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**AGENDA ITEM: Replication Application – Great Hearts Academies****Great Hearts Academies – Archway Classical Academy Veritas  
Replication Application Summary Report**

Great Hearts Academies is a charter management organization that provides curricular and financial support to a network of charter schools that operate as subsidiaries of the non-profit corporation. Archway Classical Academy Veritas, a non-profit entity which has a single member, Great Hearts Academies, submitted a complete replication application for the 2011-2012 replication cycle. The corporate entity seeks a charter to replicate Great Hearts Academies-Veritas Preparatory and to be located in Central Phoenix. The school will be named Great Hearts Academies-Archway Veritas.

Great Hearts Academies has identified primary goals for the organization including:

- By 2018, Great Hearts Academies will more than double the current enrollment of 3,500 students in the highest performing college prep schools in metro Phoenix.
- By 2018, at least 15% of the National Merit semi-finalist students in Arizona will be Great Hearts Academies' students.
- By 2018, Great Hearts Academies will more than triple the number of traditionally underserved students enrolled in a highest performing prep school in Maricopa County.
- By 2016, Great Hearts Academies will more than double the percentage of charter high school students in Arizona who exceed the state standards on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade AIMS test in all subject areas.

In addition to Veritas Preparatory, Great Hearts Academies operates Chandler Prep, Mesa Prep, Glendale Prep, Scottsdale Prep, Teleos Prep in central Phoenix, and Anthem Prep. With the exception of Teleos Prep and Anthem Prep, all schools operated by the organization met the requirements for associated schools for Great Hearts Academies to be eligible to apply for a replication charter. As a new school, Teleos Prep has one year of data which closely approximated the Board's level of adequate academic performance in both status and growth as well as exceeded comparison schools' performance. Anthem Prep is in its first year of operation.

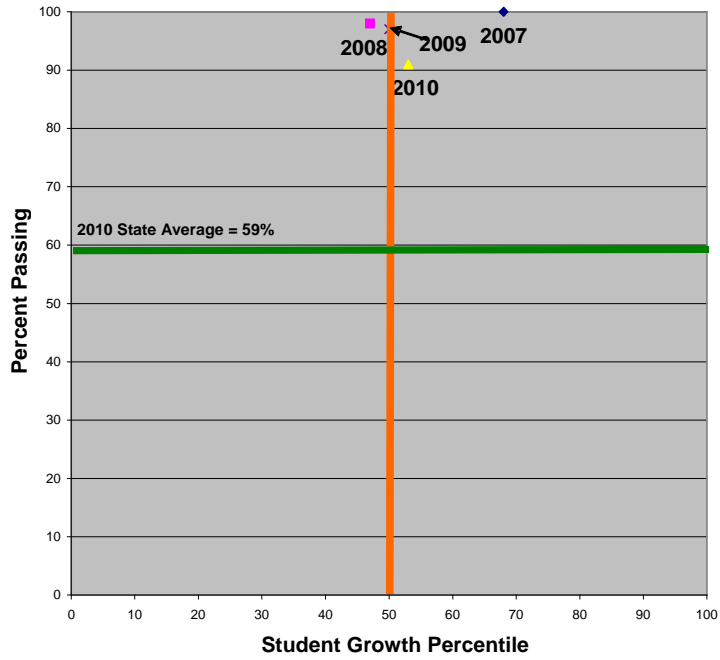
**Replication Model - VERITAS PREPARATORY ACADEMY****Academics:**

Veritas Prep has experienced the following success as measured by the Arizona Department of Education's achievement profiles (AZ LEARNS) and the requirements of No Child Left Behind (Adequate Yearly Progress):

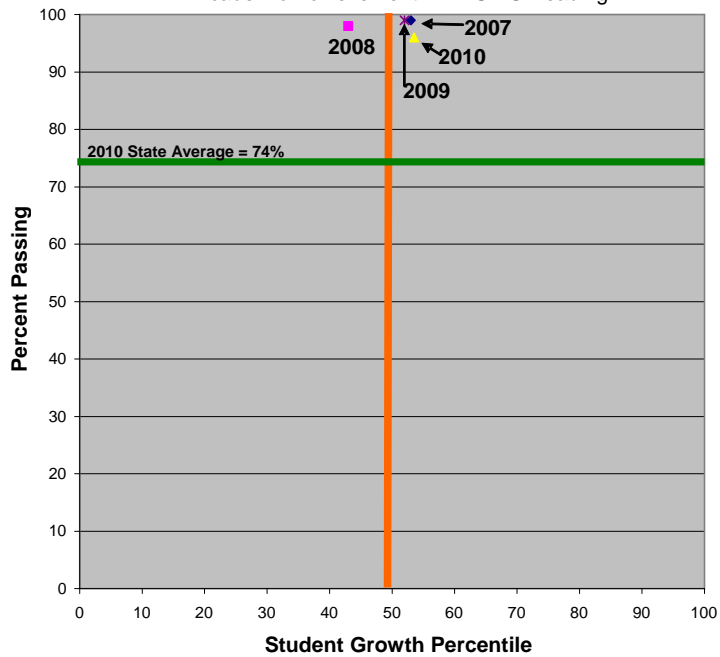
Veritas Prep		
School Year	AZ LEARNS	Adequate Yearly Progress
2009-2010	Excelling	Met
2008-2009	Excelling	Met
2007-2008	Excelling	Met

The school's performance using status and growth measures for the previous four years:

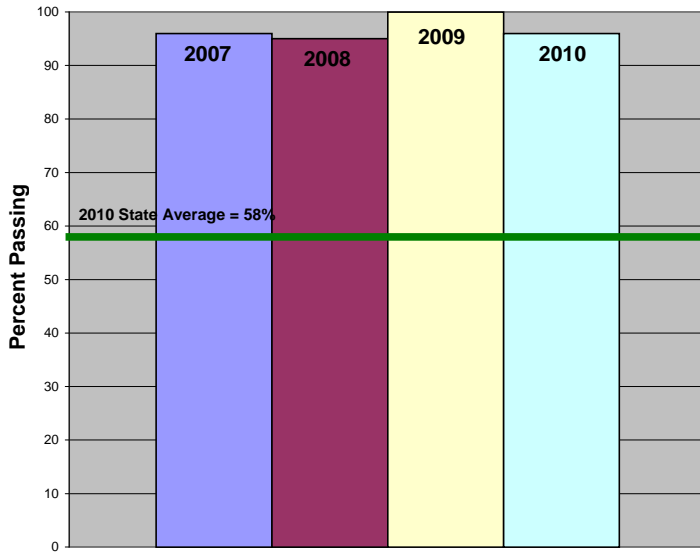
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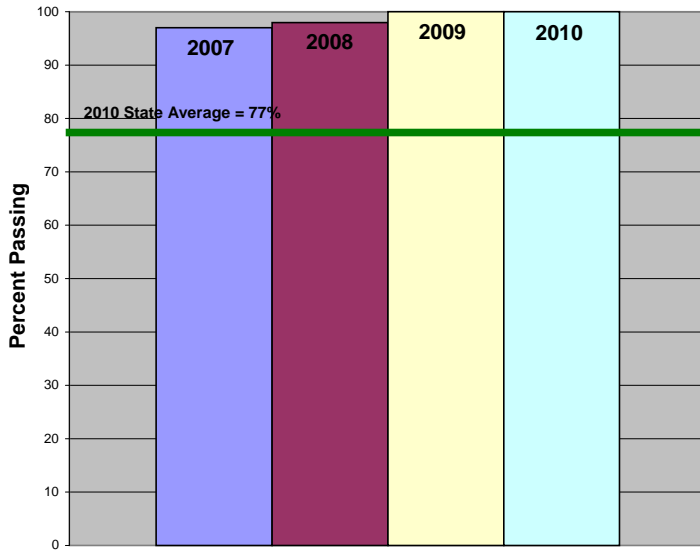
**Veritas**  
Academic Achievement - AIMS ES Reading



Veritas  
Academic Achievement - AIMS HS Math



Veritas  
Academic Achievement - AIMS HS Reading



Great Hearts Academies – Veritas Prep core curriculum establishes a course of study that is balanced between English, history, science, mathematics, language, and the fine arts. The curriculum is adapted from the Trinity model and has been refined to be non-sectarian and fully aligned to the grade articulated Arizona Academic Standards. This model curriculum will be used at Archway Classical Academy Veritas.

In addition to the study of literature, history, philosophy, and composition, students at Great Hearts Academies – Veritas Prep take seven years of mathematics and seven years of laboratory science. All students are required to take Latin in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and then may switch to a modern

language (French, German, or Spanish) for four years of study, or may continue their 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year of Latin, and then study Ancient Greek for two years.

Veritas Prep has a curriculum based on the study of great texts and great ideas in all of the liberal arts. Skills learned include careful reading, critical thought, problem solving, public speaking/performance, and writing. One method of instruction for building these skills includes conducting Socratic Seminars. Each student also takes seven years of fine arts, including classes in poetry, drama, studio art, music theory, recorder and choir.

## **Replication School – Great Hearts Academies-Archway Veritas**

### **School Mission Statement:**

The mission of Archway Classical Academy Veritas is to enable students in grades 6 through 12 to acquire critical reasoning and communication skills and to explore the cultural and scientific achievements that are at the heart of the liberal arts. This school will prepare its graduates for college and to be leaders in creating a more philosophical, humane, and just society.

### **Market Analysis:**

Great Hearts Academies-Archway Veritas will target all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the area of Veritas and approximate service area within a ten mile radius of its selected location, which coincides with the Phoenix Union School District. Great Heart's market research for the area shows that very few schools in the central Phoenix area are offering classical, liberal arts, college prep program and that is the main reason for Great Hearts to come to the area. To accommodate its start up needs, Great Hearts Academies-Archway Veritas will lease a 20,000 square foot facility with space for a multipurpose room, auditorium, science labs, office space, and 16 classrooms.

### **Governance Structure:**

Great Hearts Academies is an Arizona non-profit tax-exempt [501(c)(3)] corporation established in December of 2004 to replicate the Veritas Prep school model throughout the region. Great Hearts Academies has established a hierarchical charter management organization with authority over the headmasters, all teacher and staff contracts, and the membership of the local school site boards. Archway Classical Academy Veritas is a subsidiary corporation to Great Hearts Academies, which is named as sole the corporate board member (Parent Corporation) in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The Great Hearts Academies Board also approves annually the membership of the school's board.

Archway Classical Academy Veritas board members will be recruited primarily from new parents and community members who have the expertise and passion to promote local school growth while still fully embracing the Great Hearts vision for reforming education across Phoenix. The site board members are also directors of the [501(c)(3)] subsidiary corporation. The Archway Classical Academy Veritas board will implement the standard Great Hearts policies and advise the Lead Office and Great Hearts Executive Board, as necessary, on potential policy gaps, additions, or revisions. The bylaws of Great Hearts and of Archway Classical Academy Veritas indicate that the Great Hearts board of directors is authorized to appoint and remove the site/subsidiary corporation board members at its discretion.

	<b>Veritas Preparatory</b>	<b>Archway Veritas</b>
<b>Instructional Program</b>		
Grade Levels	6-12	6-12
Special Emphasis	Balanced between English, history, science, mathematics, language, and the fine arts.	Balanced between English, history, science, mathematics, language, and the fine arts.
Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trinity Model</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trinity Model</li> </ul>
<b>Demographics</b>		
Location	2131 E. Lincoln Drive Phoenix, AZ 85016	Central Phoenix, AZ
Enrollment	Up to 560 students	Up to 352 students
Ethnicity	White 88% Hispanic 7% Asian 4% Black 1% American Indian 0%	White 7% Hispanic 78% Asian 2% Black 10% American Indian 3%
<b>Organizational Structure</b>		
Authorized Representative(s)	Daniel Scoggin	Daniel Scoggin
Corporate Principals	Daniel Scoggin Jay Heiler Andrew Ellison Bob Mulhern Karen Mercado	Daniel Scoggin Jay Heiler
Governing Board	Same as Corporate Board	Other members to be determined Corporate 2: Daniel Scoggin School Staff 1: Parents 2: Community 1:

**Suggested Motion:** Accept the application package and grant the replication charter for Archway Classical Academy Veritas.