

FY 2021 Charter School Lease Aid Certification Form – Part 1

This form is to certify that your school meets certain criteria and complies with statutes for charter school lease aid. Please complete both pages of this form and return with your lease aid request letter.

Charter School Name: Bluffview Montessori Charter School		Charter School Number: 4001-07	
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Checking the items below indicates your compliance with the following regulations and statutes:

- ☒ **Federal, State and Local Requirements:** The charter school building meets health and safety codes per [Minnesota Statutes, section 124E.03, subdivision 2\(a\)](#), which states in part, “A charter school shall meet all federal, state, and local health and safety requirements applicable to school districts.” (See Attachment D.)
- ☒ **Building Lease Aid:** [Minnesota Statutes, section 124E.22](#), states, in part, “A charter school must not use the building lease aid it receives for custodial, maintenance service, utility, or other operating costs.”
- ☒ **Disabled Accessibility:** The charter school administration and school board are aware of the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will comply with those requirements.
- ☒ **Lease is not with a Related Party:** The charter school leases property from a non-profit corporation under chapter 317A or a cooperative under chapter 308A or leases property from a for-profit organization where there are no related party affiliations as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 124E.13, subdivision 2 (a).

(a) A charter school is prohibited from entering a lease of real property with a related party unless the lessor is a nonprofit corporation under chapter 317A or a cooperative under chapter 308A, and the lease cost is reasonable under section 124E.22, paragraph (a), clause (1).

(b) For purposes of this section and section 124E.02:

- (1) “Affidavit” means a written statement the authorizer submits to the commissioner for approval to establish a charter school under section 124E.06, subdivision 4, attesting to its review and approval process before chartering a school.
- (2) “Affiliate” means a person that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person;
- (3) “Control” means the ability to affect the management, operations, or policy actions or decisions of a person whether by owning voting securities, by contract or otherwise.
- (4) “Immediate family” means an individual whose relationship by blood, marriage, adoption, or partnership is more remote than first cousin.
- (5) “Person” means an individual or entity of any kind.
- (6) “Related party” means an affiliate or immediate relative of the other interested party, an affiliate of an immediate relative who is the other interested party, or an immediate relative of an affiliate who is the other interested party.

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- (c) A lease of real property to be used for a charter school, not excluded in paragraph (a), must contain the following statement: "This lease is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 124E.13, subdivision 2."
- (d) If a charter school enters into as lessee a lease with a related party and the charter school subsequently closes, the commissioner has the right to recover from the lessor any lease payments in excess of those that are reasonable under section 124E.22, paragraph (a), clause (1).

School districts are neither non-profits nor cooperatives, and therefore do not fall under this exception and are ineligible to rent to schools for which they authorize. This prohibition does not prevent school districts from renting to charter schools for which they are not the authorizer.

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Fire Code Compliance: The charter school has been inspected by the Minnesota State Fire Marshal or its local designee within the last three years for compliance with the Minnesota State Fire Code for Educational Occupancy and has an inspection report showing that any outstanding violations discovered during the initial inspection have been remedied.

Date of last final/closed fire inspection: 4/26/19

I hereby verify the information provided in Part 1 of the FY 2021 Charter School Lease Aid Certification Form to be true and correct.

Henry Schantzen

6/17/20

Print Name of Person Preparing Form

Signature of Person Preparing Form

Date _____

Ann Marie Dunbar

6/17/20

Print Name of Board Chair

Signature of Board Chair

Date