BELOVED COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

Annual Report 2020-2021



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BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Table 1: Basic Information			
Name of school	BelovED Community Charter School		
Grade level(s) to be served in 2021-2022	K-11		
2020-2021 enrollment (as of June 30, 2021)	1,316		
Projected enrollment for 2021-2022	1,440		
Current waiting list for 2021-2022	783		
Website address	www.belovedccs.org		
Name of board president	Nicole Jackson		
Board president email address	njackson@belovedccs.org		
Board president phone number	(201) 970-4906		
Name of school leader	Ken Schultz		
School leader email address	kschultz@belovedccs.org		
School leader phone number	(201) 630-4700 x2091		
Name of School Business Administrator	Richard Raschdorf		
SBA email address	rraschdorf@belovedccs.org		
SBA phone number	201-630-4765		

SCHOOL SITE INFORMATION

TABLE 2: SCHOOL SITE 1			
Site name	BelovED Community Charter School (Elementary School)		
Year site opened	SY12-13		
Grade level(s) served at this site in 2020-2021	K-8		
Grade level(s) to be served at this site in 2021-2022	K-8		
Site street address	508 (aka 530) Grand Street		
Site city	Jersey City, NJ		
Site zip	07302		
Site phone number	201-630-4700		
Site lead or primary contact's name	Michele Link, Principal		
Site lead's email address	mlink@belovedccs.org		

TABLE 2: SCHOOL SITE 2			
Site Name	BelovED Community Charter School (High School)		
Year Site Opened	SY19-20		
Grade Level(s) Served at this site in 2020-21	9-10		
Grade Level(s) to be Served at this site in 2021-22	9-11		
Site Street Address	531 Grand Street		
Site City	Jersey City, NJ		
Site Zip	07302		
Site Phone Number	201-630-4700		
Site Lead or Primary Contact's Name	Ken Schultz, Lead Person		
Site Lead's Email Address	kschultz@belovedccs.org		

ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE AREAS

1.1 Mission and Key Design Elements

a) BelovED Community Charter School's Mission

The mission of BelovED Community Charter School is to develop values, skills, knowledge, confidence and character in its scholars that will propel them to success in school, college, and their careers and to the fulfillment of a socially contributory life.

b) Key Design Elements

Distinctive elements of our school model include:

- A high-expectations/no excuses academic culture combined with a caring and fun school climate
- Emphasis on the development of positive values, habits, character and community
- The schoolwide implementation of data-driven instruction and of a positive discipline behavioral system
- A longer school day with more time for critical learning
- A carefully sequenced curriculum, aligned with all state and common core standards
- "Planned Joy" moments every day in every classroom
- Teacher training in, and use of, *Teach Like a Champion* pedagogical techniques within an innovative, highly-effective teach cycle that ends almost every lesson with a check for understanding
- The extensive use of class prefects and peer tutoring
- Extensive curriculum-aligned formative and through-course assessments
- Constant academic performance monitoring and parental communication
- Intensive teacher tutoring when a student exhibits difficulty mastering a standard
- Top quality educators who benefit by extensive instructional coaching and professional development that is carefully aligned with our school model

c) Unique, Board of Trustees-Established Academic Goals

In our charter application, we spoke of providing our scholars a superior education and having them achieve continual progress toward mastery of all academic standards. The NJDOE Academic Performance Framework uses state summative assessments to measure scholar learning growth and comparative performance, but these assessments are not administered to children until Grade Three. To measure learning growth from kindergarten through grade 3, BelovED's charter application called for the use of nationally normed assessments that are commercially available.

In past years, we used our primary grade scholars' end-of-year Grade Mean Equivalent scores on Terra Nova Reading and Math assessments for this purpose, as shown in the following two tables comparing SY19 to SY18 data.

Table 3: Reading

Reference	Charter Application Goal 1.1					
Goal/ Objective	Scholars make superior progress toward mastery of academic standards.					
Measure/ Metric	Average Terra Nova Grade Mean Equivalent (GME) of Scholar Cohorts at YE					
Target	Averag	e Year-to-Year GME Go	ain of Young Scholars in F	Reading is >1		
	Grade Level	SY18 Reading GME	SY19 Reading GME	Cohort's Year-Year Growth		
	K	1.0	1.0	NA		
	First	2.5	2.7	1.7		
Data	Second	3.7	4.5	2.0		
	Third	5.2	5.0	1.3		
	Average Year- to-Year Growth of All Cohorts			1.7		
Outcome	me GOAL WAS MET FOR READING.					

Table 3: Math

Reference	Charter Application Goal 1.1					
Goal/ Objective	Scholars make superior progress toward mastery of academic standards.					
Measure/ Metric	Average Terra Nova Grade Mean Equivalent (GME) of Scholar Cohorts at YE					
Target	Avera	ge Year-to-Year GME (Gain of Young Scholars in	Math is >1		
	Grade Level	SY18 Math GME	SY19 Math GME	Cohort's Year-Year Growth		
	K	1.1	1.1	NA		
	First	2.1	2.1	1.0		
Data	Second	3.3	3.3	1.2		
	Third	4.9	4.9	1.6		
	Average Year- to-Year Growth of All Cohorts			1.3		
Outcome	GOAL WAS MET FOR MATH.					

It was our intention, in SY19-20, to begin using Star360 assessments for this purpose. But the pandemic and the move to virtual instruction in the Spring of 2020 makes year-end SY20 and SY21 assessment data somewhat unreliable, as it is not possible to ensure that parents or others did not provide scholars with assistance. So we will not return to reporting year-to-year K-3 GME score gains until the end of this coming SY21-22, and at that time, instead of reporting June 2021 to June 2022 gains, will report September 2021 to June 2022 gains, and will do so only for scholars taking the assessment both at the beginning and end of the school year in-person at BelovED to ensure data integrity.

1.2 Curriculum

In SY20-21, we employed curricular materials from the publishers indicated below.

	SY20-21 CURRICULAR MATERIALS				
Subject Area	Grade Levels	els Publisher: Curriculum			
Reading/ Language Arts, Literacy	Kindergarten	Savvas: MyView			
	Grades 1-5	Savvas: My View Diverse Novels/Publishers			
	Grade 6-8	Diverse Novels/Publishers Savvas: My Perspectives			
	Grade 9-10	Diverse Novels/Publishers			
Math	Grades K-8	Savvas: Envision Math Algebra: Pearson On the Ramp			
	Grade 9 and 10 (Algebra and Geometry, respectively)	Modified North Star Charter School-Developed Curriculum (Licensed)			
Science	Grade K-5	Savvas: Interactive Science			
	Grade 6-8	Savvas: Elevate Science			
	Grade 9 Grade 10	Biology: Savvas (supplemented with other resources) Chemistry: Savvas (a combination of various resources)			
Social Studies	Grades K-5 Grade 6 Grades 7-8	Savvas My World Interactive Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Ancient Civilizations Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: United States History			
	Grade 9 and 10	History: Shared High Performing Charter School-Developed Curriculum			
Spanish	Kindergarten – Grade 8	Santillana			
World Languages	Grade 9-10	Edgenuity Senderos			

As noted in the Assurances provided in Appendix A, these curricular materials are all aligned to New Jersey's curriculum content standards.

1.3 Instruction

a) High Quality Instruction at BelovED

We define high quality instruction as instruction which leads to comprehensive scholar mastery of rigorous academic standards (i.e., learning objectives).

The best pedagogical approach for helping students master one learning objective will not necessarily be the best pedagogical approach for helping students master a different learning objective. Moreover, all students are not equally well-served by a given pedagogical approach relating to a particular objective. So we train our teachers in a number of different pedagogies and use student learning data to guide the pedagogy used in regard to a given academic standard for a given group of students.

That said, we always expect instruction at BelovED to be highly intentional and data-driven, well-planned, and engagingly delivered.

b) A brief description of the school's instructional practices.

Assessment, assessment analysis, and data-driven lesson planning are critical elements of data-driven instruction. Our regular, in-school data-driven instruction protocols at BelovED include the following:

- Multiple interim and a final assessment are created/adapted and administered for every grade level in every academic subject area. These assessments align with state standards and the learning objective sequencing and pacing of our curriculum. As appropriate, they also re-assess mastery of previously taught standards.
- Prior to the beginning of an instructional period, teachers see samples of the up-coming assessments for their subject area and grade level to provide them a clear understanding of the depth to which skills and knowledge items are to be mastered.
- Our interim and final assessments are administered in common to all of the scholars working at a particular grade level in a subject area. Whenever practicable, interim and final assessments are administered via computer so that scoring is immediate.
- Care is taken in the design of assessments reports so as to facilitate ease of data analysis: not just bottom line results, but also item-level analysis and standard-level analysis by individual, classroom, and across a grade level.
- After each interim or final assessment is administered, school leaders facilitate "test-in-hand" teacher-leader data analysis meetings where teachers move beyond what scholars got wrong and take ownership of why scholars got it wrong.
- School leaders work collaboratively with teachers to develop teacher-specific wholeclass, small group, and individual scholar Instructional Action Plans based on the foregoing data analysis. This includes not just revisions to teachers' planned pacing of instruction, and the identification of learning objectives to re-taught, but also the strategies and interventions that teachers plan to use.

In our education program, when delivering whole class instruction, we often employ an *I Do, We Do, You Do, Check "*teach cycle" and make use of Responsive Teaching principles, Champion Teacher techniques¹, additional research-based strategies, and appropriate technology.

We expect instruction at BelovED to be continuously improving. We are committed to taking instructional practice at BelovED from Good to Great, so a very important part of our school model is our focus upon, and our systems for supporting, the continual professional development of our instructional staff. Noting that even the world's very top athletes have coaches, a core responsibility of each school leader at BelovED is instructional coaching. Meanwhile, we expect our teachers to want to continually improve their practice and to be positively responsive to our school leaders' coaching.

c) How the school endeavored to engage students in in-person instruction in SY20-21; Areas of strength and opportunities for improvement; The percentage of students who were still in remote instruction

BelovED implemented high quality virtual instruction. Even so, we firmly believe that in-person instruction is far more beneficial to students. A bit more than 30% of our students attended last fall when we and another charter school became the only two public schools in Jersey City to open for inperson instruction. To provide in-person and virtual instruction concurrently, we implemented a hybrid model of instruction that did not permit us to provide in-person instruction five days a week to the scholars attending. Even so, these scholars were generally far more engaged in their classes and their overall academic data was stronger than the scholars who remained remote. Even though we needed to navigate challenging Covid protocols (masks, shields, etc.), we were able to deliver strong in-person lessons, especially at the K-5 level. For Middle and High School, it was more complicated because we had fewer scholars attending in-person, so we often had to resort to teachers delivering lessons virtually both to in-person and virtual scholars.

Unfortunately, due to the rising Covid transmission rates in New Jersey in November, we were forced to return to being fully remote through the holidays. Having seen the benefits of in-person learning, we determined to re-open again as soon as possible. We sent out surveys to our families and as Covid vaccinations began being administered, we saw the number of families wanting in-person learning increase significantly. While the greatest interest came from our K-5 scholars, we saw increased interest from the families of middle and high school scholars, as well. Thus, when we re-opened in the spring, overall for our approved K-10 grade levels, we had approximately 40% of our scholars attending inperson. This enabled us to offer scholars 4 days a week of in-person instruction, and matching our impression of things, assessment data again showed our in-person scholars outperforming our virtual scholars in regard to learning growth.

We are looking forward to being fully in person in the fall. We feel that our Covid protocols are strong and we are excited to use some of our "best virtual practices" in the in-person setting.

1.4 Assessment

Table 1: Proficiency Rates on local assessments

¹ Doug Lemov, *Teach Like a Champion* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2010).

Assessment	Interi	im Assessı	ment	End of Year Assessment		% Mid-Year % EOY		
Percentage	Below	On	Above	Below	On	Above	At/Above	At/Above
of students:	Grade	Grade	Grade	Grade	Grade	Grade	Grade	Grade
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Level	Level	Level	Level
ELA K	4	21	75	7	39	69	96%	94%
ELA 1	12	27	70	20	16	76	89%	82%
ELA 2	22	27	67	20	33	59	81%	82%
ELA 3	22	33	56	21	35	57	80%	81%
ELA 4	46	35	32	39	36	39	59%	66%
ELA 5	65	14	34	51	23	43	42%	56%
ELA 6	59	13	22	58	15	33	37%	45%
ELA 7	72	20	19	68	17	25	35%	38%
ELA 8	64	10	36	51	20	40	42%	54%
ELA 9	58	22	14	60	9	19	38%	32%
ELA 10	54	19	24	52	10	23	44%	39%
MAT K	4	21	75	7	39	69	96%	94%
MAT 1	8	40	66	5	28	80	93%	96%
MAT 2	14	46	56	12	37	57	88%	89%
MAT 3	30	26	54	19	36	60	73%	83%
MAT 4	40	37	36	40	17	54	65%	64%
MAT 5	38	25	49	40	16	61	66%	66%
MAT 6	32	15	56	31	16	57	69%	70%
MAT 7	48	13	47	38	9	56	56%	63%
MAT 8	37	1	63	34	6	62	63%	67%
Algebra I	18	11	29	30	8	32	69%	57%
Geometry	52	23	8	44	25	22	37%	52%
Algebra II	0	0	9	0	1	15	100%	100%

b) Type of assessments used for interim assessment data:

To generate interim assessment data, we both administered STAR 360 assessments and assessments created in-house.

c) Type of assessments used for end of year assessment results:

To generate end-of-year assessment data, we both administered Star 360 assessments and assessments created in-house.

d) Initiatives/Plans to Promote Proficiency Rates Gains by Grade Levels and Sub-Groups ((i.e., students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch, English language learners, students with disabilities, and racial/ethnic groups)

While our teachers, scholars and scholar families all tell us that BelovED very quickly and effectively implemented distance learning in the Spring of 2020 when schools closed to in-person instruction, they also tell us -- on the very same surveys -- that online schooling was not as effective as in-person schooling. Assessment results bear this out.

To offset learning loss, we have made arrangements for an expanded and extended in-person Summer School. This is consistent with the research findings that scholar instructional time/time on task is a major determinant of scholar learning. In addition, we are hiring additional Teacher Assistants to support more small group work in Math and ELA classes, and hiring additional Response-To-Intervention Teachers to support our struggling scholars with high-dosage tutoring during the school day, Before-School, After-School and on Saturdays.

To accelerate learning in the years ahead, we will revise our curriculum to <u>increase knowledge-building</u>; incorporate writing activities in all subject areas; use a number of new curricular resources in ELA, Social Studies, Science and Math, and will provide extensive professional development to our faculty to support their expert execution of instruction that is tailored to the particular learning objective and the needs of different learners.

Research finds that scholars with diverse needs should, as a rule, remain in general education classrooms for core subject instruction and then have their specific learning challenges addressed in small-group settings by teachers with mastery not only in supporting scholars with diverse needs, but also of the curriculum content that the students need to learn. Accordingly, we will provide these students intensive small group summer school, and during the academic year, will provide school-day, before-school, after-school and Saturday tutoring or one-on-one support using teachers who possess not only Special Education and ESL certification, but also certification to teach even middle school and high school level scholars in different academic subject areas.

Finally, it is also our plan to hire more counselors and social workers so we can more comprehensively implement <u>best practices</u>, including <u>effective</u>, <u>school-based programs</u>, for addressing the mental health needs of school community members. These professionals will first perform an informal triage to identify the different levels of support needed by individual community members; then establish generalized supports that benefit all scholars and implement targeted interventions including the school-based programs referenced above for scholars in need. Importantly, they will also attend to the mental health needs of faculty and staff by helping individuals develop self-care practices, working with intentionality to build staff community and mutual support, and sharing information with staff about community resources.

e) List of diagnostic, formative and summative assessments administered in SY20-21.

Diagnostic Assessments That Are Not Subject-Specific:

Grade	Diagnostic
Level	Assessments
K	Where use is appropriate and approved, ACCESS for assessing English Language Proficiency
	• Schoolwide Physical Assessments: Vision; Hearing; Height; Weight and Body Mass when necessary
	Special Diagnostic Assessments administered by Child Study Team members or others in special

	circumstances
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Subject-Specific Assessments:

	Language Arts						
Grade Level	Diagnostic Assessments						
К	 Savvas Baseline assessments of all student masteries/learning gaps 	 Scholastic Guided Reading with Fountas and Pinnell Levels Checks for understanding used by teachers during the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket, 	 Curriculum Head- created End of Term and End of Year Assessments 				

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Science			
Grade	Diagnostic	Formative	Summative
Level	Assessments	Assessments	Assessments

K	• None	 Checks for understanding used by teachers during the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket, questions, do nows, pair/share, observations, inquiry based learning Group work Projects, reports Experiments Curriculum Head- created Quizzes & Unit Tests using Savvas Interactive Science test bank and Teacher-created experiment questions 	Curriculum Head- created End of Term and End of Year Assessments using Interactive Science test bank
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3	• None	 Checks for understanding used by teachers during the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket, questions, do nows, pair/share, observations, inquiry based learning Group work Projects, reports Experiments Curriculum Head- created Quizzes & Unit Tests using Savvas Interactive Science test bank and Teacher-created experiment questions 	Curriculum Head- created End of Term and End of Year Assessments using Interactive Science test bank
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6	• None	 Checks for understanding used by teachers during the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket, questions, do nows, pair/share, observations, inquiry based learning Group work Projects, reports Experiments Teacher - created Quizzes & Unit Tests using Savvas Elevate Science test bank and Teacher-created experiment questions 	Teacher-created End of Term and End of Year Assessments using Savvas Elevate Science Test Bank
7	• None	 Checks for understanding used by teachers during the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket, questions, do nows, pair/share, observations, inquiry based learning Group work Projects, reports Experiments Teacher - created Quizzes & Unit Tests using Savvas Elevate Science test bank and Teacher-created experiment questions 	Teacher-created End of Term and End of Year Assessments using Savvas Elevate Science Test Bank
8	• None	 Checks for understanding used by teachers during the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket, questions, do nows, pair/share, observations, inquiry based learning Group work Projects, reports Experiments Teacher - created Quizzes & Unit Tests using Savvas Elevate Science test bank and Teacher-created experiment questions 	Teacher-created End of Term and End of Year Assessments using Savvas Elevate Science Test Bank
9	• None	 Checks for understanding used by teachers during the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket, questions, do nows, pair/share, observations, inquiry based learning Group work Projects, reports Experiments Teacher - created Quizzes & Unit Tests using Savvas Science test bank and Teacher-created experiment questions 	Teacher-created End of Term and End of Year Assessments using Savvas Science Test Bank

10	• None	Checks for understanding used by teachers during	Teacher-created
		the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket,	End of Term and
		questions, do nows, pair/share, observations,	End of Year
		inquiry based learning	Assessments using
		Group work	Savvas Science Test
		Projects, reports	Bank
		Experiments	
		• Teacher - created Quizzes & Unit Tests using	
		Savvas Science test bank and Teacher-created	
		experiment questions	

		Social Studies	
Grade Level	Diagnostic Assessments	Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
К	• None	 Checks for understanding used by teachers during the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket, questions, do nows, pair/share, observations, inquiry based learning Projects, reports, presentations Map Skills Work Curriculum Head-created Unit Tests using Savvas My World questions 	Curriculum Head- created End of Term and End of Year Assessments using Savvas My World questions
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4	• None	 Checks for understanding used by teachers during the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket, questions, do nows, pair/share, observations, inquiry based learning Projects, reports, presentations Map Skills Work Curriculum Head-created Unit Tests using Savvas My World questions 	Curriculum Head- created End of Term and End of Year Assessments using Savvas My World questions
5	• None	 Checks for understanding used by teachers during the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket, questions, do nows, pair/share, observations, inquiry based learning Projects, reports, presentations Map Skills Work Curriculum Head-created Unit Tests using Savvas My World questions 	Curriculum Head- created End of Term and End of Year Assessments using Savvas My World questions
6	• None	 Checks for understanding used by teachers during the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket, questions, do nows, pair/share, observations, inquiry based learning Student Prefect checks of peer group's practice work following whole group instruction & independent practice Projects, reports, presentations Map Skills Work Teacher-created Quizzes Harcourt Chapter Tests Curriculum Head-created Unit Tests using Houghton Mifflin questions 	Teacher-created End of Term Assessments and End of Year Assessments using Houghton Mifflin Harcourt test banks
7	• None	 Checks for understanding used by teachers during the provision of instruction-i.e. exit ticket, questions, do nows, pair/share, observations, inquiry based learning Projects, reports, presentations Map Skills Work Teacher-created Quizzes Harcourt Chapter Tests Curriculum Head-created Unit Tests using Houghton Mifflin questions 	Teacher-created End of Term Assessments and End of Year Assessments using Houghton Mifflin Harcourt test banks
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f) How results from the assessments listed above were used to improve instructional effectiveness and student learning.

Effectively supporting students' academic and non-academic growth requires making an unending number of decisions well. The foundation of good decision-making is good data. We used the data derived by our many formal and informal assessment methodologies to inform good decision-making.

In connection with academic learning, our regular administration of the above diagnostic, formative and summative assessments was used to guide instruction, highlight where curriculum revisions were necessary, and track the absolute and comparative learning, and learning growth over time, of both individual scholars and groups of scholars.

As an example, following the administration of an academic assessment, we analyzed the data to identify (i) the standards scholars mastered and (ii) those with which scholars struggled. We would then ask ourselves not just what standards scholars struggled with, but why. Making appropriate lesson modifications, we would then reteach standards a majority of scholars were unable to master, but if only a subset of scholars struggled with a set of standard, the struggling scholars received extra support during a small group block, and if our ELL and/or scholars with IEPs struggled to master certain standards, they would receive specialized additional supports during a class block via our pullout or push in protocols.

Next year, we plan on increasing the number of small groups to provide increased intensive tutoring and more individual attention to scholars who struggled overall this past year. We also plan on starting our after school "intensives" program (afterschool intensive tutoring) earlier in the fall. We will continue to use our robust data analysis process to "catch" gaps in learning and reteach standards as needed.

g) How we maintained fidelity in assessment outcomes throughout SY2020-2021.

We implemented several strategies to safeguard assessment fidelity. First, we communicated to scholars the importance of having their assessments reflect their own work so we could properly assess how best to support them moving forward. Second, while we were clear about the consequences for plagiarizing or getting assistance during an assessment, we framed the discussion around the value of integrity. Third, we monitored assessments through a software program called Go Guardian. Go Guardian allows the teacher to monitor the scholar's computer during an assessment. If a scholar visits another site, the teacher will know through this program. Finally, assessments were taken during in person and virtual classes. Accordingly, the teacher could view the scholar while the scholar was taking an assessment, and assessments would "time out" once the class concluded. This significantly limited a scholar's chance to check answers via another site or with other scholars.

1.5 Organizational Capacity - School Leadership/Administration

SY20-21 School Leadership / Administration Information			
School Leader / Administrator Name	Title	Start Date at School	Annual Salary
Ken Schultz	Lead Person & Academic Dean of the High School	4/9/2019	\$148,500
Michele Link	Principal	9/1/12	\$138,000
Samantha Fearse	Coordinator of Special Education	7/1/20	\$82,000
Karina Ortiz-Costa	Academic Dean of the High School	7/1/20	\$76,000
Victoria DeLeon	Academic Dean of the Middle School	7/1/12	\$107,000
Kristin Thompson	Academic Dean of the Upper Elementary Academy	1/27/13	\$84,000
Stellia Henao	Academic Dean of the Primary Academy	9/1/16	\$79,000
Ben Elk	High School Dean of Students	9/1/19	\$69,500
Shaniqua Martin	Middle School Dean of Students	9/1/14	\$69,500

Michael Long	Lower School Dean of Students	9/1/15	\$70,500
Richard Raschdorf	School Business Administrator (Contracted)	7/1/12	\$35,000
Duanne Moeller	Director of Operations (Formerly Contracted)	7/1/20	\$110,000

SCHOOL CULTURE & CLIMATE

2.1 School Culture and Climate

a)

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT	
Total Attendance Rate: (use the total number of days present	93%
divided by the total number of days enrolled)	3370
Elementary School Attendance Rate (grades K-5)	96%
Middle School Attendance Rate (grades 6-8)	91%
High School Attendance Rate (grades 9-12)	87%
Student - Teacher Ratio	13- 1

b)

PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENT		
Teacher Retention Rate (from SY 2019-20 to 2020-2021)		
Total Staff Retention Rate (from SY 2019-20 to 2020-2021)	85%	
Frequency of teacher surveys and date of last survey conducted	3 Teacher Surveys taken in SY20-21; last conducted June 11, 2021.	
Percent of teachers who submitted survey responses	86%	

Percent of teachers who expressed satisfaction with school leadership or with the overall school environment in response to relevant Teacher Survey questions.

Would you say that this instructional leader works diligently to provide faculty with effective supervision and guidance as to action items?

- Percent answering who replied "Yes" regarding Executive Officer (Lead Person): 100%
- Percent answering who replied "Yes" regarding Principal: 94%

Would you say that as a group our instructional leaders do a good job providing teachers and professional staff with clear direction, effective management and appropriate support?

• Percent who replied "Yes": 85%

Are you satisfied with the school's instructional leadership, overall?

• Percent who replied "Yes": 89%

Are you satisfied with our school environment, overall?

• Percent who replied "Yes": 91%

Would you say that our school is a satisfying place to work?

• Percent who replied "Yes": 96%

c)

TEACHER-IDENTIFIED PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENT POSITIVES		
Three main teacher-identified positive aspects of the professional environment in latest survey	 Staff support for one another/Teamwork Supportive/helpful leadership Great scholars 	

d)

Three main teacher-identified challenges of the professional environment in the latest survey • Shorten Summer Institute for veteran teachers / Shorten PDs / Provide more time for grade level meetings and planning • Further improve administrative communications • Provide more flexibility with curriculum and instruction

e)

Table 2: Discipline Environment 2020-2021			
Grade Level	Number of students enrolled (as of Oct. 15, 2020)	Number of students receiving an out-of-school suspension (unique count) ¹	Number of students expelled
K	117	0	0
1	120	0	0
2	118	0	0
3	120	0	0
4	120	0	0
5	120	0	0
6	120	2	0
7	120	0	0
8	121	0	0
9	117	0	0
10	118	0	0

2.2. Family and Community Engagement

a)

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT AND SATISFACTION		
Number of parents/guardians currently serving on the school's	1/7	

board, out of the total number of board members	
Frequency of parent/guardian surveys	SY20-21: 3
Date of last parent/guardian survey conducted	June 11, 2021.
Percent of parents/guardians completing the survey (consider one survey per household)	39%
Percent of parents/guardians that expressed satisfaction with the overall school environment	We asked parents whether they agree with the statement, "I am satisfied with school environment, overall." This is how they responded to the question: Strongly Agree 46% Agree 46% Disagree 2% Strongly Disagree 1% Don't Know 5% We also asked parents, "Are you satisfied with the school, overall." This is how they responded to this more general question: Yes 97% No 3%

b)

PARENT-IDENTIFIED SCHOOL POSITIVES		
Three main parent- identified positive aspects of the school in latest survey	 Good academic program / Curriculum Caring, dedicated teachers Safe learning environment / Good, clean facilities Bus transportation 	

c)

PARENT-IDENTIFIED SCHOOL CHALLENGES		
Three main parent- identified challenges of the school in the latest survey	 Parents would like there to be more extra-curricular programs and sports. Further communication improvements Further bus service improvements 	

MAJOR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS OFFERED TO PARENTS DURING 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR (VIRTUAL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

- New Parent Orientation: 1-hour informational session about curriculum, procedures, achievement tracking, etc., with a school tour
- Middle School Parent Orientation: 1-hour informational session about changes in curriculum, procedures, achievement tracking, etc., at the middle school level
- High School Parent Orientation: 1-hour informational session about changes in curriculum, procedures, achievement tracking, etc., at the middle school level
- 6th Grade Academy Parent Orientation- 1-hour informational session about changes in curriculum, procedures, achievement tracking, etc., at the middle school level
- Back to School Night: 2 September evenings
- Family Literacy Night: Evening event during which staff, scholars, and families participated in literacy games that were fun and engaging.
- Family Math Week Scholar Support Training: Scholar support training for parents of scholars in Grades K-8 relating to BelovED's Math curriculum. Among other things, includes training parents on how to support their scholar's development of effective homework routines and how to navigate Pearson Realize. Students participated in a variety of Math/STEM events.
- Response to Intervention Team Participation
- Read Across America Week: Parents/scholar family members are invited to take part in reading activities with their scholars and their classmates through Zoom. A Scholastic Book Fair was conducted online. All staff and students participated, as did hundreds of scholar family members.
- Family Wellness Night: Families, scholars, and staff learned about healthy habits of eating and exercises. Community groups were present to provide health screenings, to show clean living, to show how to have fun exercising, to provide massages, etc.
- Promotion Ceremonies: Hundreds of parents/guardians and family members attended their scholar's promotion ceremony - in person and through live streaming Kindergarten, 5th grade, & 8th grade.

e)

MAJOR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS CONDUCTED BY PARENTS TO ADVANCE THE SCHOOL'S MISSION (VIRTUAL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

- Scholar Support: We provide training programs for parents in how to optimally support their scholar's academic and social development
- Parent Teacher Organization: Provides parent perspective feedback to school administration; organizes community building events; raises funds for school support projects.
- Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week: Leadership Team led week-long series of virtual events to show appreciation for teachers and staff with prizes supplied by PTO
- Field Day Volunteer Assistance: Virtual Field Day parents assisted scholars at home to complete activities in support of BelovED's Field Day activities for different grade levels
- Girl Scouts: 2 parents lead a year-round Girl Scout Troop for BelovED scholars

f) Table 10: Community Involvement with Education Institutions

Partnering organization	Description of the partnership	Level of involvement: # students and/or staff involved, approx. # hours per month, resources involved etc.
Empowerment Academy Charter School	In SY20-21, BelovED received some business office services from Empowerment Academy Charter School, and provided it bus transportation services, via Shared Services Agreements.	BelovED received the services of two business staff personnel. Meanwhile, its provision of bus transportation services is improved and made more cost efficient by these services.
Educational Services Commission of New Jersey	BelovED contracts for its Child Study Team services from the ESCNJ. In addition, it has leased copiers and some of its computers, and purchased furniture and some of its stationary supplies through the organization.	Scholars with special needs receive CST services through this partnership. In addition, the school saves money on its lease or purchase of equipment and supplies, which leaves more money for BelovED's education program, benefiting all staff and all scholars.

Table 11: Community Involvement with Community Organizations

Partnering organization	Description of the partnership	Level of involvement: # students and/or staff involved, approx. # hours per month, resources involved etc.
JC Municipal Office & Cultural Affairs	Martin Luther King Jr. Oratory Contest - Scholars memorized a portion of an MLK Speech and performed in the contest at City Hall	Various scholars Gr. 3-8
Team Wilderness	Scholars demonstrating exemplary behavior earned the opportunity to go kayaking and/or hiking in Fall and Spring.	Various scholars in Gr. 6-8
MathCon	Scholars studied for and participated in a national math competition during the spring, resulting in three scholars from our school earning titles as finalists.	Various scholars in Gr. 6-8
Jersey City Fire Department	Toy Distribution - JCFD presented scholars with gifts at Christmas time.	Various scholars K-8
Food Drive	Scholars and staff donated over 3,000 lbs. of food to the Community Food Bank of NJ	All scholars
Robateau's JC Community & Quality of LIfe	SEL Activity Event with JC Fire & Police Departments, Birds of Prey	K-2 Gr. 3-5

g) How These Educational and Community Partnerships Advance the School's Mission

BelovED's personnel shared services agreement with Empowerment Academy enabled it to obtain high-quality business services and mentorship for two Assistant Business Administrators who are pursuing the SBA standard licenses. Meanwhile, its transportation shared services agreement helps BelovED distribute the cost of its buses and, in a very tight labor market for bus drivers, enables BelovED to hold onto bus drivers and aides who are happy about having more income-earning routes to drive each day.

BelovED's partnerships with community organizations help its student learn about their community, its needs, and how community organizations can and do work together to address those needs. BelovED also uses these partnerships to develop within its students a love of community engagement and service, which is an important part of the school's mission.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

3.1 Board Capacity

a)

BOARD GOVERNANCE			
Number of board members required by the charter	5-9		
school's by-laws	5-9		
Date of the latest board self-evaluation (include a copy			
of the board's self-evaluation tool as Appendix B)	July 2021		
Date of the latest school leader evaluation (include a			
copy of the board's school leader evaluation tool as	July 2021		
Appendix C)			

b)

BY LAW AMENDMENTS ADOPTEED DURING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR				
None				

c)

CRITICAL POLICIES ADOPTED OR REVISED DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR		
Re-Opening Plan / Health Safety Plan Revisions		
Employee Handbook/ Human Resources Policies Revisions		
Family Handbook Revisions		
Athletic Coaches Handbook Revisions		
Transportation Handbook Revisions		

d) Board Self-Identified Strengths

BOARD SELF-IDENTIFIED STRENGTHS			
Budget & Finance			
Policy			

e) Board Self-Identified Challenges

BOARD SELF-IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES

Getting board materials out the week before the monthly meeting, making timely decisions, and more consistently ending board meetings on time

Clarity as to the broader missional objectives of the school. (E.g., to what degree should the school provide vocational instruction)

3.2 Board Compliance

a)

Board of Trustees						
Member's Name	Start Date	Current Term Expiration Date	Role	Email Address	Date Of Criminal Background Check	Date of NJSBA training
Nicole Jackson	2/21/13	6/30/23	President	ndjackson@verizon. net	3/27/13	Gov1 1/13 Gov2 2/14 Gov3 8/15 Gov4 7/18
Sheridan Bell	7/21/16	6/30/22	Vice President	sheridanbell@gmail. com	5/3/17	Gov1 /8/17 Gov2 7/18 Gov3 7/19 Gov4 7/20
Sal Risalvato	11/3/11	6/30/23	Board Treasurer; Finance Cmte. Chair	sal@njgca.org	5/2/12	Gov1 2/13 Gov2 5/14 Gov3 7/17 Gov4 7/18
Jessica Lisboa	11/3/11	6/30/22	Member	corazon23@nj.rr.com	4/25/12	Gov1 1/13 Gov2 10/14 Gov3 7/17 Gov4 7/18
Sam Mikhail	7/1/19	6/30/23	Member	sam@junglecom munications.com	7/12/19	Gov1 7/20, Govt 2 7/21
Kathy Mone	4/15/21	6/30/23	Member	kathymone@gmail. com	Original 2001; Reapp'd 3/5/21	Enrolled for Gov1 7/21
Maggie Johnson	5/20/21	6/30/23	Member	maggie.johnson@ partnershipnyc.org	3/27/21	Enrolled for Gov1 7/21

b) Link to Board's Meeting Minutes on BelovED's Website

https://www.belovedccs.org/board_admin/meeting_calendar_minutes/2020-2021_meeting_agendas

c) Most Recent Minutes Posted on Website

June 2021

c) Board's Grievance Committee Policy

See Appendix D

ACCESS & EQUITY

4.1 Access and Equity

a) Table 3: School Year 2020-2021 Application Process Timeline

SY21-22 Application Process Timeline			
Date the application for school year 2021-2022 was	October 15, 2020		
made available to interested parties			
Date the application for school year 2021-2022 was	January 15, 2021		
due back to the school from parents/guardians			
Date and location of the lottery for seats in school year	January 20, 2021 at BelovED CCS, 508		
2021-2022	Grand Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302		

b)

URLS WHERE ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS COULD BE OBTAINED ONLINE IN SY2020-2021

https://www.belovedccs.org/apply/apply to enroll your child

c)

VENUES WHERE ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS WERE OBTAINABLE IN SY2020-2021

Online via our website: https://www.belovedccs.org/apply/apply to enroll your child At the school in the Office or at Open Houses.

At Pre-K centers in Jersey City were applications for BelovED's kindergarten are distributed.

At K-8 charter schools in Jersey City where applications for our high school were distributed.

d)

LANGUAGES IN WHICH ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS COULD BE OBTAINED	

e)

English Spanish

MEANS BY WHICH THE AVAILABILITY OF ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS WERE ADVERTISED

Online via our website: www.belovedccs.org.

Pre-Ks in Jersey City notify the families of their Pre-K 4s that BelovED is an option for their children.

K-8 charter schools in Jersey City notify their 8th grade scholars and families that BelovED has a high school and many distribute our applications.

f) Table 4: Student Enrollment and Attrition

Grade Level	Number of student withdrawals (for any reason) during the school year	Number of students enrolled after the first day of school year 2020-2021	Number of students retained in 2020-2021 for the 2021-2022 school year
K	6	12	1
1	2	4	2
2	9	11	2
3	3	4	1
4	5	7	2
5	3	4	3
6	6	12	2
7	5	6	3
8	5	5	3
9	5	8	0
10	6	10	0

g) See Appendix A for BelovED's Statement of Assurance that it has developed and implemented suspension and expulsion policies that are aligned with state law and regulation.

COMPLIANCE

5.2 Office of Charter and Renaissance School Compliance

Table 15: School Site Facility Information

School Site Facility Information	
	BelovED Community Charter School
Site name	508 (aka 530) & 531 Grand Street
	Jersey City, NJ 07302
Facility lease information	
Landlord name	Friends of BelovED Community Charter School 2, Inc
Lease commencement date	July 10, 2019
Lease termination date	June 30, 2026
2020-2021 annual lease cost	\$1,782,811
Facility mortgage/bond information	Friends 2's Mortgage: \$37,735,000
Purchase date	Friends 2's Purchase Date: July 10, 2019
Mortgage lender/Bond Issuer(s)	NJ Economic Development Authority
Outstanding loan amount as of 7/1/2021	\$37,735,000
Latest date of appraisal	April 12, 2019
Appraised value of property	\$17,600,000 for 508 Grand Street;
	\$16,100,000 for 531 Grand Street

Table 16: School Site Facility Information Lease Summary

School Site Facility Information Lease Summary				
Total number of leased facilities	1 Campus with 3 Adjacent Buildings			
Total annual cost of all leases	\$1,782,811 base rent (excludes additional rent for property, flood and umbrella liability insurance and miscellaneous costs).			
Total lease amount budgeted for 2021-2022	\$2,091,925 base rent (excludes additional rent for property, flood and umbrella liability insurance and miscellaneous costs).			

Table 17: School Site Facility Information Mortgage/Bond Summary

School Site Facility Information Lease Summary					
Total number of mortgaged facilities	0 facilities owned or mortgaged by BelovED				
Total mortgage/bond amount	0 mortgage/bond debt owed by BelovED				
Mortgage principal budgeted for 2021-2022	O mortgage principal budgeted by BelovED				
Mortgage payment interest budgeted for 2021-2022	0 mortgage interest budgeted by BelovED				

a) See Appendix A for Statements of Assurance that BelovED will maintain its facilities_compliant with health and safety standards.

5.3 Other Compliance

a) Description of Educator Evaluation System.

The evaluation of BelovED's teachers is overseen by its Principal using a Board of Trustees-approved process. The Board's process includes a delineation of the differences by which tenured and non-tenured teachers are to be evaluated. At minimum, non-tenured teachers are to receive observation and feedback from BelovED's Principal and/or Teacher Coaches six times per year.

Evaluations are conducted using a board-approved *Evaluation of Lead Teacher Instrument*. The Instrument's diverse standards of teaching effectiveness fall within one of three categories: *Culture, Professionalism and Commitment; Classroom Practice; and Measures of Student Learning.* Most of the standards are applied to the evaluation of every teacher, but some of the standards are customized for the position held by a teacher (e.g., the Student Growth Objectives for a gym teacher are not the same as those for a music teacher).

The cumulative score that a teacher receives for standards in a particular category is divided by the number of standards in that category to produce a category score. SY2020-21 category weightings were modified in life of the pandemic and virtual assessment, but the *Culture, Professionalism and Commitment* category of standards normally has a 25% weighting in the calculation of a teacher's final summative evaluation. The *Classroom Practice* category of standards normally has a 45% weighting. And the *Measures of Student Learning* category of standards normally has a 30% weighting. A teacher's weighted category scores are added together to determine the teacher's summative evaluation score for submission to the NJDOE.

Summative Score	Performance Evaluation	NJDOE 4-Point Scale Performance Rating
≥ 3.500	Highly Effective	4
2.650 to 3.499	Effective	3
1.850 to 2.649	Partially Effective	2
< 1.850	Ineffective	1

b) Description of School Leader Evaluation System.

BelovED's school leader is evaluated by the School's Board of Trustees. A board consultant supports the board by collecting performance and survey data that corresponds with the standards of performance in the board's school leader evaluation instrument. That instrument has five categories of performance standards:

- 1) Cultural Leadership;
- 2) Effective Implementation and Management of Charter School Model;
- 3) Select Administrative Responsibilities;
- 4) Miscellaneous Organizational Goals; and
- 5) Scholar Learning.

Category scores are not differentially weighted. The Instrument makes use of objective, outcomesfocused metrics to minimize the subjectivity of performance evaluation. The school leader's performance scores for each standard are simply added together and divided by the number of standards to produce a summative evaluation score.

See Appendix F for our Board Resolution approving our Teacher and School Leader Evaluation Systems

Assurance that the school is meeting statutory and regulatory requirements

By checking each of the boxes and signing on the second page, the school confirms compliance with each of the statements listed. Once signed, save the document as a .PDF file named "Appendix A Statements of Assurance" and upload it to Homeroom. See page 2 of the annual report template for submission details.

- Instructional Providers. The School shall employ or otherwise utilize in instructional positions only those individuals who are certified in accordance with the requirements applicable to other public schools, or who are otherwise qualified to teach under section N.J.A.C. 6A:9 et seq., and applicable federal law. For the purposes of this section, "instructional positions" means classroom teachers and professional support staff.
- Background Checks; Fingerprinting. The School shall maintain and implement procedures for conducting background checks (including a fingerprint check for a criminal record) of, and appointing on an emergency conditional basis (if applicable), all school employees and prospective employees (whether part or full time) of the School, as well as any individual who has regular access to the students enrolled in the school (including, but not limited to, employees and agents of any company or organization which is a party to a contract to provide services to the School) to the extent required by applicable law, including sections N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1, et esq.
- Educational Program. The School shall implement and provide educational programs that that are compliant with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.
- Student Disciplinary Code. The School shall maintain written rules and procedures for student discipline, including guidelines for suspension and expulsion, and shall disseminate those procedures to students and parents. Such guidelines and procedures must be consistent with applicable law including, but not limited to, requirements for due process, provision of alternative instruction and federal laws and regulations governing the discipline and placement of students with disabilities.
- Provision of Services. The School shall provide services and accommodations to students with disabilities in accordance with any relevant polices adopted, as well as with all applicable provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1401 et seq.) (the "IDEA"), the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) (the "ADA") and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794) ("Section 504") and all applicable regulations promulgated pursuant to such federal laws. This includes providing services to attending students with disabilities in accordance with the individualized education program ("IEP") recommended by a student's IEP team. The School shall comply with all applicable provisions of section N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 et seq., and section N.J.A.C. 6A:11-4.8 of the Regulations concerning the provision of services to students with disabilities.

Facility; Location. The School shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure that the Facility Agreement, licenses and certificates are valid and in force at all times that the Charter is in effect. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:11-2.2, actions shall include at a minimum: a new lease, mortgage or title to its facility (if the charter school has changed facilities); a valid certificate of occupancy for "E" (education) use issued by the local municipal enforcing official at N.J.A.C. 5:32-2 (if the charter school has changed facilities); an annual sanitary inspection report with satisfactory rating; and an annual fire inspection certificate with "Ae" (education) code life hazard use at N.J.A.C. 5:70-4. Current copies of requisite documents shall be maintained in the New Jersey Homeroom OCRS document repository.

Signature of School Official (School Lead):

Date: 7/6/21

Print Full Name: Kein Solutz

Title: Executive Director

Signature of Signatory Official (President, Board of Trustees):

Date: July 2. 2021

Print Full Name: Nicole Jackson

Title: President, Board of Trustees

BOARD of TRUSTEES SELF-EVALUATION INSTRUMENT

I. Mission & Vision	On a scale of 1-4, with 4 representing high-performance, rate how well you, as an individual trustee, meet the following performance criteria.	Score:
I.1	Understand the school's mission	
1.2	Are able communicate the school's mission to others	
1.3	Maintain fidelity to the school's mission when you set goals and make decisions for the school	
II. Goals and Objectives	On a scale of 1-4, with 4 representing high-performance, rate how well the board collectively meets the following performance criteria.	Score:
П.1	Sets clear goals and measurable annual objectives for the school	
П.2	Regularly reviews data to track the school's progress in meeting its goals and objectives.	

III. Budget & Finance	On a scale of 1-4, with 4 representing high-performance, rate how well the board collectively meets the following performance criteria.	Score:
III.1	Has put financial policies and personnel in place that ensure financial operations comply with state regulations and reviews annual audit findings to ensure that financial operations are in accord with best practices	
III.2	Establishes a budget that reflects the school's mission and priorities	
III.3	Tracks revenues and expenditures monthly versus what is budgeted and ensures that the budget is modified, when appropriate, to provide a clear picture of the school's financial operations	
III.4	Ensures that the school plans for the future and maintains ample financial reserves to protect against the possibility of unexpected developments	
IV. Supervision & Evaluation of School Leader	On a scale of 1-4, with 4 representing high-performance, rate how well the board collectively meets the following performance criteria.	Score:
IV.1	Installs a capable Lead Person who is committed to the school's mission and the school model commitments made in the charter application	
IV.2	In collaboration with the Lead Person, establishes and updates school policies and annual school performance objectives	
IV.3	Respects that its role is to govern the school, not manage it, and does not provide inappropriate directives or make inappropriate requests of the Lead Person	
IV.4	Has implemented an effective process for evaluating the performance of the school and the Lead Person	
IV.5	Communicates School Leader strengths and needs for improvement, and provides renewal decisions and new contracts on a timely basis	

V. Policy	On a scale of 1-4, with 4 representing high-performance, rate how well the board collectively meets the following performance criteria.	Score:
V.1	Develops and adopts policies that comply with New Jersey statute and code and effectively support the school's mission and goals	
V.2	Regularly revises school policies to reflect regulatory changes and emergent school needs	
VI. Board Meetings	On a scale of 1-4, with 4 representing high-performance, rate how well the board collectively meets the following performance criteria.	Score:
VI.1	Public notice of board meetings is provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.	
VI.2	Board agendas, minutes, reports and other materials are available for board members to review in advance.	
VI.3	Board member attendance at the meetings is high and consistently produces the quorums necessary.	
VI.4	Meetings are well planned – enabling the Board to operate efficiently and make timely decisions	
VI.5	Meetings focus on deciding strategic, policy, hiring, and spending questions, not past events or past disagreements	
VI.6	Board members treat each other and staff with respect, even when opinions differ	

VII. Board Operations	On a scale of 1-4, with 4 representing high-performance, rate how well the board collectively meets the following performance criteria.	Score:
VII.1	The Board operates with at least the minimum number of members identified in the school's by-laws and in accordance with the school's by-laws	
VII.2	Trustees complete mandated training	
VII.3	Boards meetings operate, and board meeting minutes are posted, in accordance with NJDOE regulations	
VII.4	The Board addresses the issue of chronically non-attending trustees	

Cumulative Score: 26 performance standards

Cumulative Score/26 = ____

Name: Date:

LEAD PERSON EVALUATION INSTRUMENT

1 = Needs Improvement

2 = Working Towards

3 = Meeting Expectations

4= Exceeding Expectations

I. Cultural Leadership

I.1 Leadership by Example and Encouragement	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations	Perfor	
I.1.1 Exemplary Commitment to School Mission	In an annual survey of instructional staff, less than 70% of respondents say that this leader provides an exemplary model of commitment to the school's mission and is working very hard to achieve its academic and non-academic goals for its scholars.	In an annual survey of instructional staff, 70-79% of respondents say that this leader provides an exemplary model of commitment to the school's mission and is working very hard to achieve its academic and non-academic goals for its scholars.	•	In an annual survey of instructional staff, at least 90% of respondents say that this leader provides an exemplary model of commitment to the school's mission and is working very hard to achieve its academic and non-academic goals for its scholars.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
I.1.2 Exemplary Professionalism	In an annual survey of instructional staff, less than 70% of respondents say that this leader provides an exemplary model of professionalism.	In an annual survey of instructional staff, 70-79% of respondents say that this leader provides an exemplary model of professionalism.	89% of respondents say	In an annual survey of instructional staff, at least 90% of respondents say that this leader provides an exemplary model of professionalism.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

I.1.3 Exemplary Demeanor with Staff, Scholars and Scholar Families	In an annual survey of instructional staff, less than 70% of respondents say that this leader provides an exemplary model of positive attitude and tone, and communicates care and respect for our staff, scholars and families in word choice, voice modulation and body language.	In an annual survey of instructional staff, 70-79% of respondents say that this leader provides an exemplary model of positive attitude and tone, and communicates care and respect for our staff, scholars and families in word choice, voice modulation and body language.	In an annual survey of instructional staff, 80-89% of respondents say that this leader provides an exemplary model of positive attitude and tone, and communicates care and respect for our staff, scholars and families in word choice, voice modulation and body language.	In an annual survey of instructional staff, at least 90% of respondents say that this leader provides an exemplary model of positive attitude and tone, and communicates care and respect for our staff, scholars and families in word choice, voice modulation and body language.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
1.1.4 Inspirational High Expectations / "No Excuses" Leadership	In an annual survey of instructional staff, less than 70% of respondents say that this leader inspires a high expectations / no excuses culture at the school where faculty and staff commit themselves to doing whatever it takes to help every scholar achieve high academic growth and develop positive values and habits.	In an annual survey of instructional staff, 70-79% of respondents say that this leader inspires a high expectations / no excuses culture at the school where faculty and staff commit themselves to doing whatever it takes to help every scholar achieve high academic growth and develop positive values and habits.	In an annual survey of instructional staff, 80-89% of respondents say that this leader inspires a high expectations / no excuses culture at the school where faculty and staff commit themselves to doing whatever it takes to help every scholar achieve high academic growth and develop positive values and habits.	In an annual survey of instructional staff, at least 90% of respondents say that this leader inspires a high expectations / no excuses culture at the school where faculty and staff commit themselves to doing whatever it takes to help every scholar achieve high academic growth and develop positive values and habits.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
1.1.5 Collegiality and Responsiveness	In an annual survey of instructional staff, less than 70% of respondents say that this leader's relationships with faculty and staff are positive and collegial, and that the Lead Person is responsive when asked a question.	In an annual survey of instructional staff, 70-79% of respondents say that this leader's relationships with faculty and staff are positive and collegial, and that the Lead Person is responsive when asked a question.	In an annual survey of instructional staff, 80-89% of respondents say that this leader's relationships with faculty and staff are positive and collegial, and that the Lead Person is responsive when asked a question.	In an annual survey of instructional staff, at least 90% of respondents say that this leader's relationships with faculty and staff are positive and collegial, and that the Lead Person is responsive when asked a question.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

I.2 Staff Culture Plan	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations	Performance (1 - 4)	
I.2.1 A Plan is Developed to Realize the Board's Vision for Staff Culture (Below) "Our faculty feels itself part of a COMMUNITY/TEAM where people care about one another, support one another, have fun, and find meaning in intentionally, collaboratively, and determinedly working to achieve our HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR OUR SCHOLARS' ACADEMIC & CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT; help one another become MASTER TEACHERS; and develop MODEL SYSTEMS, PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES for the improvement of schools throughout Jersey City and beyond."	No Staff Culture Plan is developed.	A Staff Culture Plan aimed at realizing the Board's Vision for Staff Culture is submitted by the Lead Person to the Board.	A Staff Culture Plan aimed at realizing the Board's Vision for Staff Culture – incorporating teacher input and leadership collaboration — is submitted by the Lead Person to the Board by the end of August.	A Staff Culture Plan aimed at realizing the Board's Vision for Staff Cultureand incorporating teacher input and leadership collaboration is submitted by the Lead Person to the Board by the end of August and implemented with fidelity.	Preliminar y Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
I.2.2 The Staff Culture Plan is Revised (as Needed) Throughout the Year	staff culture at the school aligns with the	At least twice a year, the school's leadership formally assesses how well staff culture at the school aligns with the Board's Vision For Staff Culture.	At least twice a year, the school's leadership formally assesses how well staff culture at the school aligns with the Board's Vision For Staff Culture using a staff culture rubric and responds to the data to help improve staff culture at the school.	At least twice a year, the school's leadership formally assesses how well staff culture at the school aligns with the Board's Vision For Staff Culture using a staff culture rubric. Where a need for improvement is indicated, the school's leadership solicits teacher input on how the Board's Vision For Staff Culture might be more fully realized and is responsive to that feedback in its Plan modifications.	Preliminar y Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

1.2.3a Achievement of Staff Community	average rating of the school's achievement of the Board's vision that staff feels they part of a COMMUNITY/TEAM where people care about one another, support one another, have fun and find meaning in working to achieve the school's mission is lower than 3.00.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of the school's achievement of the Board's vision that staff feels they part of a COMMUNITY/TEAM where people care about one another, support one another, have fun and find meaning in working to achieve the school's mission is 3.00 – 3.49.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of the school's achievement of the Board's vision that staff feels they part of a COMMUNITY/ TEAM where people care about one another, support one another, have fun and find meaning in working to achieve the school's mission is 3.50 – 3.74.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of the school's achievement of the Board's vision that staff feels they part of a COMMUNITY/TEAM where people <i>care</i> about one another, <i>support</i> one another, have <i>fun</i> and find <i>meaning</i> in working to achieve the school's mission is 3.75 or higher.	Preliminar y Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
1.2.3b Staff Commitment to the Achievement of High Expectations for Scholars	the staff's commitment to the achievement of the	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of the staff's commitment to the achievement of the Board's HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOLARS is 3.00 – 3.49.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of the staff's commitment to the achievement of the Board's HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOLARS is 3.50 – 3.74.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of the staff's commitment to the achievement of the Board's HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOLARS is 3.75 or higher.	Preliminar y Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
1.2.3c Staff Commitment to Instructional Mastery	average rating of staff's commitment to helping one another become MASTER	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of staff's commitment to helping one another become MASTER TEACHERS is 3.00 – 3.49.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of staff's commitment to helping one another become MASTER TEACHERS is 3.50 – 3.74.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of staff's commitment to helping one another become MASTER TEACHERS is 3.75 or higher.	Preliminar y Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

1.2.3d Staff Commitment to Developing Model Systems, Programs and Practices	average rating of staff's commitment to developing MODEL SYSTEMS, PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES for	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of staff's commitment to developing MODEL SYSTEMS, PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES for the improvement of other schools, beyond our own, is 3.00 – 3.49.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of staff's commitment to developing MODEL SYSTEMS, PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES for the improvement of other schools, beyond our own, is 3.50 – 3.74.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of staff's commitment to developing MODEL SYSTEMS, PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES for the improvement of other schools, beyond our own, is 3.75 or higher.	Preliminar y Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
1.3						
Scholar Culture Plan	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations	Performance (1 - 4)	
I.3.1 A Plan is Developed to Realize the Board's Vision for Scholar Culture (Below) "We want our scholars to Feel themselves part of a CARING, JOYFUL COMMUNITY where they: feel cared about, where they care for their teachers and peers, and where they see learning and school as fun; internalize our core VALUES; develop SELF-DISCIPLINE and POSITIVE HABITS that will lead to effectiveness and success; strive to grow in KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, CONFIDENCE AND CHARACTER; and desire to successfully COMPLETE COLLEGE and make a	No Scholar Culture Plan is developed.	A Scholar Culture Plan aimed at realizing the Board's Vision for Scholar Culture is submitted by the Lead Person to the Board.	A Scholar Culture Plan aimed at realizing the Board's Vision for Scholar Culture – and incorporating teacher/leader input — is submitted by the Lead Person to the Board by the end of August.	A Scholar Culture Plan aimed at realizing the Board's Vision for Scholar Culture and incorporating teacher/leader input and collaboration is submitted by the Lead Person to the Board by the end of August and implemented with fidelity.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION to the communities of which they are a part."						
I.3.2 The Scholar Culture Plan is Revised (as Needed) Throughout the Year	The school's leadership informally assesses how well Scholar culture at the school aligns with the Board's Vision For Scholar Culture.	At least twice a year, the school's leadership formally assesses how well Scholar culture at the school aligns with the Board's Vision For Scholar Culture.	At least twice a year, the school's leadership formally assesses how well Scholar culture at the school aligns with the Board's Vision For Scholar Culture using a Scholar culture rubric and responds to the data to help improve Scholar culture at the school.	At least twice a year, the school's leadership formally assesses how well Scholar culture at the school aligns with the Board's Vision For Scholar Culture using a Scholar culture rubric. Where a need for improvement is indicated, the school's leadership solicits teacher input on how the Board's Vision For Scholar Culture might be more fully realized and is responsive to that feedback in its Plan modifications.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
1.3.3a Scholars Feel Themselves Part of a Caring, Joyful Community	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we have achieved a scholar culture where scholars feel themselves part of a caring, joyful community is less than 3.00	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we have achieved a scholar culture where scholars feel themselves part of a caring, joyful community is 3.00 – 3.49	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we have achieved a scholar culture where scholars feel themselves part of a caring, joyful community is 3.50 – 3.74.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we have achieved a scholar culture where scholars feel themselves part of a caring, joyful community is 3,75 or higher.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
1.3.3b Scholars Internalize Our Core Values	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we are facilitating scholars' internalization of our CORE VALUES is less than 3.00.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we are facilitating scholars' internalization of our CORE VALUES is 3.00 – 3.49.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we are facilitating scholars' internalization of our CORE VALUES is 3.50 – 3.74.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we are facilitating scholars' internalization of our CORE VALUES is 3.75 or higher.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

1.3.3c Scholars Develop Self-Discipline and Positive Habits	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well scholars are developing SELF-DISCIPLINE and POSITIVE HABITS is less than 3.00.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well scholars are developing SELF-DISCIPLINE and POSITIVE HABITS is 3.00 – 3.49.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well scholars are developing SELF-DISCIPLINE and POSITIVE HABITS is 3.50 – 3.74.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well scholars are developing SELF-DISCIPLINE and POSITIVE HABITS is 3.75 or higher.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
1.3.3d Scholars Grow in Knowledge, Skills, Confidence and Character	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we are facilitating a desire within our scholars to grow in knowledge, skills, confidence and character is less than 3.00.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we are facilitating a desire within our scholars to grow in knowledge, skills, confidence and character is 3.00 – 3.49.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we are facilitating a desire within our scholars to grow in knowledge, skills, confidence and character is 3.50 – 3.74.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we are facilitating a desire within our scholars to grow in knowledge, skills, confidence and character is 3.75 or higher.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
1.3.3e Scholars Desire to Complete College and Contribute to Their Communities Total Score: /72	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we have facilitated a desire in our scholars to successfully complete college and make a positive contribution to their communities is less than 3.00.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we have facilitated a desire in our scholars to successfully complete college and make a positive contribution to their communities is 3.00 – 3.49.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we have facilitated a desire in our scholars to successfully complete college and make a positive contribution to their communities is 3.50 – 3.74.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well we have facilitated a desire in our scholars to successfully complete college and make a positive contribution to their communities is 3.75 or higher.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

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II. Effective Implementation and Management of Charter School Model

II.1 School Environment, Culture and Climate	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations	Perfor (1 ·	
II.1.1a Schoolwide Behavioral System Training	average rating of how well staff is trained in our schoolwide	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well staff is trained in our schoolwide behavioral system is 3.00 – 3.49.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well staff is trained in our schoolwide behavioral system is 3.50 – 3.74.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how well staff is trained in our schoolwide behavioral system is 3.75 or higher.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.1.2 Schoolwide Behavioral System Implementation	average rating of how consistently and effectively the school's behavioral	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how consistently and effectively the school's behavioral norms are enforced is 3.00 – 3.49.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how consistently and effectively the school's behavioral norms are enforced is 3.50 – 3.74.	On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted average rating of how consistently and effectively the school's behavioral norms are enforced is 3.75 or higher.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.1.3 MLK Oration or Essay		In connection with our annual celebration of Martin Luther King's Birthday, every scholar has the opportunity to write an essay about Martin Luther King, Jr., or present a memorized selection from an MLK speech, sermon or writing as part of an oratory contest.	In connection with our annual celebration of Martin Luther King's Birthday, every scholar has the opportunity to write an essay about Martin Luther King, Jr., or present a memorized selection from an MLK speech, sermon or writing as part of an oratory contest. At least 50% of our scholars participate.	In connection with our annual celebration of Martin Luther King's Birthday, every scholar has the opportunity to write an essay about Martin Luther King, Jr., or present a memorized selection from an MLK speech, sermon or writing as part of an oratory contest. All scholars participate.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

II.1.4 Service Activities	The School does not initiate Service Activities.	The School initiates at least 3 service activities and encourages students to participate.	The School initiates at least 5 service activities and encourages students to participate.	The School initiates monthly service activities and tracks scholar participation.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.1.5 Safe & Orderly School Environment	In a year-end survey, less than 70% of faculty members say that the school provides scholars and staff with a safe and orderly learning and working environment.	In a year-end survey,70-79% of faculty members say that the school provides scholars and staff with a safe and orderly learning and working environment.	In a year-end survey, 80-89% of faculty members say that the school provides scholars and staff with a safe and orderly learning and working environment.	In a year-end survey, at least 90% of faculty members say that the school provides scholars and staff with a safe and orderly learning and working environment.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.1.6 High Expectation Culture	In a year-end survey, less than 70% of faculty members say the school possesses a "high expectations" staff culture where staff members accept that every scholar can perform at a high level and commit themselves to doing whatever it takes to achieve that objective.	In a year-end survey, 70-79% of faculty members say the school possesses a "high expectations" staff culture where staff members accept that every scholar can perform at a high level and commit themselves to doing whatever it takes to achieve that objective.	In a year-end survey, 80-89% of faculty members say the school possesses a "high expectations" staff culture where staff members accept that every scholar can perform at a high level and commit themselves to doing whatever it takes to achieve that objective.	In a year-end survey, at least 90% of faculty members say the school possesses a "high expectations" staff culture where staff members accept that every scholar can perform at a high level and commit themselves to doing whatever it takes to achieve that objective.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.1.7 Caring School Climate	In a year-end survey, less than 70% of scholars say they feel welcomed at our school and cared about by their teachers.	In a year-end survey, 70-79% of scholars say they feel welcomed at our school and cared about by their teachers.	In a year-end survey, 80-89% of scholars say they feel welcomed at our school and cared about by their teachers.	In a year-end survey, at least 90% of scholars say they feel welcomed at our school and cared about by their teachers	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.1.8 Joyful / Fun School Climate	In a year-end survey, less than 70% of scholars say our teachers try to make learning fun.	In a year-end survey, less than 80% of scholars say our teachers try to make learning fun.	In a year-end survey, 80-89% of scholars say our teachers try to make learning fun.	In a year-end survey, at least 90% of scholars say our teachers try to make learning fun.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.1.9 Academic Confidence	In a year-end survey, less than 70% of scholars say they are learning a lot and are confident to ask questions if they need help.	In a year-end survey, 70-79% of scholars say they are learning a lot and are confident to ask questions if they need help.	In a year-end survey, 80-89% of scholars say they are learning a lot and are confident to ask questions if they need help.	In a year-end survey, at least 90% of scholars say they are learning a lot and are confident to ask questions if they need help.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

II.1.10 Desire to Contribute to Community	In a year-end survey, less than 70% of scholars say that the School has increased their desire to make positive contributions to the communities of which they are a part?	In a year-end survey, 70-79% of scholars say that the School has increased their desire to make positive contributions to the communities of which they are a part?	In a year-end survey, 80-89% of scholars say that the School has increased their desire to make positive contributions to the communities of which they are a part?	In a year-end survey, at least 90% of scholars say that the School has increased their desire to make positive contributions to the communities of which they are a part?	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.1.11 Expectation of Going to College	In a year-end survey, less than 70% of scholars say they want to go to college.	In a year-end survey, 70-79% of scholars say they want to go to college	In a year-end survey, 80-89% of scholars say they want to go to college	In a year-end survey, at least 90% of scholars say they want to go to college	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.2 Education Program	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations	Perfor (1 -	
II.2.1 Curriculum and Curricular Materials	School's curriculum is aligned to Common Core and NJ Learning Standards.	School's curriculum is aligned to Common Core and NJ Learning Standards. A set of "right-sized" learning objectives are carefully sequenced, and pacing guidelines are established, which efficiently lead scholars to mastery of the State's end-of-year learning standards.	School's curriculum is aligned to Common Core and NJ Learning Standards. A set of "right-sized" learning objectives are carefully sequenced, and pacing guidelines are established, which efficiently lead scholars to mastery of the State's end-of-year learning standards. Curriculum and pacing guides are revised based on teacher input and scholar performance. Curricular resources are effective.	School's curriculum is aligned to Common Core and NJ Learning Standards. A set of "right-sized" learning objectives are carefully sequenced, and pacing guidelines are established, which efficiently lead scholars to mastery of the State's end-of-year learning standards. Objectives are marked as "critical" and "challenge" to differentiate for all learners. Curriculum and pacing guides are revised based on teacher input and scholar performance. Curricular resources are effective and broad enough to generally	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

				permit each child to learn via materials he or she finds particularly interesting or to which the child can strongly relate.		
II.2.2 Education Program Calendar	The calendar of assessment is unclear to staff.	The instructional calendar includes a unit assessment after each unit that the teacher sees in advance and 3 "blind" trimester assessments. Teachers are encouraged to analyze assessment data; plan how to adapt instruction in light of the data; and re-teach learning objectives as data indicates a need.	The instructional calendar includes a unit assessment after each unit that the teacher sees in advance and 3 "blind" trimester assessments that are clearly aligned to grade level objectives. Teachers are given support on administering these assessments. Teachers are encouraged to analyze assessment data; plan how to adapt instruction in light of the data; and re-teach learning objectives as data indicates a need.	The instructional calendar includes a unit assessment after each unit that the teacher sees in advance and 3 "blind" trimester assessments that are clearly aligned to grade level objectives. Teachers are given support on administering these assessments. Teachers are supported every step of the way to analyze assessment data; plan how to adapt instruction in light of the data; and re-teach learning objectives as data indicates a need.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.2.3 Professional Development in Data Driven Instruction	Staff is not formally trained in DDI.	Leadership ensures faculty members are effectively introduced to the essentials of data driven instruction and are taught how to analyze data and appropriately revise instructional plans. School leaders encourage teachers to analyze assessment data and appropriately revise their instructional plans following select assessments. As needed, school leaders model how to do both of these things effectively. When surveyed, less than	Leadership ensures faculty members are effectively introduced to the essentials of data driven instruction and are taught how to analyze data and appropriately revise instructional plans. Leaders ensure that following select assessments, teachers analyze the assessment data generated and appropriately revise their lesson plans. As needed, school leaders model how to do both of these things effectively. When surveyed, 80-89%	Leadership ensures faculty members are effectively introduced to the essentials of data driven instruction and are taught how to analyze data and appropriately revise instructional plans. Teachers regularly undertake assessment analysis and appropriately revise their instructional, even without prodding from leaders. Master teachers model how to do both of these things effectively for teachers who have not yet mastered these skills.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

		70-79% of teachers affirm that the essentials of data driven instruction are well implemented at our school.	of teachers affirm that the essentials of data driven instruction are well implemented at our school.	When surveyed, at least 90% of teachers affirm that the essentials of data driven instruction are well implemented at our school.		
II.2.4 Assessment Regime	Our assessment regime involves: - Inconsistent Unit Assessments; - Inconsistent Trimester Assessments; - PARCC or state test is administered with confusion or inaccuracies.	Our assessment regime involves: - One unit assessment after each unit in core subjects, created by the content planner. - A Final Exam - PARCC or state tests that are administered properly.	Our assessment regime involves: One unit assessment after each unit in core subjects, created by the content planner. One trimester assessment after each trimester that is clearly scoping the objectives of the grade level. These are created by DCI. Third trimester exam is the "final." Formative Assessments and CFUs in each lesson. 4 rounds of "nationally normed benchmark exams." PARCC or state test is administered properly.	Our assessment regime involves: - One unit assessment after each unit in core subjects, created by the content planner. - One trimester assessment after each trimester that is clearly scoping the objectives of the grade level. These are created by DCI. Third trimester exam is the "final." - Formative Assessments and CFUs in each lesson. - 4 rounds of "nationally normed benchmark exams." - Weekly Quizzes across all content areas. - PARCC or state test is administered as a top priority.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.2.5 Effective Implementation of Data Driven Instruction and Instructional Action Plans	There is not an emphasis on DDI and Instructional Action Planning.	Lesson objectives can sometimes be unclear to scholars. Data Analysis Meetings are encouraged, but not initiated or followed up on by School Leadership.	Engaged scholars know their whole-class, small group, and individual learning goals for a unit and each lesson, what they are to do to achieve those goals, and the learning growth they have already achieved that school year. After each assessment,	Engaged scholars know their whole-class, small group, and individual learning goals for a unit and each lesson, what they are to do to achieve those goals, and the learning growth they have already achieved that school year. After each assessment,	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

П.2.6	School is not effective	School does not use a	school leaders facilitate "test in hand" data analysis meetings. School leaders work with teachers to develop instructional action plans. On a Rubric, school	school leaders facilitate "test in hand" data analysis meetings. School leaders work with teachers to develop instructional action plans. Care is to be taken in the design of assessments reports so as to make effective data analysis easy: not just bottom line results reporting, but item-level analysis and standard-level analysis by individual, classroom, and across a grade level. On a Rubric, school	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
Effectiveness Serving Scholars with Disabilities	in serving scholars is disabilities.	rubric to assess effectiveness of serving scholars with disabilities. However, school does informally assess and ensure the program is implemented.	receives a score of 80% or better, demonstrating that it materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and provisions of the charter agreement relating to the treatment of students with identified disabilities and those suspected of having a disability. School pays careful attention to: - Identification and Referral; -Operational compliance including the academic program, assessments, and all other aspects of the school's program and responsibilities; - Appropriately carrying out student Individualized Education Plans and Section 504 plans; - Access to the school's facility and program to students and parents in a lawful manner and consistent with students'	receives a score of 90% or better, demonstrating that it materially complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and provisions of the charter agreement relating to the treatment of students with identified disabilities and those suspected of having a disability. School pays careful attention to: - Identification and Referral; -Operational compliance including the academic program, assessments, and all other aspects of the school's program and responsibilities; - Appropriately carrying out student Individualized Education Plans and Section 504 plans; - Access to the school's facility and program to students and parents in a lawful manner and consistent with students'	Self-Evaluation	Evaluation

			abilities; and - Securing of all applicable funding	abilities; and - Securing of all applicable funding		
II.2.7 Effectiveness Serving English Language Learners	School is not effective in serving scholars that are English Language Learners.	School does not use a rubric to assess effectiveness of serving scholars who are ELL. However, school does informally assess and ensure the program is implemented.	On a Rubric, the school receives a score of 80% or better, demonstrating that it materially complied with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and provisions of the charter agreement relating to English Language Learner requirements, including but not limited to: - required policies related to the service of ELL students; - proper steps for identification of students in need of ELL services; - appropriate and equitable delivery of services to identified students (including instructional groupings); - appropriate accommodations on assessments; and - exiting of students from ELL services	On a Rubric, the school receives a score of 90% or better, demonstrating that it materially complied with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and provisions of the charter agreement relating to English Language Learner requirements, including but not limited to: - required policies related to the service of ELL students; - proper steps for identification of students in need of ELL services; - appropriate and equitable delivery of services to identified students (including instructional groupings); - appropriate accommodations on assessments; and - exiting of students from ELL services	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.2.8 RTI/I&RS Plan and Effective Interventions	The school does not have someone consistently providing intervention support. The protocol for responding to intervention is unclear and not faithfully implemented.	The school has reading and math intensive teacher(s). The RTI protocol is unclear and not faithfully implemented.	The school has reading and math intensive teacher(s). The school has a Response-To-Invention Plan and its protocols are faithfully implemented to provide increased levels of support to individual students, when needed. On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted	The school has reading and math intensive teacher(s). The school has a Response-To-Invention Plan and its protocols are faithfully implemented to provide increased levels of support to individual students, when needed. On a scale of 1-5, teachers' weighted	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

			average rating of the strength and effective implementation of our Response-to-Intervention Protocols is $3.50 - 3.74$.	average rating of the strength and effective implementation of our Response-to- Intervention Protocols is 3.75 or higher.		
II.2.9 Build by Borrowing		School leaders visit at least 1 high achieving classroom and schools; identify the resources, strategies and best practices helping to produce that achievement, and disseminate the information to other leaders and teachers at our school.	School leaders visit at least 2 high achieving classrooms and schools; identify the resources, strategies and best practices helping to produce that achievement, and disseminate the information to other leaders and teachers at our school.	School leaders visit at least 2 high achieving classrooms and schools; identify the resources, strategies and best practices helping to produce that achievement, and disseminate the information to other leaders and teachers at our school. Where appropriate, such resources, strategies and best practices are made a part of our education program.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.2.10 Lesson Plan Supervision		Instructional Leaders review lesson plans, but often do not allow enough time for revisions to be made. Feedback is not consistently constructive and bite-size.	Instructional Leaders review lesson plans at least one week in advance and provide at least 4 days for teacher to make revisions based on feedback. Lesson Plan Template is consistent and revised to meet student need. Feedback is consistently constructive and bite-size.	Instructional Leaders review lesson plans at least one week in advance and provide at least 6 days for teacher to make revisions based on feedback. Lesson Plan Template is consistent and revised to meet student need. Feedback is consistently constructive and bite-size.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.3 Extended Day	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations	Perfor (1 -	

II.3.1 Extended School Day with Breaks for Joy and Activity	We do not implement an extended school day with fidelity.	We maintain an over 7-hour school day with 6 hours daily for instruction.	We maintain an over 7-hour school day with 6 hours daily for instruction. To avoid over-tiring scholars, school breaks up scholars' periods of academic "study" (e.g., ELA and Math) with periods of creative expression (e.g., art and PA), activity (e.g., PE and Recess) and rest.	We maintain an over 7-hour school day with 6 hours daily for instruction. We provide clear schedules to every teacher with clarity as to all periods, breaks, and transition. To avoid over-tiring scholars, school breaks up scholars' periods of academic "study" (e.g., ELA and Math) with periods of creative expression (e.g., art and PA), activity (e.g., PE and Recess) and rest.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.3.2 Planned Joy	In a year-end survey, less than 70% of faculty members say that they incorporate "Planned Joy" into their lesson planning daily.	In a year-end survey, at least 70-79% of faculty members say that they incorporate "Planned Joy" into their lesson planning daily.	In a year-end survey, at least 80-89% of faculty members say that they incorporate "Planned Joy" into their lesson planning daily.	In a year-end survey, at least 90% of faculty members say that they incorporate "Planned Joy" into their lesson planning daily.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.4 Faculty Management, Support, Professional Development and Evaluation	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations	Perfor (1 -	
II.4.1 Faculty Staffing, Contracts, Tenure and Career Ladder	All members of the instructional staff work under one-year contracts with the school.	All members of the instructional staff work under one-year contracts with the school. Conduct a thorough review of staff performance evaluations and overall school needs to determine whether an employee's contract should be renewed for the following school year.	All members of the instructional staff work under one-year contracts with the school. Conduct a thorough review of staff performance evaluations and overall school needs to determine whether an employee's contract should be renewed for the following school year.	All members of the instructional staff work under one-year contracts with the school. Conduct a thorough review of staff performance evaluations and overall school needs to determine whether an employee's contract should be renewed for the following school year.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

			Tenure rights are respected.	Tenure rights are respected. A written career ladder is developed indicating the path by which highperforming teachers can enter into a leadership position and is included in the Employee's Handbook.		
II.4.2 Faculty Recruitment and Hiring	Certification is not thoroughly checked of new employees. References are not consistently received. In a year-end survey, less than 70% of faculty members say that instructional leaders do a good job recruiting staff members	Certification is not thoroughly checked of new employees. References are not consistently received. In a year-end survey, at least 70-79% of faculty members say that instructional leaders do a good job recruiting staff members.	Classroom vacancies are filled within 30 days. All new hires have the certification required by the State of New Jersey for their position. Two references are obtained for new hires BEFORE an offer of employment is made. Effort is expended to ensure that the school's staff is racially and ethnically diverse. In a year-end survey, at least 80-89% of faculty members say that instructional leaders do a good job recruiting staff members.	Classroom vacancies are filled within 30 days. All new hires have the certification required by the State of New Jersey for their position. Two references are obtained for new hires BEFORE an offer of employment is made. Effort is expended to ensure that the school's staff is racially and ethnically diverse. In a year-end survey, at least 90% of faculty members say that instructional leaders do a good job recruiting staff members.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.4.3 Clear Communication to Faculty of Upcoming Meetings, Events and Staff Submissions	In a year-end survey, less than 70% of faculty members say that instructional leaders consistently provide clear communications about upcoming meetings, events and staff submissions.	In a year-end survey, at least 70-79% of faculty members say that instructional leaders consistently provide clear communications about upcoming meetings, events and staff submissions.	In a year-end survey, at least 80-89% of faculty members say that instructional leaders consistently provide clear communications about upcoming meetings, events and staff submissions. Newsletters are provided for staff documenting all	In a year-end survey, at least 90% of faculty members say that instructional leaders consistently provide clear communications about upcoming meetings, events and staff submissions. Newsletters are provided for staff documenting all	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

			pertinent information at least twice/month.	pertinent information weekly.		
II.4.4 Faculty Input	Less than 70% of teachers feel that leadership provides them a way to share their thoughts on how instruction or the school as a whole can be improved.	At least 70-79% of teachers feel that leadership provides them a way to share their thoughts on how instruction or the school as a whole can be improved.	At least 80-89% of teachers feel that leadership provides them a way to share their thoughts on how instruction or the school as a whole can be improved.	At least 90% of teachers feel that leadership provides them a way to share their thoughts on how instruction or the school as a whole can be improved.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.4.5 Reserved Faculty Member Time for Lunch, Lesson Planning, Professional Development Activities and Meetings	There is no clear format to reduce the need for Lead Teachers to take work home.	To reduce the need to take work home, Lead Teachers will typically enjoy 13-14 periods in a full 40-period week when they are not scheduled to teach: five for lunch, and eight (Specials Teachers) or nine (Homeroom Teachers) for lesson planning. EA often has teachers cover and does not respect these periods.	To reduce the need to take work home, Lead Teachers will typically enjoy 13-14 periods in a full 40-period week when they are not scheduled to teach: five for lunch, and eight (Specials Teachers) or nine (Homeroom Teachers) for lesson planning.	To reduce the need to take work home, Lead Teachers will typically enjoy 13-14 periods in a full 40-period week when they are not scheduled to teach: five for lunch, and eight (Specials Teachers) or nine (Homeroom Teachers) for lesson planning. EA seldom disregards this time for teachers.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.4.6 Teaching Assistants	Two or more classrooms do not have a full time TA that is supposed to (Kindergarten).	All classrooms have a TA in place as needed.	Each Kindergarten classroom has a TA.	Each Kindergarten classroom has a TA. All classes 1-4 are supported with a TA during Guided Reading.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.4.7 Summer Institute	Summer Institute is not initiated for new or returning staff. Onboarding professional development is unclear.	In late August, there is a Summer Institute to train new and veteran staff members. As appropriate, faculty members will receive presentations and/or participate in workshops pertaining to: our school philosophy and design; achieving our target school environment, culture and climate;	In late August, there is a Summer Institute to train new and veteran staff members. As appropriate, faculty members will receive presentations and/or participate in workshops pertaining to: our school philosophy and design; achieving our target school environment, culture and climate;	In late August, there is a Summer Institute to train new and veteran staff members. As appropriate, faculty members will receive presentations and/or participate in workshops pertaining to: our school philosophy and design; achieving our target school environment, culture and climate;	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

		facilitating scholars' development of our core values and of positive habits; the essentials of our data-drive education program; Champion Teacher techniques.	facilitating scholars' development of our core values and of positive habits; the essentials of our data-drive education program; Champion Teacher techniques. Faculty evaluations are reviewed.	facilitating scholars' development of our core values and of positive habits; the essentials of our data-drive education program; Champion Teacher techniques. Faculty evaluations are reviewed. Faculty evaluated effectiveness of PD sessions and Leadership adjusts accordingly.		
II.4.8 Professional Learning Communities	Educators do not participate in PLCs on a weekly basis.	Educators participate in PLCs intermittently throughout the year, but not regularly. PLCs are not observed or assisted by any administration.	Educators participate in PLCs regularly on a Weekly schedule. PLCs are sometimes observed or assisted by administration.	Educators participate in PLCs regularly on a Weekly schedule. PLCs are observed or assisted by administration. GLLs submit agendas and agenda notes to keep administration informed.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.4.9 Certification Assistance & Mentoring	Principal has not ensured that all faculty hired with a CE or CEAS have entered a formal education program and/or been assigned mentors, as necessary, and have been entered into the Provisional Teacher Program.	By mid-year, the Principal has ensured that all faculty hired with a CE or CEAS have entered a formal education program and/or been assigned mentors, as necessary, and have been entered into the Provisional Teacher Program.	By the end of September, the Principal has ensured that all faculty hired with a CE or CEAS have entered a formal education program and/or been assigned mentors, as necessary, and have been entered into the Provisional Teacher Program.	By the end of September, the Principal has ensured that all faculty hired with a CE or CEAS have entered a formal education program and/or been assigned mentors, as necessary, and have been entered into the Provisional Teacher Program. Principal has rolled out Mentor Program to staff, supporting in facilitation.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.4.10 High Quality PD Training	Throughout the year, the school's faculty receives professional development training. In a year-end survey,	Throughout the year, the school's faculty receives quality professional development training. In a year-end survey, 70-	Throughout the year, the school's faculty receives high quality professional development training. In a year-end survey, 80-	Throughout the year, the school's faculty receives high quality professional development training. New teachers receive	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

	less than 70% of faculty members say that they received effective professional development at PD training sessions that year.	79% of faculty members say that they received effective professional development at PD training sessions that year.	89% of faculty members say that they received effective professional development at PD training sessions that year.	training in select Teach Like a Champion techniques and in how to use Peer Observation and Feedback, and Self- Observation and Reflection, to improve their execution of teaching techniques and strategies. At the end of each PD day or half-day, faculty members evaluate the value and effectiveness of the foregoing PD sessions using an online survey tool such as Survey Monkey. In a year-end survey, at least 90% of faculty members say that they received effective professional development at PD training sessions that year.		
II.4.11 Teacher Coaching / Individual Professional Development Plans	Each teacher's teaching coach is unclear. Observation and feedback is not consistent.	Each year, every teacher is provided one or more Principal-assigned teacher coaches. At minimum, each nontenured teacher receives observation and in-person feedback at least three times per year from Principal-assigned teacher coaches. At minimum, each tenured teacher receives observation and in-person feedback at least two times per year from Principal-assigned teacher coaches.	Each year, every teacher is provided one or more Principal-assigned teacher coaches. At minimum, each nontenured teacher receives observation and in-person feedback at least six times per year from Principal-assigned teacher coaches. At minimum, each tenured teacher receives observation and in-person feedback at least four times per year from Principal-assigned teacher coaches. The Principal tracks each teacher's meetings with Principal-assigned	Each year, every teacher is provided one or more Principal-assigned teacher coaches. Each teacher has a clear PD focus they are working on at any given time. At minimum, each nontenured teacher receives observation and in-person feedback at least six times per year from Principal-assigned teacher coaches. At minimum, each tenured teacher receives observation and in-person feedback at least four times per year from Principal-assigned teacher receives observation and in-person feedback at least four times per year from Principal-assigned teacher	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

			coaches in a Teacher's Professional Development Tracker.	coaches. Coaches also ensure the provision of in-the-moment coaching and technique modeling, as well as video self-observation and peer observation. The Principal tracks each teacher's meetings with Principal-assigned coaches in a Teacher's Professional Development Tracker.		
IV.12 Instructional Leader Observation & Feedback	teachers report less than 6 observation and feedback and/or in-the- moment coaching visits by instructional leaders	In a year-end survey, teachers report an average of 6-9 or more observation and feedback and/or in-the-moment coaching visits by instructional leaders during the course of the school year.	In a year-end survey, teachers report an average of 10-11 or more observation and feedback and/or in-the-moment coaching visits by instructional leaders during the course of the school year.	In a year-end survey, teachers report an average of 12 or more observation and feedback and/or inthe-moment coaching visits by instructional leaders during the course of the school year.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.4.13 The Use of Peer Observation & Feedback	Teachers are not encouraged to use peer observation and feedback.	To improve their execution of teaching techniques and strategies, educators provide peer observation and written feedback at least once per year and make arrangements to receive peer observation and written feedback at least once per year.	To improve their execution of teaching techniques and strategies, educators provide peer observation and written feedback at least once per term and make arrangements to receive peer observation and written feedback at least once per term.	To improve their execution of teaching techniques and strategies, educators provide peer observation and written feedback at least once per term and make arrangements to receive peer observation and written feedback at least once per term. Teachers share these observations to share best practices in an organized system school wide.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.4.14 Video Self-Observation and Reflection	Teachers are not encouraged to use video self-observation and reflection.	To improve their execution of teaching techniques and strategies, educators use video self-observation at least once per year.	To improve their execution of teaching techniques and strategies, educators use video self-observation and reflection at least once per term.	To improve their execution of teaching techniques and strategies, educators use video self-observation and reflection at least once per term.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

				A copy of the written peer feedback forms received by and provided by a teacher, as well as a copy of the teacher's self-observation videos and self-reflection forms, is maintained by each teacher for teacher coach review. In a year-end survey, at least 80% of faculty members say that at least once during the Fall, they conducted video self-observation and completed a self-observation and reflection form.		
II.4.15 Recognition and Benefits for Master Teachers	School does not recognize teachers as Master Teachers.	Teachers receive training and observation of a multi-faceted pedagogical approach to teaching that includes elements of Responsive Classroom, Teach Like a Champion, and more highly effective strategies.	Teachers receive training and observation of a multi-faceted pedagogical approach to teaching that includes elements of Responsive Classroom, Teach Like a Champion, and more highly effective strategies. School Leadership tracks this training and each teacher's progressing mastery of additional techniques using an Instructional Mastery Tracker. The school certifies those who have achieved mastery of all techniques as its "Master Teachers" and provides such teachers favored consideration for desirable, stipend-receiving assignments	Teachers receive training and observation of a multi-faceted pedagogical approach to teaching that includes elements of Responsive Classroom, Teach Like a Champion, and more highly effective strategies. School Leadership tracks this training and each teacher's progressing mastery of additional techniques using an Instructional Mastery Tracker.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

			and/or leadership positions.			
II.4.16 Board Approval of Evaluation Process and Instruments / Distribution of Documents to Staff	School Leaders do not consistently use Evaluation Instruments to assess teachers. Evaluation Instruments and other documents relating to the evaluation of school staff in a given school year are not distributed to the staff in advance.	School Leaders use Evaluation Instruments to assess teachers. Evaluation Instruments and other documents relating to the evaluation of school staff in a given school year are distributed to the staff at some point during the school year.	School Leaders make careful revisions of Evaluation Instruments each year as a way to response to last year's trends. Revisions of documents relating to the evaluation of school staff are presented to the Board for approval in advance. Evaluation Instruments and other documents relating to the evaluation of school staff in a given school year are distributed to the staff by September 1 of the school year.	School Leaders make careful revisions of Evaluation Instruments each year as a way to response to last year's trends. Revisions of documents relating to the evaluation of school staff are presented to the Board for approval in advance of its July meeting each year. Evaluation Instruments and other documents relating to the evaluation of school staff in a given school year are distributed to the staff by September 1 of the school year.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.4.17 Formative & Summative Evaluations	The Principal oversees the evaluation of the school's faculty but there are not formal methods in place.	The Principal oversees the evaluation of the school's faculty. The Principal may deputize other educators to assist in the process. Non-tenured faculty members receive at minimum 1 written formative and one written summative evaluation each school year. Tenured faculty members receive at minimum 1 written summative evaluation each school year. These evaluations are signed by the Principal and the faculty member and a copy of the signed document is maintained in	The Principal oversees the evaluation of the school's faculty. The Principal may deputize other educators to assist in the process, but before participating in the process in a given year, deputized educators must receive training by the Principal in regard to that year's school evaluation system, instruments and methodologies. The Principal maintains Faculty Evaluation Trackers which document the dates that faculty members received written evaluations. Non-tenured faculty	The Principal oversees the evaluation of the school's faculty. The Principal may deputize other educators to assist in the process, but before participating in the process in a given year, deputized educators must receive training by the Principal in regard to that year's school evaluation system, instruments and methodologies. Co-Observations exist for norming in this manner. The Principal maintains Faculty Evaluation Trackers which document the dates that faculty members received written evaluations.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

		the faculty member's personnel file.	members receive at minimum 2 written formative and one written summative evaluation each school year. Tenured faculty members receive at minimum 1 written formative and 1 written summative evaluation each school year. These evaluations are signed by the Principal and the faculty member and a copy of the signed document is maintained in the faculty member's personnel file. The Principal maintains such records, documents or data used in connection with an evaluation instrument to evaluate a faculty member.	Non-tenured faculty members receive at minimum 2 written formative and one written summative evaluation each school year. Tenured faculty members receive at minimum 1 written formative and 1 written summative evaluation each school year. These evaluations are signed by the Principal and the faculty member and a copy of the signed document is maintained in the faculty member's personnel file. The Principal maintains such records, documents or data used in connection with an evaluation instrument to evaluate a faculty member.		
II.4.18 Aftercare and Beforecare	Aftercare and Beforecare are not sufficiently staffed.	Aftercare and Beforecare are staffed, but 1 or more Lead Teacher was required to cover one or more responsibility.	Aftercare and Beforecare are staffed and Lead Teachers were not required to staff these programs.	Aftercare and Beforecare are staffed but high quality candidates and Lead Teachers were not required to staff these programs.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.5 Family/Community Communications and Engagement	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations	Perfor (1 ·	
II.5.1 Family Handbook & Communications	Family Handbook is outdated and not accessible by families.	There is a Family Handbook, but it is sometimes outdated and cannot be relied on.	An up-to-date Family Handbook is sent to scholars' parents/guardians at the beginning of every school year that ensures they are aware of school information, expectations, policies and procedures	Principal ensures Family Handbook is revised, up to date, and approved by the Board. An up-to-date Family Handbook is sent to scholars' parents/guardians at the	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

			that is important for them to know. Newsletters are sent to parents/guardians during the school year to keep them abreast of school policies, activities and events at least 5 times per school year by the Principal.	beginning of every school year that ensures they are aware of school information, expectations, policies and procedures that is important for them to know. Monthly newsletters are sent to parents/guardians during the school year to keep them abreast of school policies, activities and events. Weekly/daily electronic communications are sent to parents/guardians to keep them abreast of school policies, activities and events.		
II.5.2 PTO, Teacher-Parent Committees and Family Volunteer Opportunities	An effective PTO is not organized and acting. Parents are not provided opportunities to volunteer at the school.	An effective PTO is not organized and acting but is in progress. Parents are provided some opportunities to volunteer at the school.	An effective PTO is organized and acting. Parents are provided numerous opportunities to volunteer at the school.	An effective PTO is organized and acting. Required parent representation on committees (e.g., Advisory Grievance, Title I) is achieved. Parents are provided numerous opportunities to volunteer at the school.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.5.3 Family Events and Education program Support	Less than 2 fun and meaningful family events take place throughout the year that engage family members, provide support, and build community.	At least 2 fun and meaningful family events take place throughout the year that engage family members, provide support, and build community.	At least 5 fun and meaningful family events take place throughout the year that engage family members, provide support, and build community.	Fun and meaningful family events that engage family members, provide support, and build community occur monthly.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.5.4 Parent/Guardian- Teacher/Leader Communications and Meetings	Parent-teacher meeting days/evenings are scheduled at least once each year but are not school wide.	School Wide parent- teacher meeting days/evenings are scheduled at least once each year. In addition, teachers	School Wide parent- teacher meeting days/evenings are scheduled at least twice each year. In addition, teachers	School Wide parent- teacher meeting days/evenings are scheduled at least twice each year. In addition, teachers	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

		and/or school leaders meet, email/mail or call individual scholars' parents/guardians to keep them abreast of their scholar's academic and/or non-academic progress sporadically.	and/or school leaders regularly meet, email/mail or call individual scholars' parents/guardians to keep them abreast of their scholar's academic and/or non-academic progress. In a year-end survey, 80% of parents say school the school does a good job keeping them abreast of their child's academic and non-academic progress.	and/or school leaders regularly meet, email/mail or call individual scholars' parents/guardians to keep them abreast of their scholar's academic and/or non-academic progress. In a year-end survey, 90% of parents say school the school does a good job keeping them abreast of their child's academic and non-academic progress.		
II.5.5 Family Communications and Engagement re. Interventions	The school does not fulfill regulatory and board policy requirements with regards to family communications relating to academic and behavioral intervention plans.	The school sometimes fulfills regulatory and board policy requirements with regards to family communications relating to academic and behavioral intervention plans.	The school usually fulfills regulatory and board policy requirements with regards to family communications relating to academic and behavioral intervention plans.	The school always fulfills regulatory and board policy requirements with regards to family communications relating to academic and behavioral intervention plans.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.5.6 Family Communications re. Discipline, HIB and Retention	The school does not fulfill regulatory and board policy requirements with regards to family communications relating to discipline, HIB investigations and grade level retention.	The school sometimes fulfills regulatory and board policy requirements with regards to family communications relating to discipline, HIB investigations and grade level retention.	The school usually fulfills regulatory and board policy requirements with regards to family communications relating to discipline, HIB investigations and grade level retention.	The school always fulfills regulatory and board policy requirements with regards to family communications relating to discipline, HIB investigations and grade level retention.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
II.5.7 Community Engagement	The school has partnerships with less than 2 educational institutions or community organizations that align to the school's education program or mission.	The school has partnerships with at least 2 educational institutions or community organizations that align to the school's education program or mission.	The school has partnerships with at least 3 educational institutions or community organizations that align to the school's education program or mission.	The school has partnerships with at least 5 educational institutions or community organizations that align to the school's education program or mission.	Preliminary Self-Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

Total Score: /192 48 Standards

III. Administrative Responsibilities

III.1 Reporting Responsibilities	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations		rmance - 4)
III.1.1 Monthly Board Reports	Provision of Performance Dashboard Data and HIB Reports not sent to Board Secretary consistently.	Provision of Performance Dashboard Data and HIB Reports to Board Secretary by the tenth day of each month.	Provision of Performance Dashboard Data and HIB Reports to Board Secretary by the seventh day of each month.	Provision of Performance Dashboard Data and HIB Reports to Board Secretary by the fifth day of each month.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
III.1.2 Annual Reports to Board and Stakeholders	Attend or call-in to less than 4 Board Meetings and inconsistently complete reports.	Attend or call-in to at least 6 Board Meetings Principal's Report on Status of Teachers Pursuing Standard Licenses Principal's Report on Faculty Formative Evaluations	Attend or call-in to at least 8 Board Meetings Principal's Report on Status of Teachers Pursuing Standard Licenses: November Board Meeting Principal's Report on Faculty Formative Evaluations by July Board Meeting Assist Board Consultant as Needed in Submission of Annual Report to State and Publication of Annual Report on School Website by August 1	Attend or call-in to at least 10 Board Meetings Principal's Report on Status of Teachers Pursuing Standard Licenses: November Board Meeting Principal's Report on Faculty Formative Evaluations by July Board Meeting Assist Board Consultant as Needed in Submission of Annual Report to State and Publication of Annual Report on School Website by August 1	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
III.1.3 Title I	Leader does not ensure Title I Coordinator has submitted the Title I Performance Report by its due date.	Leader ensures Title I Coordinator has submitted the Title I Performance Report, but it is late.	Leader ensures Title I Coordinator has submitted the Title I Performance Report by its due date.	Leader ensures Title I Coordinator has submitted the Title I Performance Report before its due date.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation Appendix C

III.2						
Miscellaneous Responsibilities	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations	Performance (1 – 4)	
III.2.1 Lead Person's Duties as School Representative and Contact Person	The Lead Person receives NJDOE regulatory guidance to the school but does not review it. The Lead Person does not represent or ensures representation for the school at NJDOE meetings at which a school representative is to be present. The Lead Person does not represent or ensures representation for the school at charter school at charter school and community meetings at which school representation is advisable	The Lead Person receives and reviews NJDOE regulatory guidance to the school. The Lead Person sometimes represents or ensures representation for the school at NJDOE meetings at which a school representative is to be present. The Lead Person sometimes represents or ensures representation for the school at charter school and community meetings at which school representation is advisable.	The Lead Person receives and reviews NJDOE regulatory guidance to the school and often ensures that important information is forwarded to and acted upon by appropriate staff members. The Lead Person often represents or ensures representation for the school at NJDOE meetings at which a school represents or ensures representation for the school at charter school and community meetings at which school representation is advisable.	The Lead Person receives and reviews NJDOE regulatory guidance to the school and always ensures that important information is forwarded to and acted upon by appropriate staff members. The Lead Person always represents or ensures representation for the school at NJDOE meetings at which a school represents or ensures represents or ensures represents or ensures represents at which a school represent always represents or ensures represents or ensures representation for the school at charter school and community meetings at which school representation is advisable.		Finalized Evaluation
III.2.2 Diverse Responsibilities Under Law of a Charter School Leader Person	* The Lead Person does not fulfill his or her filing and other responsibilities under the School Ethics Act. * The Lead Person does not fulfill his or her student records requirements under N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7. *The Lead Person does not fulfill his or her duties related to tenure charges under N.J.A.C. 6A:11-6.2.	* The Lead Person fulfills his or her filing and other responsibilities under the School Ethics Act, but is late. * The Lead Person sometimes fulfills his or her student records requirements under N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7. *The Lead Person sometimes fulfills his or her duties related to tenure charges under N.J.A.C. 6A:11-6.2.	* The Lead Person fulfills his or her filing and other responsibilities under the School Ethics Act. * The Lead Person usually fulfills his or her student records requirements under N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7. *The Lead Person usually fulfills his or her duties related to tenure charges under N.J.A.C. 6A:11-6.2.	* The Lead Person fulfills his or her filing and other responsibilities under the School Ethics Act. * The Lead Person always fulfills his or her student records requirements under N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7. *The Lead Person usually always his or her duties related to tenure charges under N.J.A.C. 6A:11-6.2.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation Appendix C

Total Score: /20
5 Standards

IV. Miscellaneous Organizational Goals

1V. 1 Board-Established Organizational Performance Goals	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations		rmance - 4)
IV.1.1 Enrollment	Average enrollment is less than 97%.	Average enrollment is at least 97%.	Average enrollment is at least 99%.	Average enrollment is at least 99.5%.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
IV.1.2 Attendance	Average daily attendance is less than 93%.	Average daily attendance is at least 93%.	Average daily attendance is at least 95%.	Average daily attendance is at least 97%.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
IV.1.3 Retention	Student retention over the course of a year is less than 88%.	Student retention over the course of a year is 88% or better.	Student retention over the course of a year is 90% or better.	Student retention over the course of a year is 92% or better.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
IV.1.4 Homework	Homework is completed on-time less than 88% of the time.	Homework is completed on-time at least 88% of the time.	Homework is completed on-time at least 90% of the time.	Homework is completed on-time at least 92% of the time.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
IV.1.5 Dean's Office Referrals & Suspensions	Monthly Count of Referrals and Suspensions is greater than 11%.	Monthly Count of Referrals and Suspensions averages 11% or less.	Monthly Count of Referrals and Suspensions averages 7% or less.	Monthly Count of Referrals and Suspensions averages 3% or less.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

IV.1.6 Parent/Guardian Satisfaction with the School Overall	less than 70% of parents/guardians	In a year-end survey, 70-79% of parents/guardians express satisfaction with the school overall.	80-89% of parents/guardians express satisfaction	In a year-end survey, at least 90% of parents/guardians express satisfaction with the school overall.	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

Total Score: /24 6 Standards

	V. MEASURES OF STUDENT LEARNING							
III.1 ABSOLUTE GROWTH IN ELA & MATH	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations	Performance (1 - 4)			
III.1.1 Reading Average STAR 360 GE Gain of All Teacher's Scholars	≤ 0.5 GE	0.60 - 1.0 GE	1.1 – 1.2 GE	≥ 1.3 GE	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation		
III.1.2 Math Average STAR 360 GE Gain of Teacher's Scholars	≤ 0.5 GE	0.60 - 1.0 GE	1.1 – 1.2 GE	≥ 1.3 GE	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation		
III.2 COMPARATIVE GROWTH IN ELA & MATH	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations	Performance (1 - 4)			
III.2.1 ELA Average Annual Percentile Rank Gain on STAR 360 Assessment	≤ 0 Percentile Points	1-2 Percentile Points	3-8 Percentile Points	≥ 8 Percentile Points	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation Appendix C		

of Teacher's Scholars						
III.2.2 Math Average Annual Percentile Rank Gain on STAR 360 Assessment of Teacher's Scholars	≤ 0 Percentile Points	1-2 Percentile Points	3-8 Percentile Points	≥ 8 Percentile Points	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
III.3 COMPARATIVE PROFICIENCY IN ELA & MATH	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations		rmance - 4)
III.3.1 ELA Percentage of Teacher's Scholars Performing at or Above the 75 th National Percentile on STAR 360 Assessment	≤39%	40% - 50%	51% - 79%	≥ 80%	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
III.3.2 Math Percentage of Teacher's Scholars Performing at or above the 75 th National Percentile on STAR 360 Assessment	≤39%	40% - 50%	51% - 79%	≥ 80%	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
III.4 ABSOLUTE PROFICIENCY IN ELA, MATH, SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations		rmance - 4)
III.4.1 ELA Average Trimester Assessment Score of Teacher's Scholars	≤ 65%	66%-75%	76%-89%	≥ 90%	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
III.4.2 Math Average Trimester Assessment Score of Teacher's Scholars	≤ 65%	66%-75%	76%-89%	≥ 90%	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
III.4.1 Science Average Unit Test Score of Teacher's Scholars	≤ 65%	66%-75%	76%-89%	≥ 90%	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation
III.4.2 Social Studies	≤ 65%	66%-75%	76%-89%	≥ 90%	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation Appendix C

Average Unit Test Score of Teacher's Scholars						
III.5 SCHOLARS' PROFICIENCY IN SPANISH	1 = Needs Improvement	2 = Working Towards	3 = Meeting Expectations	4= Exceeding Expectations	Performance (1 - 4)	
III.5.1 Spanish Average Final Exam Score	≤ 65%	66%-75%	76%-89%	≥ 90%	Preliminary Self- Evaluation	Finalized Evaluation

Total Score: /44
11 Standards

EA Summative Score:
NJ DOE SCALE
Ineffective: < 1.850
Partially Effective: 1.850 to 2.649
Effective: 2.650 to 3.499
Highly Effective: ≥ 3.500

This evaluation was reviewed with me on	In this review, we broke
down more thoroughly each domain, as well as the	"Glows" and "Grows" for each employee.
Staff Name (printed)	Staff Name (signature
Principal (printed)	Principal (signature)

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES POLICY

a. Rationale

Beloved Community Charter High School ("Beloved") recognizes and respects the integral roles that parents and teachers play in the education of its Scholars. The Board's objective is to strengthen that partnership and foster an open and productive line of communication between not only parents and teachers, but also the School Leader, administrative staff, and the Board of Trustees. To that end, the Board wishes to institute a fair and efficient process by which internal grievances can be resolved amicably and consistent with the law. If a Board employee, trustee, or parent/guardian has a complaint or dispute with any Board policy or action of a school employee or trustee ("grievance"), it should be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution proceedings set forth in this Policy, or as otherwise mandated by law.

b. Procedure

1) Informal Grievances.

- **A)** Any person who has a grievance shall discuss it first with the School Leader, in an attempt to resolve the matter informally, within Ten (10) school days from the time when the person knew or would have known of its occurrence.
- **B**) However, should a complaint or concern arise between a parent and a teacher or staff member, parents are encouraged to first attempt to resolve said complaint or concern directly with the teacher or staff member by scheduling a conference to discuss the issue. The School Leader reserves the right to redirect parents to the involved teacher or staff member if that step has not been taken. If, after meeting in conference with the immediate source, the parent deems the initial response/course of action insufficient, or in the event that a meeting with the immediate source is not practicable or reasonable because of the nature or subject matter of the grievance, an informal meeting with the School Leader may be requested in an attempt to resolve the concern or complaint.
- **C**) If the complainant is satisfied with the response of the School Leader, no further action will be required, and the grievance will be considered resolved.
- 2) Formal Grievances. If the grievance is not resolved to the complainant's satisfaction through informal discussion with the School Leader, the complainant must submit a formal, written grievance to both the School Leader and the Board Chair within Five (5) school days after meeting with the School Leader. The written grievance must recite the matter that was originally submitted informally to the School Leader, explain the basis for the complainant's dissatisfaction with the decision previously rendered, and specify the desired remedy.

- **3) Referral to Committee.** The Board Chair shall determine, upon consultation with counsel if necessary, whether the nature of the grievance requires that it be considered by the Board Grievance Committee, or by the Advisory Grievance Committee pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36A-15. The jurisdictional limits of each committee are described below in their applicable sections.
- 4) Committee Meetings. Within Fifteen (15) school days of its receipt of the written grievance, the applicable committee will meet with all concerned parties. The Board will provide an opportunity to the complainant to present his or her grievance and to persons responding to the grievance ("respondents"). These presentations will be informal as no sworn testimony will be given. There will be no right to cross-examine witnesses. Whether the presentation is held in public or private session of a Board meeting will depend on the subject matter of the grievance.
- 5) **Resolution.** Soon thereafter, the applicable committee shall present a non-binding recommendation to the Board concerning the disposition of the grievance. The Board will review the applicable committee's recommendation at its next regularly scheduled meeting and make a decision within Thirty (30) days of its receipt of the applicable committee's recommendation.

c. Advisory Grievance Committee

- **1) Jurisdiction.** Any grievance that alleges a violation of the provisions of the New Jersey Charter School Programs Act shall be directed to the Advisory Grievance Committee, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-15.
- 2) Composition. The Advisory Grievance Committee shall consist of One (1) parent/guardian, One (1) teaching staff member and One (1) Board trustee. Each year, by no later than October 15, parents/guardians, teaching staff members and trustees will select from their membership persons to serve on the Advisory Grievance Committee. The terms of service for each member of the advisory grievance committee will be One (1) year. The persons receiving the most votes from their constituent members will be selected. In the event that the teaching staff members and/or parents/guardians are unable to appoint members, the Board shall accept nominations and shall make the necessary appointments to constitute the Advisory Grievance Committee. The Chair of the Advisory Grievance Committee will be selected by the other Advisory Grievance Committee members. If an Advisory Grievance Committee member has a conflict of interest pertaining to a grievance, that member shall recuse himself or herself from serving on the Advisory Grievance Committee regarding said grievance.

d. Board Grievance Committee

- 1) Jurisdiction. The Board Grievance Committee shall consider grievances related to all other matters not otherwise excluded here or that are subject to the Advisory Grievance Committee's jurisdiction set forth in section (c) above. However, the Board Grievance Committee reserves the right to decline to review grievances that it deems to fall primarily under the purview of the managerial discretion of the School Leader. In such event, the Board Grievance Committee shall work in conjunction with the School Leader in an advisory capacity. Grievances arising specifically under the school laws may be subject to review and consideration by the Commissioner of Education only.
- **2) Composition.** The Board Grievance Committee shall consist of the Board Chair and Two (2) other trustees selected by the Board. The term of service for the trustees shall be One (1) year. If a Board trustee has a conflict of interest pertaining to a grievance, that trustee shall recuse himself or herself from serving on the Board Grievance Committee regarding said grievance. The conflict of interest should be reported to the Board Chair as soon as it is discovered.

e. Other General Guidelines for Grievances

- 1) A complainant or respondent may represent himself/herself at all stages of the grievance proceeding or may be represented by the person of his or her choosing.
- 2) There shall be no retaliation against any person for initiating a grievance proceeding.
- 3) The information gathered in a grievance proceeding shall be kept confidential to the extent reasonably possible.



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION 2021-2022

1. Grade Information			
What grade (K-11) will this student ente	er in September 2021?		
2. Student Information			
Student's Name:			
(Le	ast)	(First)	
Birth Date://	Gender: M F (Circle One)		
3. Student's Current School (Con	nplete only if your child is currently	attending a school.)	
Current School Name:	(Current Grade:	
4. Custodial Parent/Guardian Inf	o Relationship to Student: Mothe	r Father Guardian _	(Check One)
First Name:	Last Name:		
Address:			
(Street Address, Apt #) Apartmen	t is required, if any (City)	(State)	(Zip)
Home Phone:	Work Phone	:	
Cell Phone:	Other Phone:	(
Email 1 :			
Email 2:			
(Please provide multiple phone	numbers and email addresses. It is	s VERY important that we be a	able to reach you.)
5. Brother or Sister Applying (If	more than one sibling is applying,	attach an additional page.)	
Name:	Grade in 20	121-22	
	e application for each prospective st		
Identify any sibling of the applic	ant who is currently enrolled	at BCCS	
6. Parent Signature			
I am applying to have my child attend Bel information I am providing in this applica school day, a strong discipline code, unifolottery. I also understand that if my child spots open up during that year, students verquest that you consider this application	ation are true, accurate, and complete rms, and parent involvement. I under is not initially selected in the lottery, s vill be admitted from the waiting list i	e. I understand that BelovED feat stand that prospective students she will be placed on a waiting in the order in which they were	atures a longer s are chosen by a list for the year. If selected. I hereby
	Parent/Guardian Signa		Date



APPLICACION PARA LA ADMISION año escolar 2021-22

Información sobre el grado

¿En qué grado se matriculará el estudiante en septie	embre del 2020? (K-11)	•		
2. Información sobre el estudiante				
Nombre del estudiante:(Apellido)		(Nombre)	(Inicial SN)	
Fecha nacimiento:///(Apenda)	Género: Masculino (Marque	_ Femenino	(miciai SN) —	
3. Escuela actual del estudiante (Completar	solo si el niño está actualme	nte asistiendo a la	escuela	
Nombre de la escuela:	Actual grado:			
4. Información del padre o guardián Vínculo	o con el estudiante: Madre	_ Padre Tutor	legal	
Nombre:	Apellido			
Dirección:				
Dirección: (Calle, Apto #) (Ciudad)	(Estado)		(Código postal)	
Teléfono de la casa:				
Teléfono celular:	Otro Teléfono:			
Email 1:	Email 2 :			
(Por favor provea varios números de teléfono y dis	recciones de correo electróni	co. Es MUY import	ante poder contactarl	(o).
5. Hermanos/as aplicando (Si más de dos he	rmanos/as están aplicando, a	ñada la informacio	ón en una página adic	ional.)
Nombre:	Grado en Sept	iembre del 2021: _		
(Recuerde completar una solicitud por cada estu	diante que desee matricular).			
Identificar cualquier hermanos/as del s			en BCCS	
6. Firma del padre/madre:				
Estoy solicitando para que mi niño/a pueda asistir a la que las declaraciones y la información que proporcion caracteriza por días escolares más largos, un código d futuros estudiantes son escogidos por lotería. Tambié parte de una lista de espera para ese año. Si se abren seleccionados para la lista de espera. Por la presente s que sea usada para llenar las plazas disponibles en Be	no en esta solicitud son verdad le disciplina fuerte, uniformes, n entiendo que si mi niño/a al p plazas durante el año, los estu solicito que usted considere est:	eras, precisas, y com y la participación a orincipio no es selec diantes serán admiti a solicitud para la si	pletas. Entiendo que B ctiva de los padres. En cionado en la lotería, p dos en el mismo orden	BelovED se tiendo que los asará a formar que fueron
Firma del padre o guardián	Fecha	_		

21-7-15-29

RESOLUTION APPROVING TEACHER and SCHOOL LEADER/PRINCIPAL EVALUATION SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education has required all school districts to approve Educator and School Leader/Principal Evaluation Systems;

AND WHEREAS, BelovED Community Charter School prepared such evaluation systems and presented them to its Board of Trustees for approval on June 18, 2015;

AND WHEREAS, these evaluation systems were approved and implemented, and have been improved through the years via minor revisions;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of BelovED Community Charter School, after several years of positive experience, chooses to re-approve the instruments for SY 2021-22;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

RESOLVED, that the governing body of BelovED Community Charter School in Hudson County in the State of New Jersey hereby re-approves its Teacher and School Leader Evaluation Instruments (attached hereto) and systems for use in SY 2021-2021.

Motion made by Salvatore Risavato and seconded by Maggie Johnson

Approved:

Nicole Jackson	Yes
Salvatore Risalvato	Yes
Sheridan Bell	Yes
Sam Mikhail	Yes
Maggie Johnson	Yes
Kathy Mone	Yes

^{1,} Richard Raschdorf, Board Secretary, certify that the above resolution was passed by a majority of a quorum of this Board of Trustees, as indicated above.

Date of Board Meeting: July 15, 2021

BelovED Community Charter School | 2021-2022 CALENDAR

Key:

Red: 1/2 day NO AfterCare (AC) Green: 1/2 day w/ AfterCare (AC) Orange: School Event

Periwinkle: No School

Jul 6-Aug 5 Summer School

JULY '21								
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JANUARY '22 T W Th F S S м 1 2 4 7 8 3 5 6 11 13 9 10 12 14 15 18 20 21 22 16 17 19 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

3 Classes Resume

13 1/2 Day Gr. 6-11 only

14 $\frac{1}{2}$ Day W/ A/C Staff PD

17 No School MLK Day

19 Lottery for SY22-23

25 Open House for \$Y22-23 (K-5) 26 Open House for \$Y22-23 (6-11)

28 End of Q2 MS/HS

20/94

Aug 17-31 Summer Institute (Staff)

16th - ADMIN only

17th - NEW Staff 18th - ALL Staff

 $20^{th} - \frac{1}{2}$ day session

 $27^{th} - \frac{1}{2}$ day session

25 9th Grade Orientation

AUGUST '21								
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FEBRUARY '22 W Th F T S м 2 3 4 5 10 11 12 6 14 15 16 17 13 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

8 100th day of school

18 $\frac{1}{2}$ Day W/ A/C Staff PD

21-22 No School President's Day

28 Read Across America/Book Fair

18/112

1 ½ day NO A/C First School Day

1-3 1/2 Day NO A/C Staff PD

Labor Day No School 13 First Day of A/C

15 Back to School Night K-5

16 Back to School Night 9-11

17 Back to School Night 6-8

21 1/2 Day w/ A/C Staff PD

21/21

SEPTEMBER '21								
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MARCH '22 M T W Th F S S 5 4 9 11 6 8 10 12 19 13 17 18 14 15 16 20 21 22 23 26 27 28 29 30

1-4 Read Across America/Book

1/2 Day w/ A/C Staff PD

11 End of Term II ES

18 No School Pacing Break

24-25 1/2 Day K-5 only NO A/C **Parent Teacher Conferences**

31 ½ Day Gr. 6-11 only

22/134

6 Open House for \$Y22-23 (K-5)

8 1/2 Day w/ A/C Staff PD

11 School Closed Columbus Day

27 Picture Day

28-29 K-8 Parent Conferences

28-29 1/2 Day NO A/C

OCTOBER '21						
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APRIL '22 S M T W Th F S 2 8 9 3 4 5 6 10 11 12 13 15 16 21 17 18 19 23 25 26 27 29 24 28 30

1 ½ Day Gr. 6-11 only 8 End of Q3 MS/HS 14 1/2 Day NO A/C (Staff PD)

15-22 No School Spring Break

15/149

20/41

2 1/2 Day W/ A/C Staff PD **Election Day**

5 End of Q1 MS/HS

10 Open House for \$Y22-23 (6-11)

24 End of Term 1 ES

24 1/2 Day No A/C

25-26 No School Thanksgiving

20/61

13/74

NOVEMBER '21						
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28	29	30				

MAY '22 M T W Th F S S 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 28 29 30 31

2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week

4 ½ Day W/ A/C (Staff PD)

27 1/2 Day W/ A/C

30 No School Memorial Day

21/170

1/2 Day w/ A/C Staff PD MS/HS Parent Conferences 20-31 School Closed Winter Break

DECEMBER '21							
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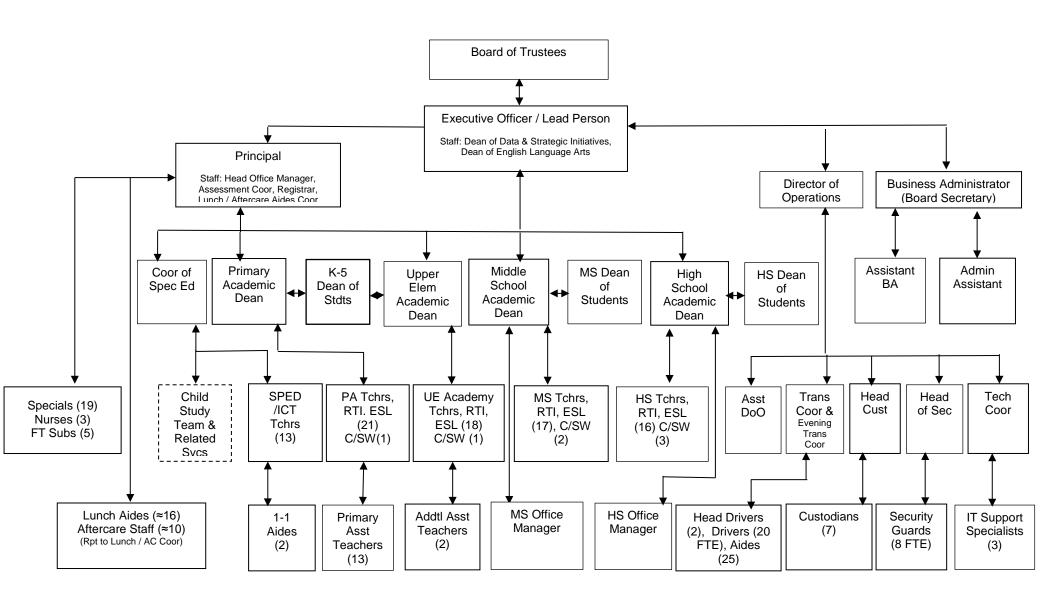
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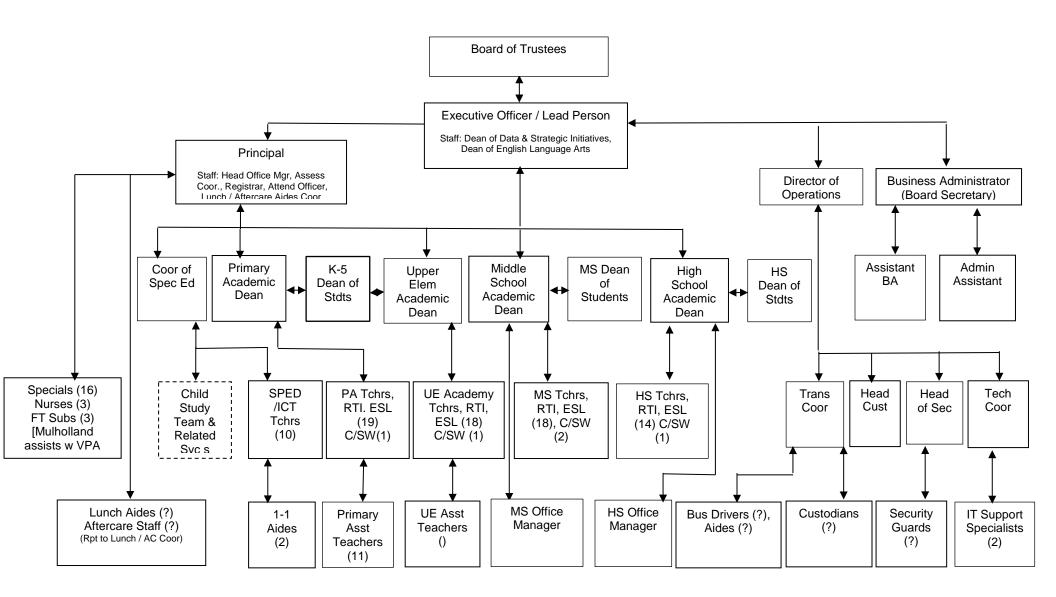
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5th/8th grade Graduation 16 Kindergarten Graduation

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PROMOTION AND RETENTION POLICY

Policy # 150310

The mission of BelovED Community Charter School is to prepare students to succeed in college and in life. To fulfill that mission, the Board of Trustees recognizes that students should be placed at the grade levels to which they are best adjusted academically, socially, emotionally, and developmentally and which are age appropriate.

While BelovED's educational program provides for the continuous progress of students from grade to grade, with students spending one year in each grade, the Board of Trustees recognizes that, in some instances, students may benefit by repeating a grade level. The decision to retain a student will be made in consultation with the appropriate school officials constituting the school team and the parent/guardian. However, the final decision for retention shall rest with the Head Dean.

Grade level promotion shall depend upon students having achieved sufficient mastery of the prerequisite skills and knowledge for the next class or grade level. Throughout the year, teachers will assess students' mastery of sequenced academic standards and respond with appropriate interventions to help students progress academically.

To determine if students meet BelovED's standards mastery benchmarks for grade-level promotion, periodic, mid-course, and end-of-course tests will be given in each academic class and a weighted-average of each student's results will be calculated to yield a student score for the class. An overall score will also be calculated for each student's performance across academic subjects, with English Language Arts (ELA) and Math weighted more heavily. Students in grades one to five may be automatically retained who: fail ELA and Math or have a failing overall average without the option of summer school. Kindergarten students will be retained if they are achieving significantly below grade level based on weekly and term assessments.

Summer School is offered to different classes of students:

- 1. Students who are being retained. Summer School is recommended for these students to bring them closer to the level that they need to be at in order to successfully master the academic standards (i.e., skills and knowledge items) of the grade in which they are being retained.
- 2. Students who are being promoted but lack full mastery of grade level academic standards. Summer School is *recommended* for students with a low but passing average in Math or ELA to better prepare them for the next grade level.
- 3. Students whose retention is uncertain. Summer School is required for students at risk of failing both Math and ELA or achieving a failing overall average in either subject. Promotion for these students is conditioned on the student successfully completing Summer School thereby meeting BelovED's research-based, standards mastery benchmarks for grade-level promotion. Completion of summer school does NOT guarantee promotion.

For students who meet the requirements for promotion, but have barely passing averages in Math or ELA, recommended academic interventions shall continue even after they enter the higher class or grade.

The school shall provide parents/guardians with regular written information, including report cards, relating to their children's academic scores, personal growth, attendance records and disciplinary records. The school shall inform parents/guardians when formative assessment data leads to their children

receiving academic interventions and shall explain how these parents/guardians can support this work and help their children progress academically.

Teachers shall endeavor to meet with parents/guardians on a periodic, scheduled basis to provide them with a face-to-face review of their children's learning progress, and shall call when academic or behavioral issues warrant so parents/guardians are made aware of and can help solve the problem.

Following each trimester, the school shall notify the parents/guardians of children whose pace of standards mastery puts them at substantial risk of not meeting the school's requirements for grade-level promotion. Parents/guardians shall be reminded of the school's promotion/retention policies, its Summer School requirements, and what they can do to support the school's academic interventions and help their children progress academically.

In May, teachers shall call and/or meet with parents/guardians whose children will need to attend Summer School and shall inform them of the subject areas in which their children need to increase their standards mastery, and what these parents/guardians can do to assist their children

If, after attending Summer School, a student whose retention is recommended still does not meet the standards mastery benchmarks necessary for promotion, staff shall call and/or meet with the student's parents/guardians to inform them that their child will be retained in their current grade.

If a parent/guardian wishes to appeal promotion/retention decisions, they may first petition the School Grievance Committee consisting of parents and teachers. If the parent/guardian wishes to appeal the decision of the Grievance Committee, the parent/guardian may petition the Board of Trustees.

Nothing in this Policy shall obligate the School to provide interventions beyond those required by law.