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Please review the following list of assurances. By signing this document, I hereby acknowledge the following:

- That no trustees, or individual(s) responsible for the operation of the community school under contract with the governing authority, owe the state any money or are in a dispute over whether the trustee or individual owes the state any money, concerning the operation of a community school that has closed; and
- 2. That no trustee will serve on the board of more than two start-up community schools at one time; and
- 3. That no present or former member, or immediate relative of a present or former member, of the governing authority of any community school established under Chapter 3314 of the Ohio Revised Code is an owner, employee, or consultant of any sponsor or operator of the proposed school, unless at least one year has elapsed since the conclusion of the person's membership; and
- 4. That no member of the governing authority, the proposed school's development team, or the school leadership has been affiliated in any manner with a school that has closed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 3314.35; and
- 5. That no member of the governing authority, the proposed school's development team, the school's leadership or the treasurer have been affiliated with a school that has been deemed "unauditable" by the Auditor of State; and
- 6. That all governing authority members and the school leadership have completed an Ohio criminal background check, and a Federal Bureau of Investigation background check if the individual has been an Ohio resident fewer than five (5) years, and that no member of the governing authority or the school leadership has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the offenses as set forth in Ohio Revised Code section 3319.39(B)(1)(a); and
- 7. That the school will comply with Ohio's Public Records and Open Meetings Acts; and
- 8. That the school will comply with Ohio's Ethics laws; and
- 9. That the school shall not discriminate against any student, staff member, or volunteer on the basis of race, religion, gender, or national origin. Furthermore, with regard to students, the school admits students of any race, religion, gender, color, national and ethnic origin, and disability to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school; and
- 10. That the school will enroll any eligible student who submits a timely application, unless the school receives a greater number of applications than there are spaces for students, in which case each timely applicant will be given equal chance of admission; and

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- 11. That the school will adhere to all provisions of federal law relating to students with disabilities, including the IDEA, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, that are applicable to it; and
- 12. That the school will be non-religious in its programs, admissions policies, governance, employment practices, and all other operations, and its curriculum will be completely secular; and,
- 13. That the school will adhere to all provisions of federal law relating to students who are Limited English Proficient (LEP), including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974, that are applicable to it; and,
- 14. That the school will follow any and all other federal, state, and local laws and regulations that pertain to the applicant or the operation of the charter school; and
- 15. That the governing authority have or will create, and will remain, a tax-exempt entity under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and,
- 16. That the school will be firmly committed to high expectations for all our students and accountability for academic results.

As developer for this charter school application, I agree to and will comply with all of the above.	
Name and title	
Date	

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