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**AGENDA ITEM: Replication Application – Great Hearts Academies****Great Hearts Academies - Archway Classical Academy Glendale****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 Glendale, a non-profit entity which has a single member, Great Hearts Academies, submitted a complete replication application for the 2012-2013 replication cycle. The corporate entity submitted a complete application for the replication of a combination of the Great Hearts Academies – Veritas Prep, Chandler Prep, and Archway Chandler. The new contract will be held by Archway Classical Academy Glendale and the proposed new charter school will be named Great Hearts Academies – Archway Glendale, to operate a school in Glendale, Arizona, with a planned opening on August 1, 2013.

Veritas Preparatory Academy and Chandler Preparatory Academy met the Board’s academic requirements to be eligible to apply for a replication charter.

**Replication Model** – Veritas Preparatory Academy, Chandler Preparatory Academy, and Archway Classical Academy Chandler

**Academics:**

Veritas Prep has experienced the following success as measured by state and federal academic accountability systems.

School Year	Grades Served	State Performance	AMO/Adequate Yearly Progress
2011-2012	6-12	A	Met
2010-2011	6-12	Excelling	Met
2009-2010	7-12	Excelling	Met
2008-2009	7-12	Excelling	Met
2007-2008	7-12	Excelling	Met

Veritas Preparatory Academy Academic Performance Rating data for FY2012 is available in Table 1 of Appendix A.

Chandler Prep has experienced the following success as measured by state and federal academic accountability systems.

School Year	Grades Served	State Performance	AMO/Adequate Yearly Progress
2011-2012	6-12	A	Met
2010-2011	K-12	Excelling	Met
2009-2010	6-12	Excelling	Met
2008-2009	6-11	Excelling	Met
2007-2008	7-10	Excelling	Met

Chandler Preparatory Academy Academic Performance Rating data for FY2012 is available in Table 2 of Appendix A.

Archway Chandler has experienced the following success as measured by state and federal academic accountability systems.

School Year	Grades Served	State Performance	AMO Determination
2011-2012	K-5	A	Met

Archway Classical Academy Chandler Academic Performance Rating data for FY2012 is available in Table 3 of Appendix A.

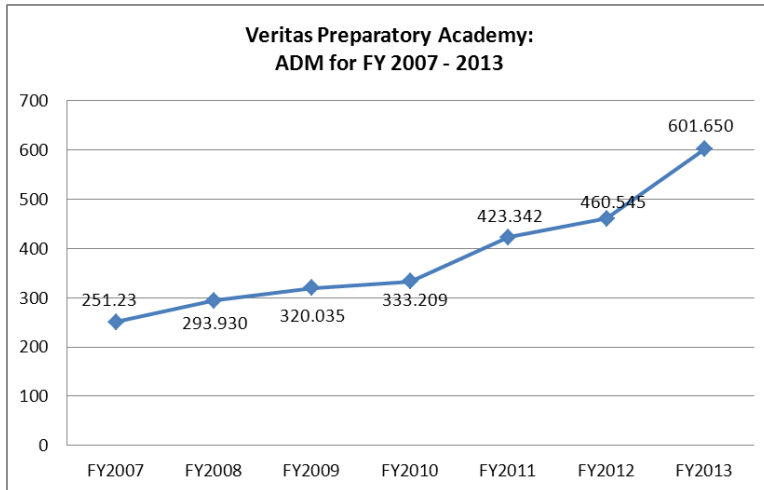
The following statements were excerpted from the replication application regarding the Program of Instruction of the school to be replicated, Great Hearts Academies – Veritas Prep and related school sites: “In

2009, fewer than 11% of charter school students exceed the standards on the mathematics, reading, or writing portion of the AIMS test. In contrast, nearly 60% of Great Hearts students exceeded that standards on the 2009 AIMS math test, and nearly 40% exceeded the standards on the reading or writing tests.”

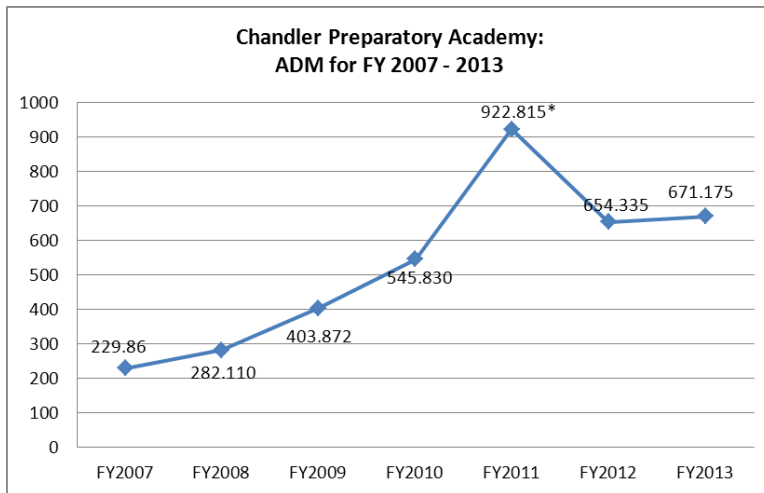
**Academic Choice:**

All data in this section is supplied by the applicant.

**A. Enrollment:** Since 2005, Veritas Preparatory Academy has increased the enrollment cap from 220 to 750. The chart below represents enrollment figures for the past seven years. The number of students has continued to steadily increase from 251 in the 2007 to the current number of 624 as of 11/14/2012.



(The ADM graph was created by Board staff using data obtained from the ADE website. FY2007-2012 counts based on 100<sup>th</sup> day ADM, FY2013 numbers are as of 11/13/2012)



\*In 2011 Chandler Preparatory Academy served grades K-12.

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**B. Retention Rate:** The retention rate at Veritas Preparatory Academy is detailed by the following examples provided by the applicant:

- Great Hearts mitigates attrition through spring-time high school orientation events for 8th graders, counseling with individual families who are struggling to decide whether to stay at the school, and active enrollment efforts to replace those students who leave.

*Veritas Attrition (School-wide):*

2006-7	14%
2007-8	8%
2008-9	6%
2009-10	6%
2010-11	7%
2011-12	5%

- Annually, Great Hearts Academies distributes satisfaction surveys to all families, students and faculty members, and distributed Headmaster Evaluation surveys to all Board Members, faculty members, administrators, Great Hearts Lead Office staff, and front office staff. (A sample response to a question is found below.)

I enjoy attending my school (student)			
School	Percent	Percent	Mean Score
	Favorable	Unfavorable	
Glendale Prep	90%	2%	4.45
Mesa Prep	85%	3%	4.08
Veritas Prep	76%	7%	4.07
Chandler Prep	81%	6%	4.04
Scottsdale Prep	73%	14%	3.92

**C. Enrollment Practices:** A copy of the official enrollment policy was included in the replication application and stated that “Archway Classical Academy Glendale has an open enrollment, non-discriminatory policy and as such, it will offer service to every student. However, Archway Classical Academy Glendale will target all K through 12th grade students in the Glendale Prep area and an approximate service area within a 10 mile radius of its selected location.”

**D. Meeting the Needs of the Target Population:** In the narrative, it states, “For its Archway Classical Academy Glendale campus, Great Hearts will target students in the area of Glendale Prep.” “Our market research for the area shows that very few of the schools in the Glendale/Peoria area are offering a classical, liberal arts, college prep program and that is the main reason for Great Hearts to come to the area. Preliminary indications show a demand that far outstrips Great Hearts’ capacity to serve the students of the area.”

**Replication School – Archway Classical Academy Glendale**

**School Mission Statement:**

The mission of Archway Classical Academy Glendale is to enable students in grades K 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:**

The school will be located in an area to target families served by Glendale Prep and students residing in an area within a 10 mile radius of the school site location. “According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the statewide growth indicator for K-8 students in Arizona is estimated at 5% to 15 % on the

average.” It is anticipated that the student population will have similar demographic characteristics as the local district, Deer Valley Unified.

**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.”

“To better replicate the success of its sister schools, 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. Great Hearts follows this approach to maintain quality and consistency as the network of schools expands while preventing parochial governance squabbling that can threaten the sustainability and mission integrity of a high-performing charter school.”

“Archway Classical Academy Glendale, like all other Great Hearts schools, 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 boards.”

	Chandler Preparatory Academy	Veritas Preparatory Academy	Archway Classical Academy Glendale
<b>Instructional Program</b>			
Grade Levels	6-12	6-12	K-12
Special Emphasis	classical, liberal arts, college prep	classical, liberal arts, college prep	classical, liberal arts, college prep
Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Classes – no more than 20 students</li> <li>• Core Curriculum: English Grammar, Writing and Literature; Riggs Phonics, Spelling and Vocabulary; Touchpebbles and Touchstones; Modern Languages; History; Singapore Math; Science; Fine Arts</li> <li>• Socratic Seminal Method – develop a deeper understanding of complex ideas through rigorously thoughtful dialogue, rather than memorization of information.</li> <li>• Great Books – shared inquiry and active learning of the Great Ideas as expressed in the Western canon.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Classes – no more than 20 students</li> <li>• Core Curriculum: English Grammar, Writing and Literature; Riggs Phonics, Spelling and Vocabulary; Touchpebbles and Touchstones; Modern Languages; History; Singapore Math; Science; Fine Arts</li> <li>• Socratic Seminal Method – develop a deeper understanding of complex ideas through rigorously thoughtful dialogue, rather than memorization of information.</li> <li>• Great Books – shared inquiry and active learning of the Great Ideas as expressed in the Western canon.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Classes – no more than 20 students</li> <li>• Core Curriculum: English Grammar, Writing and Literature; Riggs Phonics, Spelling and Vocabulary; Touchpebbles and Touchstones; Modern Languages; History; Singapore Math; Science; Fine Arts</li> <li>• Socratic Seminal Method – develop a deeper understanding of complex ideas through rigorously thoughtful dialogue, rather than memorization of information.</li> <li>• Great Books – shared inquiry and active learning of the Great Ideas as expressed in the Western canon.</li> </ul>
<b>Demographics</b>			

Location	1951 N. Alma School Rd. Chandler, AZ 85225	3102 North 56th Street Phoenix, AZ 85018	10 mile radius around 75 <sup>th</sup> Ave. and Deer Valley Rd.
Enrollment	671.175 (FY2013 as of 11/13/12)	601.650 (FY2013 as of 11/13/12)	336
<b>Organizational Structure</b>			
Authorized Representative	Dr. Daniel Scoggin	Dr. Daniel Scoggin	Dr. Daniel Scoggin
Corporate Principals	Maureen Zimmerman Thomas Butler Henry Stein Reed Porter	Bob Mulhern Dr. Daniel Scoggin Herbert Abel James Heiler Karen Rogers Karyn Mercado	Dr. Daniel Scoggin Jay Heiler
Governing Board	Dr. Daniel Scoggin Reed Porter Henry Stein Darrel Barger Sabrina Porter Diane Bishop	Bob Mulhern Dr. Daniel Scoggin Herbert Abel Jay Heiler Karen Rogers Shannon Clancy	Corporate: 2 (Dr. Daniel Scoggin +1) School Staff: 1 Parents: 2 Community: 1

**Board Options:**

Option 1: The Board may approve the replication application package. Staff recommends the following language for consideration: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board approve the replication application and grant the replication charter to Archway Classical Academy Glendale to establish Great Hearts Academies – Archway Glendale charter school to serve grades K-5.

Option 2: The Board may deny the replication application. The following language is provided for consideration: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board deny the request for the replication charter of Veritas Preparatory Academy/Chandler Preparatory Academy to establish a charter school for the reason:

- (list the specific reasons the Board may have found during its consideration).

# Appendix A

## Academic Performance Ratings

Academic Performance Rating FY 2012

Charter Holder: Veritas Preparatory Academy  
Entity ID 80992

Charter School: Great Hearts Academies-Veritas Prep  
Entity ID 80994, Grades 6-12

1. Growth

Traditional K-12*	School Year	1a. SGP		1b. SGP Bottom 25%	
		Math	Read	Math	Read
Great Hearts - Veritas Prep	2011-2012	60.5	54	65	48
Points Assigned		75	75	75	50
Weight		10	10	10	10

\*This dashboard represents the proposed K-12 Academic Framework weighting that will be presented to the Board on 11-26-12, which weighs the school as a complete entity and not separately as an elementary K-8 and high school 9-12.

2. Proficiency

Traditional K-12*	School Year	2a. Percent Passing		2b. Composite School Comparison		2c. Subgroup ELL		2c. Subgroup FRL		2c. Subgroup SPED	
		Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read
Great Hearts - Veritas Prep	2011-2012	90	98	22.8	13.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	56	88
Points Assigned		100	100	100	75					100	100
Weight		7.5	7.5	5	5	0	0	0	0	7.5	7.5

3. State Accountability & Overall Rating

Traditional K-12*	School Year	3a. State Accountability	4a. Graduation Rate	Overall Rating
		Grade	GradRate	
Great Hearts - Veritas Prep	2011-2012	100	92	86.25
Points Assigned		100	100	
Weight		5	15	100

Overall Rating	Point Range
Exceeds Standard	> or = to 89
Meets Standard	< 89, but > or = to 63
Does Not Meet Standard	< 63, but > or = to 39
Falls Far Below Standard	< 39

Additional information regarding the Academic Framework can be found at <http://asbcs.az.gov/userfiles/file/October%202012/Academic%20Performance%20Framework%20and%20Guidance.pdf>

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Table 1 – Veritas Preparatory Academy

**Academic Performance Rating FY 2012**

Charter Holder: Chandler Preparatory Academy  
Entity ID 88299

Charter School: Great Heart Academies- Chandler Prep  
Entity ID 88300, Grades K-12

**1. Growth**

Traditional K-12*	School Year	1a. SGP		1b. SGP Bottom 25%	
		Math	Read	Math	Read
Great Hearts- Chandler Prep	2011-2012	56	57	62	66.5
<b>Points Assigned</b>		75	75	75	100
<b>Weight</b>		10	10	10	10

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**2. Proficiency**

Traditional K-12*	School Year	2a. Percent Passing		2b. Composite School Comparison		2c. Subgroup ELL		2c. Subgroup FRL		2c. Subgroup SPED	
		Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read
Great Hearts- Chandler Prep	2011-2012	95	98	26.6	13.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	80
<b>Points Assigned</b>		100	100	100	75						100
<b>Weight</b>		7.5	7.5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	15

**3. State Accountability & Overall Rating**

Traditional K-12*	School Year	3a. State Accountability	4a. Graduation Rate	Overall Rating
		Grade	GradRate	
Great Hearts- Chandler Prep	2011-2012	100	95	91.25
<b>Points Assigned</b>		100	100	
<b>Weight</b>		5	15	100

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Table 2 – Chandler Preparatory Academy



**Academic Performance Rating FY 2012**

Charter Holder: Archway Classical Academy Chandler  
Entity ID 90917

Charter School: Great Heart Academies – Archway Chandler  
Entity ID 90999, Grades K-6

**1. Growth**

Traditional Elementary		1a. SGP		1b. SGP Bottom 25%	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read
Great Hearts - Archway Chandler	2011-2012	48	60	44	69
<b>Points Assigned</b>		50	75	50	100
<b>Weight</b>		12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5

**2. Proficiency**

Traditional Elementary		2a. Status		2b. Composite School Comparison		2c. Subgroup ELL		2c. Subgroup FRL		2c. Subgroup SPED	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read
Great Hearts - Archway Chandler	2011-2012	87	95	13.5	12.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50	72
<b>Points Assigned</b>		75	100	75	75	0	0	0	0	75	75
<b>Weight</b>		7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	0	0	0	0	7.5	7.5

**3. State Accountability & Overall Rating**

Traditional Elementary		3a. State Accountability	4a. Graduation Rate	Overall Rating
School	School Year	Grade	GradRate	
Great Hearts - Archway Chandler	2011-2012	100		75
<b>Points Assigned</b>		100		
<b>Weight</b>		5		100

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Table 3 – Archway Classical Academy Chandler