fifth, by lottery for prospective students residing outside the primary attendance area of the school.

Proposed Final Selection List for Lottery

Each year Bingham Academy will create a final selection list containing the names of all prospective students on whose behalf a written request for admission was timely received by the public charter school, separated by grade level.

Students whose applications received after the deadline will be added to the bottom of the final selection list.

Lottery Process

If the initial capacity of Bingham Academy is insufficient to enroll all prospective students, or if capacity is insufficient to enroll all prospective students in subsequent school years, then Bingham Academy will determine the students who will be offered admission by conducting a fair and equitable lottery. This lottery will be conducted according to IDAPA 08.02.04.203.

Final Selection List

The names of the persons in highest order on the final selection list shall have the highest priority for admission to the public charter school in that grade, and shall be offered admission to the public charter school in such grade until all seats for that grade are filled. All remaining students will be placed on a waiting list in the order drawn in the lottery. Any students admitted after initial acceptance will be taken in numerical order from this list.

Notification and Acceptance

a. With respect to students selected for admission to the public charter school, within seven (7) days after conducting the selection process, the public charter school shall send an offer letter to the parent, guardian, or other person who submitted a written request for admission on behalf of a student, advising such person that the student has been selected for admission to the public charter school. The offer letter must be signed by such student's parent, or guardian, and returned to the public charter school by the date designated in such offer letter by the public charter school.
b. With respect to a prospective student not eligible for admission to the public charter school, within seven (7) days after conducting the selection process, the public charter school shall send a letter to the parent, guardian, or other person who submitted a request for admission on behalf of such student, advising such person that the prospective student is not eligible for admission, but will be placed on a waiting list and may be eligible for admission at a later date if a seat becomes available.
c. If a parent, guardian, or other person receives an offer letter on behalf of a student and declines admission, or fails to timely sign and return such offer by the date designated in such offer letter by the public charter school, then the name of such student will be stricken from the final selection list, and the seat that opens in that grade will be made available to the next eligible student on the final selection list If a student withdraws from the public charter school during the school year for any reason, then the seat that opens in that grade will be made available to the next eligible student on the final selection list.

Subsequent School Years

The final selection list, also called the waiting list, for a given school year shall not roll over to the next school year.

Disciplinary Procedures Including Suspension, Expulsion, and Reenrollment

Bingham Academy is committed to the provision of a safe learning environment. Expectations for appropriate student behavior are high and will be communicated upon enrollment to both students and parents, through the student handbook, and verbal reminders from faculty and administrators.

A draft of the initial Bingham Academy Student Handbook is contained in Appendix P. Upon approval of the charter, the Board will appoint a committee to develop a final version of the student handbook. Under the Bingham Academy Chief Administrator, this committee will assemble a student handbook that outlines the Student Code of Conduct and includes expectations and consequences for unacceptable behavior as outlined below:

Inappropriate student behavior will be identified as either a minor or major infraction. Minor infractions may include such behaviors as talking in class, tardiness, failure to follow directions, etc. Repetitious or extreme minor infractions may constitute a major infraction.
Major infractions may include but not be limited to fighting, bullying, defiance, use of illegal substances, possession of a weapon or firearm, etc.

In all serious or continuing disciplinary concerns, parents/guardians will be notified via phone calls, in writing, and/or through school conferences. If the situation causing concern is not immediately corrected, the student may be referred to the ~~school~~ Chief Administrator for further discussion and appropriate action. The consequences for violations are described below.

Consequences for minor violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Loss of privileges
b. Detention (lunch hour or before or after school)
c. Phone call to parent
d. Letter sent to the parent
e. Student conference with the Chief Administrator
f. Student and parent conference with Chief Administrator
g. Suspension from extracurricular activities

Consequences for major violations may include any of the above consequences plus:

a. In-school suspension
b. Out-of-school suspension
c. Referral to Status Offenders Service.
d. Referral to Counselor or Student Specialist for intervention
e. Recommendation to Board for expulsion

Suspension or expulsion will be considered only as the final option in a series of efforts to avoid such measures including but not limited to the following steps:

Step 1: Teacher and/or Chief Administrator intervention includes disciplinary measures within the school designed to address the behavior problem while insuring the safety of all staff and students.

Step 2: Parent/Guardian Incident Notification.
Step 3: Suspension by the Chief Administrator or Bingham Academy Board of Directors in compliance with requirements of section 33-205, Idaho Code.

Step 4: Expulsion by the Bingham Academy Board of Directors in compliance with requirements of section 33-205, Idaho Code.

Bullying/harassment

Bullying/harassment shall be defined as any physical, verbal, cyber, or socially aggressive behavior calculated to intimidate, harm, injure, coerce, ridicule, or threaten. Any staff member observing or suspecting bullying behavior shall intervene.

Provisions to handle Students using or Suspected of being Under the Influence of Alcohol/Controlled substances

If a student discloses or is reasonably suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, Bingham Academy will comply with the procedures required by Section 33-210, Idaho Code. It is the policy of Bingham Academy that any staff member who has reasonable suspicion that a student may be under the influence of, or has in his or her possession, a controlled or dangerous substance as defined by law shall immediately notify the appropriate administrator or designee of such suspicions. The administrator or designee shall immediately investigate the allegation and, if confirmed, notify the parent or legal guardian of said student's possession of a controlled or counterfeit substance or suspected abuse thereof.

This policy includes provisions for anonymity in that when a student voluntarily discloses use or being under the influence, information will be shared only on a "need to know" basis as provided in I.C. 33-210.

When a student is suspected of being in violation of federal, state, or local law for possession, use, or distribution of any illegal drug or controlled substance, the local law enforcement agency will be notified immediately. The administrator or a designee will communicate all available information to the police and offer the full cooperation of the administration and faculty to a police investigation. Immediate notification will also be given to the parent or guardian.

Any search, seizure, or subsequent disciplinary action shall be subject to applicable school policies, regulations, state laws, or student handbook rules.

The Bingham Academy Board of Directors shall have the right to expel or deny enrollment to any student as set out in section 33-205, Idaho Code. Readmission of any student suspended or expelled, or admission of any student who has been denied admission shall be governed by section 33-205, Idaho Code.
All disciplinary actions related to special education students shall adhere to the federal mandates in IDEA and other applicable state and federal mandates as outlined in the Idaho special

Education Manual. Disciplinary decisions regarding students with IEPs will be made with consideration given to whether or not the student's disability affected the behavior.

In all disciplinary matters, students and parents have the right to due process and to appeal decisions to the next higher level. Policies will be incorporated as appropriate into the school's student and staff handbooks and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis in the school's staff development efforts. Bingham Academy Board of Directors will formally adopt and recognize all Idaho Science and Technology Charter School policies addressing emergency or other situations not specifically covered by Bingham Academy policy.

STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY

Bingham Academy will comply with the following health and safety procedures:

- Conduct criminal history checks for all employees in compliance with Idaho Code 33-130. This requirement is a condition of employment.
- Require that all students show proof of immunizations before being enrolled at the Bingham Academy or have an exemption signed by a parent or legal guardian
- Require that all visitors sign in at the office and wear a visitor's pass when visiting the school building or campus.
- Provide for inspection of the facility in compliance with Section 39-4130 of Idaho Code. Adopt policies to meet all required city, state, and federal health, accessibility, safety, fire, and building codes for public schools. Fire and safety officials using the same guidelines for all public schools will inspect the facility.
- Adopt and implement a comprehensive set of health, safety and risk management policies. These policies will be developed in consultation with the Bingham Academy's insurance carriers and at a minimum address the above and the following items:
    - Policies and procedures to respond to natural disasters and emergencies, including fires and bomb threats.
    - Polices relating to preventing contact with blood-borne pathogens.
    - Policies relating to the administration of prescription drugs and other medicine.
    - A policy that the school will be housed in a facility that has received fire marshal approval and has been evaluated by a qualified structural engineer who has determined the facilities present no substantial safety hazard.

Public Charter School Attendance Alternative

Because Bingham Academy is a new entity and not a conversion of an existing school, the attendance alternative would be the same as for those presently residing within the existing school districts. Students located within the charter school attendance area would have the option to enroll in existing public schools presently serving the area. No student will be required to attend Bingham Academy.

Attendance Requirements

Parents and educators recognize the importance of attendance and punctuality at school. Key

reasons for regular and punctual attendance are employability, educational benefits, and success in school.

- *Employability*—Punctuality and attendance are important skills for employment identified by employers. Developing these skills is critical whether students plan to work during the school year, after graduation, or after college.
- *Educational Benefits*—Regular attendance assures that students stay current in academic skills, personal management skills, and teamwork skills.
- *Success*—Students must be present in order to experience success. Further, each student's presence enhances the success of the entire class.

Habitual Truant

Any Bingham Academy pupil who, in the judgment of the board of directors, repeatedly has violated the established attendance regulations or whose parents or guardians fail or refuse to cause such child to be instructed as provided in Idaho Code 33-202, shall be declared a habitual truant as defined in Idaho Code 33-206. Such a child shall come under the purview of the juvenile corrections act and dealt with accordingly.

Attendance Appeal Process

If a parent/guardian wishes to appeal a failing grade or denial of promotion to the next grade due to the attendance requirement, truancies, or the number of tardies, the following policy applies:

- The parent/guardian has five (5) school days from the date shown on the notification to appeal the loss of credit or denial of promotion.
- The appeal process starts with the Chief Administrator. An adverse decision may be appealed to the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors is final.
- In each situation, representatives of the school and the parent/guardian have five (5) days in which to respond to the appeal or the ruling. Appeals and responses shall be in writing.

Denial of School Attendance

In Accordance with Idaho Code 33-205, the Bingham Academy Board of Directors may deny enrollment or may expel or deny attendance to any pupil who is a habitual truant, or who is incorrigible, or whose conduct, in the judgment of the board, is such as to be continuously disruptive of school discipline, or the instructional effectiveness of the school, or whose presence in a public school is detrimental to the health and safety of other pupils, or who has been expelled from another school district in this state or any other state. Any pupil having been denied enrollment or expelled may be enrolled or readmitted to the school by the Board of Directors upon such reasonable conditions as may be prescribed by the board; but such enrollment or readmission shall not prevent the board from again expelling such pupil for cause.

The board shall expel from school for a period of not less than one (1) year, twelve (12) calendar months, or may deny enrollment to, a student who has been found to have carried a weapon or firearm on school property in this state or any other state, except that the board may modify the

expulsion or denial of enrollment order on a case-by-case basis. Discipline of students with disabilities shall be in accordance with the requirement of federal law part B of the individuals with disabilities education act and section 504 of the rehabilitation act. An authorized representative of the board shall report such student and incident to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

No pupil shall be expelled nor denied enrollment without the Board of Directors having first given written notice to the parent or guardian of the pupil, which notice shall state the grounds for the proposed expulsion or denial of enrollment and the time and place where such parent or guardian may appear to contest the action of the board to deny school attendance, and which notice shall also state the rights of the pupil to be represented by counsel, to produce witnesses and submit evidence on his own behalf, and to cross-examine any adult witnesses who may appear against him. Within a reasonable period of time following such notification, the Board of Directors shall grant the pupil and his parents or guardian a full and fair hearing on the proposed expulsion or denial of enrollment. However, the board shall allow a reasonable period of time between such notification and the holding of such hearing to allow the pupil and his parents or guardian to prepare their response to the charge. Any pupil who is within the age of compulsory attendance, who is expelled of denied enrollment as herein provided, shall come under the purview of the juvenile corrections act, and an authorized representative of the board shall, within five (5) days, give written notice of the pupil's expulsion to the prosecuting attorney of the county of the pupil's residence.

The administrator of any school may temporarily suspend any pupil for disciplinary reasons or for other conduct disruptive of good order or of the instructional effectiveness of school. A temporary suspension by the principal shall not exceed five (5) school days in length; and the school superintendent may extend the temporary suspension an additional ten (10) schools days. Provided, that on a finding by the board of directors that immediate return to school attendance by the temporarily suspended student would be detrimental to other pupils' health, welfare or safety, the board may extend the temporary suspension for an additional five (5) schools days. Prior to suspending any student, the administrator or principal shall grant an informal hearing on the reasons for the suspension and the opportunity to challenge those reasons. Any pupil who has been suspended may be readmitted to the school by the administrator who suspended him upon such reasonable conditions as said administrator may prescribe. The Board of Directors shall be notified of any temporary suspensions, the reasons, and the response, if any, thereto.

The board of directors shall establish the procedure to be followed by the Bingham Academy administration for the purpose of affecting a temporary suspension. This procedure must conform to the minimal requirement of due process.

Process for Public Notification of Enrollment Opportunities

As outlined in the following sections, Bingham Academy intends to implement a solid plan to attract a sufficient and diverse student body, to provide for open communication, and to convey information about the school competently and accurately.

~~ISA~~ Bingham Academy will actively recruit students for enrollment through any or all of the following: advertising in a local newspaper, announcements at local schools, radio advertising, flyers, open houses, other forms of public media. The focus will be to attract a sufficient pool of potential applicants that includes disabled, low-income and racially diverse students. In each of these marketing processes, advertising will include strategies to reach at-risk and non-English speaking students. This process will comply with all requirements of Idaho code 33-5205, with respect to notifying citizens residing in the compact and contiguous attendance areas of enrollment opportunities at Bingham Academy.

Bingham Academy will disseminate enrollment information in English, Spanish, and possibly other languages, taking into consideration the language demographics of the attendance area. The school will post enrollment opportunities information in highly visible and prominent public locations through the community. This information will be disseminated at least three months in advance of the school's March enrollment deadline. Bingham Academy will also disseminate press releases to media outlets in the area on at least three occasions, beginning not later than fourteen days prior to the enrollment deadline. Once the enrollment deadline is established, if the school changes this date, this full notification process will be repeated.

Bingham Academy's Chief Administrator will determine plans for publicly sharing the school's annual report and other relevant information on the school's performance as outlined in IDAPA 08.02.04.203.

Student Handbook and Procedure Ensuring Parental Access

A copy of the Draft Student Handbook is contained in Appendix P. In order to ensure that both parents and students understand the expectations for students at Bingham Academy, parents will receive a student/parent handbook at registration. Additionally, all students will be given a copy of the handbook during the first few days of class. During registration, parents will sign a validation form indicating that they have received and agree to read and adhere to the handbook.

Internet Use Policy

See Appendix Q.

Suicide Prevention Program

See Appendix R.

TAB 8: BUSINESS PLAN

Business Description

Idaho STEM Academy, Inc., DBA Bingham Academy, is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of the school's Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Marketing Plan

The intent of Bingham Academy is to respond to an expressed need by the parents and community members of Bingham County to establish a high school of choice. According to Idaho Code § 33-5205(3) (s), all advertising and promotion processes for BA will include the dissemination of enrollment information, in both English and other languages as required by the demographics of the area, at least three (3) months in advance of the enrollment deadline established by the public charter school each year, to be posted in highly visible and prominent locations within the area of attendance of the public charter school.
BA will ensure that such process includes the dissemination of press release and/or public service announcements to media outlets that broadcast within and/or disseminate printed publications within the area of attendance of the public charter school. Finally, such enrollment information will advise that all prospective students will be given the opportunity to enroll in the public charter school, regardless of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religious preference, gender, social or economic status, or special needs.

Marketing Methods

These are marketing options for Bingham Academy. BA is not limited to these methods.

- Speaking at community organizations like the Chamber of Commerce.
- Advertising with public schools located within the target area using flyers upon administrative approval.
- Web, e-newsletters, and social media.
- Bingham Academy website to introduce information about the school. Brochures will promote the curriculum and methods.
- News releases and articles to local newspapers (Morning News, Idaho state Journal, Post Register), local radio stations and local television stations (KIDK, KIFI, KPVI)
- Yard signs around town and the attendance area.
- Public informational meetings about Bingham Academy held in accordance with Idaho Statute §67-23.

- Spanish language enrollment information posted on the Bingham Academy website.
- Build relations with other charters school.
- Flyers sent to parents of private and charter school students attending schools that only enroll up to 8th grade.
- Flyers attached to products sold by local merchants.
- Word-of mouth referrals.
- Dissemination of brochures at community events.
- Distribution of flyers to heavily trafficked areas.
- Vehicle decals.
- Cold Calling.
- Door-to-door contact.
- Posting advertising materials in English and Spanish in prominent locations (e.g., the library, the community notice board, at City Hall, stores, churches, and restaurants catering to Hispanics, etc.).

In each of these marketing processes, advertising will include strategies to reach at-risk and non-English speaking students. This process will include all current requirements as stated in IDAPA 08.02.04.203.02. A schedule of events held throughout the year that Bingham Academy can participate in to inform the public about the school, to attract students and business partners and to participate in community service events and programs can be found in Appendix S. The Chair of the Board of Directors will be responsible to ensure that marketing strategies are implemented according to the Startup Timeline, Appendix AA.

Recruiting High School Students

Bingham Academy founders recognize that as a new start-up school, Bingham Academy's greatest appeal will be to students already attending the local charter middle school (Idaho Science and Technology Charter School). However Bingham Academy's emphasis on STEM curriculum and postsecondary credit opportunities will appeal to many parents and students.

A school focusing on STEM curriculum and postsecondary credit presents a very strong appeal to this community since the Bingham Academy primary attendance area serves as a bedroom community for the Idaho National Laboratory and Premier Technology businesses which employ an abundance of parents in the scientific and high tech industries.

In consideration of these factors, along with other considerations such as dissatisfaction with existing schools and little school choice, Bingham Academy is comfortable with its projected enrollment and confident of its ability to recruit a sufficient number of students to ensure economic viability.

Management Plan

The Chief Administrator in coordination with the Charter School Board of Directors will determine the day-to-day operations of Bingham Academy. Refer to Appendix L for the job description and qualifications for Chief Administrator of the Bingham Academy.

Administrative services will be provided by the Bingham Academy Chief Administrator supplemented by other contracted services as needed. The Chief Administrator will also serve as the liaison between the Bingham Academy and its Board of Directors, and parents. Financial operations will be provided by the school business manager. Funding sources will include state foundation and other allocations, federal start-up grants, and, after authorization, the school will actively pursue, private grants, business partnerships, and donations.

Resumes of Founders

See Appendix T.

Financial Plan

While the Chief Administrator of Bingham Academy will be responsible for financial management, the Board has ultimate responsibility for the school's financial status. All accounting records will be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Bingham Academy will follow the requirements set forth by the state of Idaho and the Idaho State Department of Education, including formats for account numbering, audits, etc.

The budget for Bingham Academy will be prepared in compliance with section 33-801, Idaho Statutes and State Board of Education policies and administrative rules. The budget will be presented at a public hearing in June of the year the school will open, and will be delivered to the State Department of Education as required on or before July 15 prior to the start of the school year. Copies of the budget will be provided to the Idaho Public Charter School Commission. The budget will be prepared, approved and filed using the ISEE format.

REVENUES

- Estimates of funding sources will include state allocations as based on the Support Unit Calculation Template for Charter Schools
- Salary Based Apportionment Template for Charter Schools
- State allocations for pupil transportation
- State allocations for remediation state lottery
- Private grants
- Business partnerships
- Donations

As soon as possible Bingham Academy will notify the appropriate divisions of the Idaho Department of Education of the school's intend to apply for federal Title I and IDEA funds. For Title I, the school will develop and implement an approved Consolidated Plan that details its program. This plan will include but not be limited to a Parent Involvement Policy, Parent Compacts, participation in the state assessment and accountability system, highly qualified staff,

and a scientific research based program of support for academically at risk students. For Federal IDEA funds the school will complete and submit Part B of the IDEA application as prescribed by the Division of Special Education Services.

EXPENDITURES

Purchasing Process: Purchasing procedure will be in compliance with State Law, Idaho Code 33-601.-Bingham Academy's Chief Administrator will determine procedures for procuring goods and services with approval of the Board of Directors.

Payroll Processing: Bingham Academy will process its payroll in accordance with applicable Idaho codes.

Reports and Audits

Bingham Academy will conduct an independent financial audit annually. A yearly independent audit will be performed as required by Idaho statute regarding audit reporting. Bingham Academy Chief Administrator will provide a monthly cash-flow and balance sheet to the Board of Directors that details revenues and expenditures for the previous month.

Estimated Startup Budget

See Appendix X.

Three Year Estimated Budget (worse case, expected, best case scenarios)

See Appendix Y.

Estimated First Year Monthly Cash Flow

See Appendix Z.

Albertson/CSP Grant Expenditures

See Appendix AA.

Start-up Timeline

See Appendix BB.

Transportation Services

Transportation services will be offered beginning in year one, to all students residing in the primary attendance area more than one and one half miles from the school and within a 15 mile radius of the school. Students who reside less than one and a half miles will be looked at for safety busing. Bus services will be in cooperation with the existing charter schools, namely Idaho Science and Technology Charter School and Blackfoot Charter Community Learning Center. By combining busing with ISTCS & BCCLC we will be able to reach more of our students with a bus. All student transportation will be in accordance with Idaho Department of Education, Division of Student Transportation regulations and Idaho Code chapter 15, Title 33. School transportation provided by charter schools functioning as LEAs, is a reimbursable expense funded by the state and dispersed by the State Department of Education in accordance with Section 33-1006, Idaho Code. Transportation reimbursement payments reflect the previous year's "allowable" transportation costs.

Transportation costs included in the Estimated Budget are based on actual costs incurred by Blackfoot Charter Community Learning Center and Idaho Science and Technology Charter School. Bingham Academy has discussed these transportation plans with Brandon Phillips at the SDE to ensure proper procedures for bidding and/or combining transportation services are properly followed. Appendix AA documents a letter of intent with ISTCS to provide transportation (busing) for BA students.

School Lunch Program

Bingham Academy will not offer a school lunch program. If a school lunch program is offered, Bingham Academy will participate in the National Child Nutrition Program as per Idaho code 33-1015. Meal preparation will be guided by the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Free and Reduced Lunch

Free and reduced price lunches will be available to qualifying students if a school lunch program is offered. The Bingham Academy Board will approve policies for determining eligibility of students for free and reduced prices for meals, verification reporting, and record keeping before the implementation of such program. Any such policies will be consistent with federal policy and guidance from the Idaho State Department of Education. Implementation of a school lunch program will be dependent on the facility location. After one of the three options is developed, BA may re-examine its lunch options.

Facility construction will include appropriate food preparation equipment so as to allow Bingham Academy to provide its own food service after the first two years of operation. However, the school may contract for food service during the first years of operation and at any time in the future.

Budget Assumptions:

See Appendix V.

TAB 10: TERMINATION OR DISSOLUTION

Business Arrangements and Partnerships

When approved by an authorizing agency, Bingham Academy will contract with Idaho Science and Technology Charter School for any additional student services such as speech, psychological, or other assessment services. In the event that these services are not available for one of these schools, other agencies such as Bingham Memorial Hospital or Southeastern District Health Department who already provide some or all of these services will be contacted.

In addition to hiring a special education teacher, BA will contract with Idaho Science and Technology Charter School for any additional services such as speech therapy or occupational therapy. A Letter of Intent is included in Appendix AA. While no letters of intent are include for legal and accounting services, the budget includes funds earmarked for these services. When the school is chartered, these services will be secured.

Bingham Academy has been in communication with Idaho State University, University of Idaho, Boise State University, College of **S**outhern Idaho, College of Western Idaho and Eastern Idaho Technical College regarding possible dual or concurrent credit relationships. ISU and BSU have indicated that they will not sign any letters of commitment until the school is chartered. Letters of intent from CSI, CWI and EITC are included in Appendix CC. CSI and EITC have indicated that they respect ISU's boundaries and will work with us after ISU has first had the opportunity. No further action will be taken until the school's charter is approved and funds are available to hire competent facilitators to assist with college relations.

Bingham Academy will actively and consistently seek to establish partnerships with business and industry that will lead to opportunities for guest speakers, guest teachers, field trips, internships, career education, and other on-site educational opportunities. At the current time, no such contracts exist.

In addition, these arrangements and partnerships may provide donations of supplies, equipment, or other educational materials. BA also aims to establish working relationships leading to instructional assistance, in-service training, internships, and other exchanges of professional expertise.

Additional Information from Petitioners

Bingham Academy fully recognizes and understands the need to develop and implement a comprehensive policy manual that details procedures and processes for all aspects of school operations. As soon as the school is authorized and funding is available, the founders will adopt the Idaho School Board Association Policy Manual as the governing document, where such policies are applicable and not covered in this petition. Funds are included in the budget under purchased services for membership in the Idaho School Board Association so that the school can obtain both the policy manual and the board training offer by ISBA.

DISSOLUTION

In cases of termination the Chair of the Board of Directors of Bingham Academy is responsible for the dissolution of the business and affairs and all other aspects of the school. Bingham Academy will fully cooperate with the authorizing chartering entity for the dissolution process. The board will follow all state and federal laws regarding the dissolution of a nonprofit corporation and arrange for the liquidation of assets, dispersing of funds to the creditors. When the board determines that the school will be terminated, the board chairman may appoint another board member(s) to execute the termination. The designee will work under the direction of the Chairman and will coordinate the dissolution of the school.

BA has adopted the Colorado model for specifics of the dissolution process which includes:

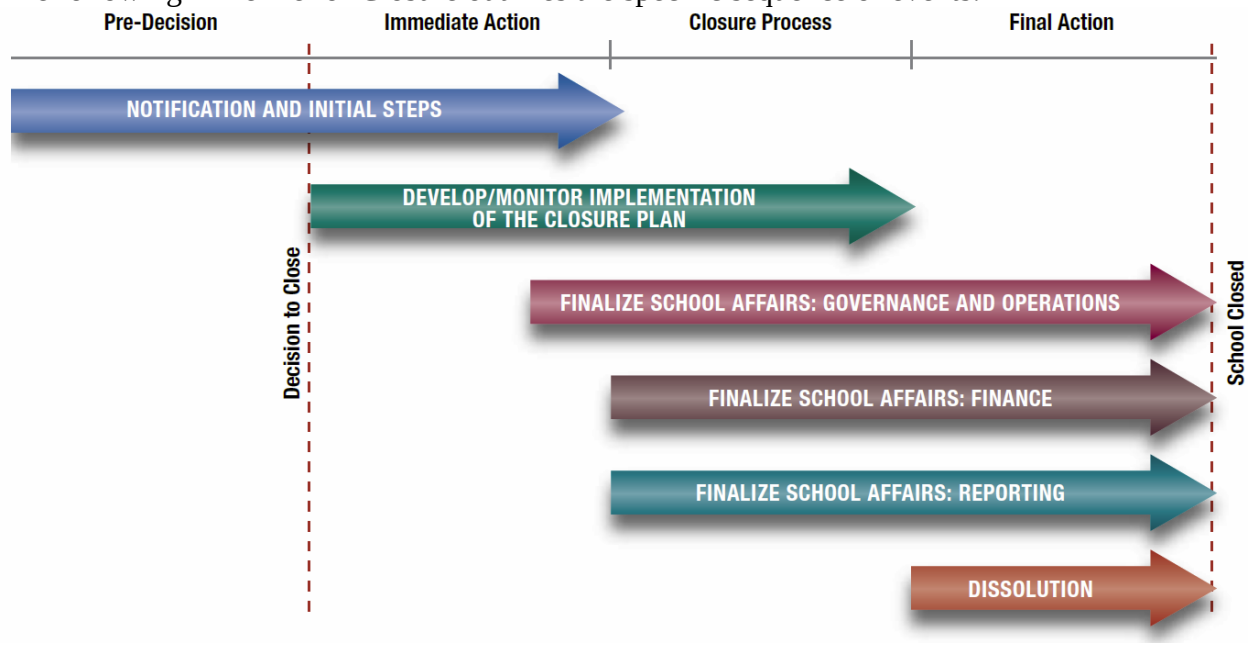
1. Providing educational services in accordance with the charter contract until the end of the school year, or the agreed upon date when instruction will stop.
2. Reassigning students to schools that meet their educational needs
3. Addressing the school's financial, legal and reporting obligations

To accomplish this, tasks will fall into the following categories:

1. notification to affected school districts and families
2. developing and monitoring the closure plan
3. winding up the school's affairs in governance and operations, finance, and reporting

Regardless of how the process unfolds, the authorizer's staff should meet with the charter school board and principal immediately after the initial closure decision to determine who will send letters to the school districts that are materially affected and to the school's parents notifying them of the decision. Ideally, all parties will agree on the content of the letters. Additional letters should be sent to parents and school districts updating them about the timing and outcome of any appeals.

The following Timeline for Closure outlines the specific sequence of events:



Before final dissolution, any remaining student records will be stored in a secure location for the legal limit required by an individual or organization determined by the board chair. Bingham Academy will maintain a social media page where information will be available regarding how remaining student records can be obtained. A complete and detailed checklist of tasks to be completed in each of the identified areas in included in Appendix EE.