AMENDMENT REQUEST

Utah State Board of Education

The Utah State Charter School Board (SCSB) is charged with authorizing, monitoring, evaluating, and dismissing charters of public schools in Utah. Its work is under the direct supervision of the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) per Utah Code 53A-1a-501.5.

1.	Charter School	Hawthorn Academy			
2.	Street Address	9062 S. 2200 W.	Phone	801-282-9066	
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		in an area: () Rural			
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5.	Chief School Officer	Jamie Johnson	Phone_	801-282-9066	
6.	The Charter school is lo	cated in which school district?	Jordan School [District	
7.	List or attach all sponso	ors and/or founders of the charte	er school;		
Diana J	ensen	Greta Betts	<u> </u>	Heather Baer	
Heidi S	cott	Meggen Pettit		Jennifer Dickinson	
Brent Peterson		Holly Peterson		Wendy Wagner	
Jamie J	ohnson	Valerie Merrill			
8.	3. List or attach all duly elected, current board directors of the school:				
Jamie Johnson		Meggen Pettit			
Greta B	Betts	Diana Jensen			
Heidi S	cott		_		

9. Requested amendment to charter.

Listed below is a summary of our amendment changes. The charter itself shows deletions and additions.

Governing Board (Section 8 pages 30 – 34):

- Change number of Board of Trustees and how members are selected for the board
- Clarified Directors role at Board meetings.
- Changes voting restrictions section to include only board members
- Changes board member terms and replacement of board members

Comprehensive Program of Instruction: Curriculum Plan (Section 11 pages 61-73)

Curriculum changes were made to allow Hawthorn Academy to be more flexible in meeting the needs of students and adapting to changes in the core curriculum including:

- Deleting required reading lists
- Clarifying grades using the Spaulding Method
- Emphasizing languages, deleting Spanish proficiency requirement
- Specific Science and Social Studies textbooks deleted, essential elements of Science curriculum added
- Clarification and changes of art time, grades, and classes
- Addition of Fitness for Life (9th grade) and Glencoe Teen Health programs (8th grade)
- Refinement of educational technology of K-6 to reflect timeliness not specific programs
- Deletion of specific Math textbooks, criteria for math curriculum/textbooks remains the same; 6th grade added to middle school/secondary Mathematics section
- Addition of curriculum adjustments statement

10. a) Summary description of charter school:

Hawthorn Academy's mission is to provide an exciting and enabling learning environment where students will develop a desire to explore and understand the world around them; be inspired to set and reach personal goals, and become lifelong seekers of knowledge. Hawthorn Academy will provide challenging academics utilizing a proven methodology that will foster students who are responsible citizens, intellectually capable, and competitive in every aspect of society. Students will develop self-respect and self-discipline in a safe and supportive environment. Hawthorn Academy utilizes the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Program to ensure that students learn in an environment that promotes ability and awareness. IB is not a program of curriculum content, but rather a highly respected method for organizing and teaching the curriculum of a school's choosing. Hawthorn Academy has made curriculum choices based on extensive research and documented success and believes that the Academy's core curricula effectively addresses the academic needs of all age and learning levels.

IB focuses on multiple facets of learning and addresses social, physical, emotional and cultural development as well as academic. The program provides opportunity for learners to construct meaning, principally through concept-driven inquiry. The threads of student's learning are brought together in the trans-disciplinary program of inquiry, which in turn allows them to make connections with life outside the school. Through the curriculum, IB enables students to

develop sensitivity to the experiences of others and sets forth the expectation of socially responsible action as a result of the learning experience.

b) How many students will the charter school serve and what grades?

Hawthorn Academy had 786 students (K-9) on their unaudited 2010 October 1st Count. This is the first year Hawthorn Academy has added 9th graders, and plans on 810 students (their authorized amount) for school year 2011-2012.

c) The charter school's current grade configuration is:

K-9

d) Does the charter school's grade configuration align with the local school district configuration?

Yes, Jordan School District configuration is K-6 elementary, 7-9 Jr. High, and 10-12 High School. Hawthorn Academy is located in Jordan School district and has a strong commitment to ensure students transition well from Hawthorn Academy to a local high school.

e) Percentage of minority students at charter school:

The percentage of minority students is approximately 4% of the student population. This number is based on the unaudited 2010 October 1st Count.

f) Percentage of special education students at charter school:

The percentage of special education students is approximately 7%. This number is based on the unaudited 2010 October 1st Count.

g) Additional information:

Hawthorn Academy has made a strong effort to outreach to students everywhere. The school currently has over 2100 students in the lottery pool for the 2010-2011 school year.

11. What makes this school unique or needed?

In order to achieve our mission and to maintain long-term consistency and continuity in our school, Hawthorn Academy will overlay the International Baccalaureate Organization's (IBO) teaching methodologies. By incorporating IB we will be able to provide a challenging academic experience that fosters life-long learners. The International Baccalaureate Organization's mission is to address the "whole child" by meeting the academic, social, physical, emotional, and cultural needs of the child. The IB framework is not curriculum, but a highly respected method for organizing and teaching the curriculum content that Hawthorn has chosen through a well-developed teaching methodology.

We have selected IB after much evaluation and research into other public and charter schools that match our vision. We have researched other IB schools nationwide and have found them to be highly-regarded by parents and children with consistently good test scores when compared to local districts as well as state schools. We have not been able to find a program we admire more than IB.

12. Is the schools' curriculum fully aligned with the Utah State Core Curriculum? If not, in what areas does the school deviate from the Core?

Yes. The school's curriculum is fully aligned with the Utah State Core Curriculum as evidenced by the course catalog which includes USOE Core Curriculum intended learning outcomes and standards and was provided in the school's charter application. This Amendment Request allows for Hawthorn Academy to be better prepared for possible curriculum adjustments needed to meet the needs of students and the adoption of the common core.

13. How does the school address the needs of students with disabilities who will need Special Education services?

Hawthorn Academy Charter School believes every student should have an equal opportunity to receive an education. At Hawthorn Academy, all students are entitled to a free and appropriate education and individuals with disabilities are afforded that same opportunity.

It is the policy of Hawthorn Academy Charter School to adhere to and comply with federal and state laws and rules as they pertain to students with disabilities and the provision of a free appropriate public education, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability. Hawthorn Academy has in effect a Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual, approved by the USOE December of 2009, that ensures students with disabilities or suspected disabilities will be identified, evaluated, and provided appropriate educational services and/or accommodations within the definitions of IDEA 2004, ADA, and Section 504. Within the timeline requirements of the IDEA, this manual outlines Hawthorn Academy's special education program and is on file in the school's policy binder and at the USOE. The following areas are covered:

- 1. General Provisions (Program Description),
- Identification, Location, and Evaluation of Students (Child Find, Referral, Evaluation, Re-Evaluation, Eligibility Determination including SLD Classification, and Eligibility Classifications),
- 3. IEP Development and Service Delivery (IEP Team Participants, IEP Development and Content, LRE, Initial Placement, IEP Changes, Transition Services, and LRBI),
- 4. Procedural safeguards for students and their parents (Parental Participation, Independent Education Evaluation (IEE), Written Prior Notices, Dispute Resolution, Surrogate Parents, Confidentiality, and Discipline),
- 5. LEA Eligibility and Responsibilities (Assessment and Reporting, Public Posting, Ensuring Services, Supervision, Personnel Standards, Early Intervening Services, and Caseloads), and
- 6. Students with Disabilities in Other Settings (Private and Public School Placements).

Hawthorn Academy's Special Education Policy and Procedures Manual ensures the appropriate implementation of special education services. It is used in coordination with the Utah State Board of Education Rules (August 2007) and incorporates the USOE's Special Education Guidelines (August 2008) for Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD), Least Restrictive Behavioral Interventions (LRBI) and Caseloads as set forth.

- **14.** Provide a copy of current school year budget and projected budget with amendments. (See Attachment 1)
- 15. Provide a copy of most recent UPASS state academic information. You may attach additional academic information if desired.

Hawthorn Academy did meet AYP during their inaugural year (2009-2010). They also surpassed State averages in Language Arts, Mathematics and Science on their CRT's. (See Attachment 2)

16. Who performs the financial accounting for the school (by name) and what are his/her credentials for accounting?

Academica West is under contract as a business management company for Hawthorn Academy. Brad Taylor is the Controller for Academica West. His resume is included as "Brad Taylor Resume". (Attachment 3)

17. Provide the name and title of district personnel to whom you provided a copy of your entire amendment request, as well as the date of contact.

Janene Bowen, Charter School Liaison for Jordon School District, was contacted on 20 October 2010. A signed completed copy of this amendment request was delivered to Janene via e-mail 20 October 2010.

Date

Jamie Johnson, CRD
Charter School Board Representative Signature

20 October 2010
Date

Charter School Principal/Director

20 October 2010

(ATTACHMENT 1)

HAWTHORN ACADEMY

2010-2011 Proposed Budget

			2010-2011	
Number of Students (ADM):				786
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Revenue				Total
State Funding Regular				\$ 3,770,544
Federal & State Projects				-
Loan				-
Other Revenue				30,000
Total Revenue				3,800,544
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Expenses	# of Staff	(2 Salary	Total
Salaries (100)	# Of Staff	-	g Galai y	Total
Teacher-Regular Ed	30	\$	36,500	1,095,000
Instructional Assts	14	\$	10,281	143,934
Bonuses	14	\$	1,000	
Substitutes		\$	65.00	37,000
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Employee Benefits				216,000
Payroll Taxes				132,697
Fieldtrips / Transportation Textbooks				10,000
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Library Books				35,000
Instructional Aids				18,000
Supplies(600)				60,000
Marketing (300)		<u></u>	4.000	5,000
Professional Development		\$	1,000	40,000
Other (printing; postage)				2,050
Total Instruction				1,909,181
Administration & Support				
Director (Principal)	1	\$	76,545	76,545
Assistant Director	1	\$	58,240	58,240
Head Secretary	1	\$	28,207	28,207
Part -Time Secretary	1	\$	18,720	18,720
Media Specialist	1	\$	21,600	21,600
Employee Benefits				15,300
Bonuses				6,000
Payroll Taxes				21,144
Purchased Prof Services				302,600
Board Expenses				2,500
Supplies				11,500
Total Admin & Support				562,356

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Operations & Maintenance			Total
Supplies			20,000
Phone/Communications			8,385
Custodial Services			8,500
CustodialSalaries	2	12,695	25,390
Custodial Payroll Taxes			2,641
Property/Casualty Insurance			20,000
Utilities			45,000
Rent			887,630
Property Tax			60,000
Fees/Permits & dues			1,500
Mileage Reimbursement			1,500
Purchased Property Services			15,000
Building & Improvements/Repairs			25,000
Computer Equipment			50,000
Computer Tech Support			18,000
Furniture & Other Equipment			37,500
Upgrades (Connectivity)			-
Bonus			1,000
Loan Repayment			50,794
Other (security, copier lease)			11,300
Total Operations & Maintenance			1,289,139
Total Expenditures			3,760,677
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Total Revenues			3,800,544
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Budget Balance (Revenues- Expenditures)			\$ 39,867

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IMPLEMENTATION GRANT					
REVENUE					
Implementation			\$	145,231	
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TOTAL IMPLEMENTATION REVENUE			145,231		
EXPENSES					
Training				38,231	
Supplies and Materials				65,000	
Computer				42,000	
Furniture				-	
DIFFERENCE			\$	-	

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TRUST LANDS FUNDING				
REVENUE				
State Allocation	\$	24,204	\$	25,000
Carryover	\$	-	\$	-
TOTAL TRUST LAND FUNDING	,	24,204	*	25,000
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EXPENSES				
Salaries and Benefits		4,950		4,950
Professional Development		12,500		12,500
Other Purchased Services		-		-
General Supplies		2,500		2,500
Software/Technology related hardware		5,166		5,050
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REVENUE				
Technology Grant	\$	_	\$	
Online Summative Testing	\$	1,492	\$	
TOTAL Revenue	Ψ	1,492	Ψ	
EXPENSES		1,492		<u> </u>
Professional Development		-		-
Tech Support		1,492		
Computers/Software		1,432		
DIFFERENCE	\$	-	\$	
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REVENUE	 	2.252	•	2.252
State Allocation	\$	6,650	\$	6,850
TOTAL Revenue		6,650		6,850
EXPENSES		0.050		0.050
Supplies		6,650	Φ.	6,850
DIFFERENCE	\$	-	\$	-
READING ACHIEVEMENT				
REVENUE	 			
State Allocation	\$	18,106	\$	18,300
TOTAL Revenue		18,106		18,300
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DIFFERENCE	 \$	-	\$	-

TITLE FUNDS			
REVENUE			
Title I-A			\$ 48,885
Title II-A			-
Title II-D			-
Title IV-A			-
Title V-A			-
TOTAL Title Funds			48,885
EXPENSES			
Salaries	4	\$ 12,200	48,800
Bonus			
Professional Development			-
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Supplies			85
TOTAL EXPENSES			48,885
Title Revenue			48,885
Title Expenses			48,885
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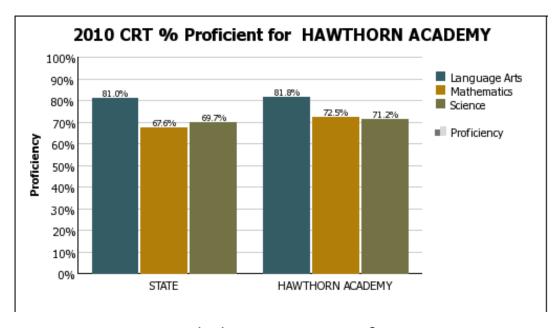
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING			
REVENUE			
State Special Ed - Add-on			\$ 192,128
State Special Ed - Self Contained			\$ 17,168
Carryover			\$ -
Federal IDEA			\$ 94,183
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TOTAL SPED FUNDING			303,479
EXPENSES			
Teacher-Special Ed	2	\$ 34,000	68,000
Speech Therapy	1	\$ 24,150	24,150
OT/PT	1	\$ 15,000	15,000
Early Intervention	2	\$ 19,800	39,600
Instructional Assts	4	\$ 12,200	48,800
Special Ed Payroll Taxes			20,337
Special Ed Benefits			14,400
Purchased SPED Services			2,000
Special Ed Bonuses			2,000
Professional Development			2,000
Supplies			5,000
Textbooks			500
TOTAL EXPENSES			241,787
Special Education Revenue			303,479
Special Education Expenses			241,787
DIFFERENCE			\$ 61,692
INTERVENTION ALLOWANCE			45,522

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FOOD SERVICE					
REVENUE					
Lunch Money				\$	-
Federal & State Reimbursements					-
TOTAL Title Funds					-
EXPENSES					
Food Service Manager	1	\$	-		-
Cafeteria Help	1	\$	-		-
Payroll Taxes					-
Bonus					-
Food Purchases					-
Non-Food Supplies					-
Equipment Purchases					-
Dues and Fees					-
TOTAL EXPENSES					-
Food Service Revenues					-
Food Service Expenses					-
DIFFERENCE				\$	-

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(ATTACHMENT 2) U-PASS DATA (School-wide)



	Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Demographic Categories	% Prof	% Prof	% Prof
All Students	81.8%	72.5%	71.2%
African American	77.8%	44.4%	25.0%
American Indian	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
Asian	93.8%	87.5%	70.0%
Caucasian	82.4%	74.6%	74.0%
Hispanic	73.0%	54.1%	51.7%
Pacific Islander	83.3%	50.0%	50.0%
Unknown or Unspecified Ethnicity	75.0%	75.0%	87.5%
Female	83.3%	73.0%	66.5%
Male	80.1%	72.0%	76.6%
Econ Disadv	78.5%	67.4%	60.4%
Not Econ Dis	82.9%	74.2%	74.8%
SWD	44.0%	42.0%	47.1%
Not SWD	85.8%	75.7%	73.7%
Mobile	69.2%	65.4%	73.7%
Not Mobile	82.4%	72.9%	71.1%
Ell	50.0%	75.0%	25.0%
Not ELL	82.0%	72.5%	71.7%

<u>U-PASS DATA (Grade 2)</u>

	Language Arts	Mathematics
Demographic Categories	% Prof	% Prof
All Students	82.9%	80.3%
African American	66.7%	0.0%
Asian	100.0%	100.0%
Caucasian	84.4%	84.4%
Hispanic	50.0%	75.0%
Pacific Islander	100.0%	0.0%
Female	82.5%	80.0%
Male	83.3%	80.6%
Econ Disadv	78.6%	92.9%
Not Econ Dis	83.9%	77.4%
SWD	66.7%	50.0%
Not SWD	84.3%	82.9%
Mobile	50.0%	100.0%
Not Mobile	83.8%	79.7%
Not ELL	82.9%	80.3%

U-PASS DATA (Grade 3)

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	Language Arts	Mathematics
Demographic Categories	% Prof	% Prof
All Students	84.8%	77.2%
African American	50.0%	50.0%
American Indian	100.0%	0.0%
Asian	100.0%	100.0%
Caucasian	85.5%	79.7%
Hispanic	75.0%	50.0%
Pacific Islander	100.0%	100.0%
Female	97.2%	83.3%
Male	74.4%	72.1%
Econ Disadv	79.2%	62.5%
Not Econ Dis	87.3%	83.6%
SWD	40.0%	40.0%
Not SWD	91.3%	82.6%
Mobile	80.0%	80.0%
Not Mobile	85.1%	77.0%
Not ELL	84.8%	77.2%

U-PASS DATA (Grade 4)

	Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Demographic Categories	% Prof	% Prof	% Prof
All Students	77.2%	74.7%	67.1%
African American	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Asian	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Caucasian	79.7%	76.8%	71.0%
Hispanic	50.0%	25.0%	50.0%
Pacific Islander	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Unknown or Unspecified Ethnicity	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Female	78.4%	75.7%	67.6%
Male	76.2%	73.8%	66.7%
Econ Disadv	68.8%	75.0%	56.2%
Not Econ Dis	79.4%	74.6%	69.8%
SWD	60.0%	60.0%	40.0%
Not SWD	78.4%	75.7%	68.9%
Mobile	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Not Mobile	79.2%	76.6%	67.5%
ELL	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Not ELL	76.9%	74.4%	66.7%

<u>U-PASS DATA (Grade 5)</u>

	Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Demographic Categories	% Prof	% Prof	% Prof
All Students	76.3%	84.2%	84.2%
Asian	50.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Caucasian	79.4%	84.1%	87.3%
Hispanic	62.5%	75.0%	75.0%
Pacific Islander	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Unknown or Unspecified Ethnicity	50.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Female	69.4%	86.1%	80.6%
Male	82.5%	82.5%	87.5%
Econ Disadv	71.4%	81.0%	76.2%
Not Econ Dis	78.2%	85.5%	87.3%
SWD	42.9%	57.1%	71.4%
Not SWD	79.7%	87.0%	85.5%
Mobile	66.7%	83.3%	83.3%
Not Mobile	77.1%	84.3%	84.3%
ELL	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%
Not ELL	78.1%	84.9%	87.7%

<u>U-PASS DATA (Grade 6)</u>

	Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Demographic Categories	% Prof	% Prof	% Prof
All Students	79.5%	79.5%	79.5%
Asian	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Caucasian	78.8%	78.8%	78.8%
Hispanic	66.7%	66.7%	66.7%
Unknown or Unspecified Ethnicity	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Female	73.7%	76.3%	71.1%
Male	85.7%	82.9%	88.6%
Econ Disadv	75.0%	66.7%	66.7%
Not Econ Dis	80.3%	82.0%	82.0%
SWD	30.0%	30.0%	40.0%
Not SWD	87.3%	87.3%	85.7%
Mobile	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
Not Mobile	79.7%	79.7%	79.7%
Not ELL	79.5%	79.5%	79.5%

<u>U-PASS DATA (Grade 7)</u>

	Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Demographic Categories	% Prof	% Prof	% Prof
All Students	84.2%	60.6%	64.9%
African American	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
American Indian	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Asian	100.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Caucasian	82.3%	61.5%	67.9%
Hispanic	100.0%	55.6%	44.4%
Pacific Islander	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Unknown or Unspecified Ethnicity	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Female	88.5%	65.6%	63.9%
Male	76.5%	51.5%	66.7%
Econ Disadv	90.9%	68.8%	62.5%
Not Econ Dis	80.6%	56.5%	66.1%
SWD	40.0%	40.0%	50.0%
Not SWD	89.4%	63.1%	66.7%
Mobile	75.0%	25.0%	75.0%
Not Mobile	84.6%	62.2%	64.4%
Not ELL	84.2%	60.6%	64.9%

U-PASS DATA (Grade 8)

	Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Demographic Categories	% Prof	% Prof	% Prof
All Students	90.7%	39.5%	55.8%
African American	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
American Indian	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	100.0%	50.0%	100.0%
Caucasian	90.6%	43.8%	59.4%
Hispanic	80.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Pacific Islander	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Unknown or Unspecified Ethnicity	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Female	95.5%	31.8%	40.9%
Male	85.7%	47.6%	71.4%
Econ Disadv	70.0%	0.0%	20.0%
Not Econ Dis	97.0%	51.5%	66.7%
SWD	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Not SWD	92.7%	41.5%	58.5%
Mobile	100.0%	66.7%	66.7%
Not Mobile	90.0%	37.5%	55.0%
Not ELL	90.7%	39.5%	55.8%

U-PASS DATA (Grade 9)

No Data in 2009-2010

(ATTACHMENT 3)

Brad Taylor

352 North Flint Street Kaysville, UT 84037 Telephone: (801) 444-9378

Email: brad@academicawest.com

Education Weber State University - Ogden, Utah

Masters of Accountancy Degree-May 2004

Bachelor of Arts Degree–May 2003

Major: Accounting Minor: Spanish Cumulative GPA: 3.98 Major GPA: 3.98

Educational Goddard MPAcc Scholar – Top Three Post-Graduate
Highlights Goddard Scholar – Top Ten Business School Graduate

Member of Beta Gamma Sigma scholastic fraternity

Member of Deloitte & Touche University Case Seminar-2003

Work Experience Deloitte & Touche - Salt Lake City, UT

2004 – April 2005 Audit Staff – Field work and preparation of annual financial statements for

companies both publicly and privately traded. Tested inventory, A/R, A/P, long-

term liabilities, and cash as presented on balance sheets.

Work Experience Academica West - Kaysville, Utah

April 2005 - Present <u>Controller</u> - Responsible for oversight of all accounting activities. Oversee annual

audits and preparation of financial statements for 6 charter schools currently in operation. Organize and comply with all state financial reporting requirements. Manage schools' cash flows and budgeting in coordination with corresponding

principals and board members.

Skills and Abilities Strong interpersonal skills with a superior understanding of audit processes and

non-profit businesses. Able to organize and oversee a staff that responds to accounting needs of charter schools, including, but not limited to, payroll, accounts payable, budgeting, cash flow management, state and IRS reports, and so forth. Experienced in QuickBooks and other accounting programs. Strong understanding

of state reporting requirements. Fluent in Spanish.