



FUTURO ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

PROPOSED AMENMDENT

RFA 13: TRANSPORTATION AND RFA 15: OTHER - ENROLMENT (CLASS SIZE) REDUCTION

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY IGNACIO PRADO

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Approved June 28, 2023

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

About Futuro Academy

Through rigorous academics and personal excellence, Futuro Academy Charter School educates all K-5 scholars to excel through middle school, into high school, and at the university of their choice.

Inequity in educational outcomes across lines of race, language, and class are the civil rights issue of our time. Throughout our country, and here in the Las Vegas Valley, there remains a persistent achievement gap which begins in Kindergarten and has life-long implications for (a) success in all grades K-12, (b) equitable access to college and professional opportunities, and (c) the economic and democratic fabric of our city, state, and nation.

All students can achieve when given the real opportunity to do so through a quality public school that is designed and led to ensure their academic and life success. We embrace the challenge of serving an at-risk population in East Las Vegas as the most important work required to ensure a strong future for all of the children growing up in our city. As a founding team, we firmly believe that the success of our mission will change the community by creating, first, hundreds of high quality K-5 seats in a community that currently has scarce access, and over time, by creating a future of a strong, skilled, united Las Vegas in which all students have the necessary academic and character foundation to (1) be our next generation of business, political, educational, and community leaders and (2) build lives of opportunity for themselves and their families.

We are a K-5 college preparatory charter school currently with 460 currently enrolled students. Our goal is to work for the families of East Las Vegas, built upon rigorous academics and personal excellence, and that (a) draws upon the most successful practices of the highest achieving charter school across the country, (b) leverages the resources of and relationships with a national network of high performing schools on behalf of our staff and students, and (c) puts all children on the road to college and life success starting in Kindergarten.

Proposed Amendment 13: Transportation

Futuro Academy is requesting a SPECIFIC RFA #13: Transportation. A specific application is attached to this contract amendment as Exhibit B.

Proposed Amendment 15: Other: Enrollment (Class Size) Reduction

Futuro Academy is requesting a SPECIFIC RFA #15: Other: Enrollment (Class Size Reduction). Specifically, given the historic increase in per-pupil allocations as part of the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session, part of our strategic plan has been to reduce class size reduction due to the generalized academic and socio-emotional benefits to students, teacher morale and working conditions.

Our current SPCSA contract was implemented in 2021 under dire and ominous warnings of potential shortfalls in state budgets. In Spring of 2020, schools were directed to assume a potential 10-14% shortfall in revenues. As a result, when we provided enrollment projections to the SPCSA, we requested our baseline be set to 522 students but that we be given a +/- 15% contingency. This contingency expired in SY2023-24. At this point, the 522 baseline would force that the school operate between 470 students (26.1 students per class) and 574 students (32 students per pupil).

Currently, our board has requested we operate at an ADE baseline of 450 (25 students per class) and explore further progress that can be made to be brought closer in line with our local district elementary schools operating at between 21-24 students per class.

Attached to this application as Exhibit A is a recently approved Multi-Year Forecast with healthy surplus contributions modeled off of ADE 450. This amendment will not remove any services, grades, or locations and is strictly intended to allow class size reduction to occur within the existing campus and program.

Capacity and Assurances

Futuro Academy is a single site school whose founding school leaders is still in place, (Ignacio Prado), and whose operational and instructional leadership teams are comprised of founding staff.

Futuro Academy engages in best practices for reviewing and revising all disciplinary policies and practices to ensure constant progress towards equitable practices and outcomes, including regular reviews disciplinary data for subgroup trends. Both campuses are committed to restorative practices and to maximizing instructional time by adding scaffolds and supports for students to succeed in a school setting. Analyzing trends since 2017, both the overall volume and disproportionality of all methods of discipline has significantly decreased as a result of intentional actions by school leadership and staff, including targeted development of all staff. Record keeping is maintained in Infinite Campus to ensure easy internal and external data access for analysis and compliance.

Furthermore, Futuro maintains a constant monitoring of enrollment trends to ensure a close match to community. Similarly, across all years of operation, Futuro Academy has made progress in reflecting the neighboring community schools enrollment, including having receiving the highest ratings by the SPCSA on all indicators except for students with IEPs for which Futuro Academy has a similar but still trailing gap in reflecting the neighboring community. Futuro Academy has made progress in closing that gap every year of operation, and is continuing to do so in 2023-24.

Our hope is that these two amendments (transportation and class size reduction) will simply improve the student and educator experience by adding additional services and creating a more productive and welcoming environment.



Futuro Academy Charter School
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From: John Pictum, Futuro Board of Trustees President

Date: 7/12/23

Subject: Contract Amendment Request and Good Cause Exemption

To:

State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA)

1749 N. Stewart Street, Suite 40

Carson City, NV 89706

Dear Honorable Members of the SPCSA and SPCSA Staff,

On behalf of Futuro Academy Charter School in East Las Vegas (Futuro), I am requesting the SPCSA grant us a Good Cause Exemption to amend our charter outside of the traditional amendment cycle. The historic increase of funding ratified in June 2023 at the Nevada Legislature has created the path to meaningfully address providing centralized transportation via funding provided by AB400 and prioritizing class size. Due to the timely nature of completing these changes in time for the 2023-24 school year, we request our amendment be considered outside of the next possible timeframe in Fall 2023.

The Futuro Board of Trustees unanimously approved this request to amend our charter at our meeting held June 28, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

John Pictum

Printed Name of Charter School Representative

Board President

Title

Futuro Academy
Multi-year Projection
As of Select above FY2023

| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 |
| SUMMARY | | | | | | |
| Revenue | | | | | | |
| Revenue from Local Sources | 143,743 | 160,888 | 11,253 | 11,253 | 11,253 | 11,253 |
| State Revenue | 3,978,698 | 5,332,714 | 5,626,649 | 5,783,529 | 5,946,466 | 6,115,764 |
| Federal Revenue | 1,215,288 | 1,194,345 | 726,453 | 733,443 | 740,572 | 754,269 |
| Total Revenue | 5,337,729 | 6,687,947 | 6,364,356 | 6,528,224 | 6,698,291 | 6,881,287 |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| Personnel Services-Salaries | 2,213,601 | 2,676,490 | 2,498,188 | 2,573,134 | 2,650,328 | 2,729,838 |
| Personnel Services-Employee Benefits | 739,926 | 903,628 | 852,147 | 883,666 | 916,437 | 950,503 |
| Professional and Tech Services | 623,810 | 674,458 | 683,208 | 704,472 | 726,405 | 749,027 |
| Property Services | 1,088,899 | 1,087,878 | 1,105,220 | 1,122,931 | 1,141,018 | 1,159,491 |
| Other Services | 103,654 | 196,327 | 206,392 | 216,077 | 226,403 | 237,423 |
| Supplies | 453,322 | 808,950 | 690,094 | 710,796 | 732,120 | 754,084 |
| Depreciation Expense | 16,125 | 20,424 | 20,424 | 18,769 | 7,161 | 6,069 |
| Debt Service and Miscellaneous | 84,098 | 33,470 | 34,474 | 35,509 | 36,574 | 37,671 |
| Total Expenses | 5,323,434 | 6,401,624 | 6,090,148 | 6,265,354 | 6,436,446 | 6,624,107 |
| Operating Income | 14,295 | 286,323 | 274,208 | 262,870 | 261,845 | 257,180 |
| Fund Balance | | | | | | |
| Beginning Balance (Unaudited) | 223,614 | 237,909 | 524,231 | 798,439 | 1,061,309 | 1,323,154 |
| Audit Adjustment | | | | | | |
| Beginning Balance (Audited) | 223,614 | 237,909 | 524,231 | 798,439 | 1,061,309 | 1,323,154 |
| Operating Income | 14,295 | 286,323 | 274,208 | 262,870 | 261,845 | 257,180 |
| Ending Fund Balance | 237,909 | 524,231 | 798,439 | 1,061,309 | 1,323,154 | 1,580,335 |
| Total Revenue Per ADE | 11,529 | 14,862 | 14,143 | 14,507 | 14,885 | 15,292 |
| Total Expenses Per ADE | 11,498 | 14,226 | 13,534 | 13,923 | 14,303 | 14,720 |
| Operating Income Per ADE | 31 | 636 | 609 | 584 | 582 | 572 |
| Fund Balance as a % of Expenses | 4% | 8% | 13% | 17% | 21% | 24% |
| Key Assumptions | | | | | | |
| Enrollment Breakdown | | | | | | |
| K | 77 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| 1 | 77 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| 2 | 77 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| 3 | 77 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| 4 | 77 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| 5 | 78 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| Total ADE | 463 | 450 | 450 | 450 | 450 | 450 |

**Futuro Academy Public Charter School
Board of Trustees Special Meeting Agenda**



June 28, 2023 | 6:00 pm
Location: 920 N. Lamb Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89110 - Room: 156 (Conference Room)

Call In Information:
Meeting ID: 873 1418 7032
Passcode: 353783
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| I. Order & Roll Call | |
| II. Public Comment | Public Comment* |
| III. Information | <p>Enrollment Update – YTD update as of 6/28/23, Historical Review and Class Size Comparisons</p> <p>The Executive Director will provide the exact counts of registrations completed as of 6/28/23 via a SchoolMint extract to inform SY23-24 realistic enrollment to date with an effective target of 490 through at least 6/28/23. The executive director will provide a historical review of ADE by SY2017-18 to SY2022-23 and correlated class sizes compared with the overall average of the SPCSA and CCSD, as well as the nearest comparison elementary schools specifically.</p> |
| IV. For Possible Action | <p>Motion to request Good Cause Exemption for Contract Amendments</p> <p>Motion as attached to request good cause exemption for requesting contract amendments outside of the regular window due to two unknown variables during the Spring Amendment window:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The passage and approval of AB400 during the legislative session ending in June providing charter school transportation funding, hence causing Futuro Academy to seek a transportation vendor to provide transportation for students. 2. The passage and approval of the education budget bill during the legislative session ending funding Pupil Centered Funding Plan revenues at much higher rates than FY23 (greater than 20% increase in overall state funding) causing Futuro Academy to request a change in enrollment pattern from to the current contracted 522 students (29 per homeroom) to a reduced number to maintain progress on lowering class size. The Board will be presented with a sensitivity analysis to finalize the exact requested baseline enrollment. |
| VI. Public Comment | Public Comment* |
| | Adjournment |

This is a stacked agenda. Agenda items may be reordered or combined for consideration. Futuro Academy makes reasonable accommodations for participants, for any accommodation requests, or for a copy of any meeting materials, please contact Ignacio Prado at director@futuroacademy.org

*No action may be taken upon matters raised under public comment unless the matter itself is specifically included on the agenda. At the discretion of the chair, public comment may be restricted in overall time or maximum per speaker time in order to conduct public business in reasonable time. Futuro Academy does not discriminate based on viewpoint.

Meeting notices posted:

Futuro Academy – 920 N. Lamb Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89110 | East Las Vegas Community Center, 250 N. Eastern Ave, NV 89101
East Las Vegas Library, 2851 E Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV 89110 | Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89101



**Board of Trustees Special Meeting
June 28, 2023
920 N. Lamb Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV
Room – Conference Room**

I. Call To Order

A Special Meeting of the Futuro Academy Charter School Board of Trustees, a Nevada nonprofit corporation, was held on June 28, 2023 and was called to order at approximately 6:05 pm. Those in attendance did constitute a quorum:

Present (remotely): Ela Garcia, David Dzarnoski, Jennifer Roberts, Erik Simpkins

Absent: John Pictum, Richard Manhattan, Chelsea Parado

Also in attendance:

- In person - Ignacio Prado (Lead Founder & Executive Director)

II. Public Comment – 6:06 pm

None present.

Information/Possible Action

III. Enrollment Update – YTD as of 6/28/23, Historical Review and Class Size Comparisons

The Executive Director provided current projections for Day 1 and Count Day of SY2023-24 school year, along with comparison data for the State of Nevada, the SPCSA, the CCSD, and two comparison schools (Cambeiro and Mater Bonanza) as references for comparisons of instructional staff and class size ratios.

IV. Motion to Request Good Cause Exemption for Contract Amendments

Discussion: The Executive Director presented two amendment scenarios for consideration of the board:

- addition of transportation services
- reduction to a budget ADE below our contracted limit of 470 (90% of 522, the current baseline number)

The board reviewed several multi-year scenarios ranging from 441 ADE – 468 ADE for enrollment ranges below the current contractual range. After discussion regarding the financial impacts of changing the multi-year forecast to address concerns raised by Trustee Roberts during the 6/21/23 meeting, the board arrived at a consensus of a 450 ADE baseline while setting an operating target of 460 students to ensure sustainability and financial health as it provided a much stronger outlook than the initial 441 ADE model.

The board members also asked several questions about the cost of adding a transportation program. The Executive Director indicated that AB400 had specifically added a per-pupil amount to be added to cover transportation expenses, and that our proposal would be a cost-neutral program that funds the cost of a vendor and additional duties. Trustee Dzarnoski inquired about additional insurance costs, to which the Executive Director indicated that they are likely to occur and not actually be covered by the grant. Even if doubled, the potential liability insurance

exposure is around \$20,000 (the current umbrella policy is approximately \$19,000), for which the board understood may be encumbered but is well within the range of our current operating surplus.

Motion to approve the Good Cause Exemption to request an contract change to an ADE baseline of 450 annually (25 students per homeroom), and to additionally request transportation be added per the new program established by AB400 made by Dzarnoski. Seconded by Garcia.

-Passed Without Dissent

VI. Public Comment – 7:02 pm

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Garcia at approximately 7:02 pm.

Date of Approval

Secretary

Date Signed