

**Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
On-going Board Actions as of December 30, 2016**

Withholding					
Charter Holder Name	Date of Board Action	Violation	Notes	Status of Corrective Action Plan	Date issue, if unresolved, will come back before the Board
Bradley Academy of Excellence, Inc.	11/21/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failure to timely submit fiscal year 2016 audit 			1/10/17
Flagstaff Montessori, L.L.C.	11/21/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failure to timely submit fiscal year 2016 audit 	Audit received 12/29/16. Withholding to be returned with the February payment.		1/10/17
Graysmark Schools Corporation	11/21/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failure to timely submit fiscal year 2016 audit 			1/10/17
StrengthBuilding Partners	11/21/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failure to timely submit fiscal year 2016 audit 			1/10/17

Charters Under a Notice of Intent to Revoke

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Founding Fathers Academies, Inc.	12/9/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designation as an F school for fiscal year 2013 Failure to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's academic expectations as set forth in the performance framework Failed to provide evidence of a system to adopt, implement, evaluate, and revise curriculum aligned with Arizona College and Career Ready Standards 	Notice of Hearing and Notice of Intent to Revoke sent via certified mail to charter holder on December 24, 2013.	<p>On March 26-28 and May 16, 2014, an evidentiary hearing was held at OAH. On July 8, 2014, the ALJ issued her decision recommending that Founding Fathers' charter be revoked.</p> <p>On July 15, 2014, the Board issued its Order, which adopted the ALJ's recommended Findings of Fact, with one minor change, adopted the recommended Conclusions of Law,</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failed to provide a systematic process for monitoring and recording the implementation of the standards in instruction • Failed to provide a comprehensive assessment system based upon clearly defined performance measures aligned with the curriculum • Failed to provide a comprehensive professional development plan that was aligned to teacher needs, provides for monitoring and follow-up strategies and is supported by data and analysis. 		<p>and revoked Founding Fathers’ charter.</p> <p>On August 1, 2014, Founding Fathers appealed the Board’s decision to the Superior Court, requesting that the Court reverse the Board’s decision to revoke Founding Fathers’ charter. Also on August 1, 2014, Founding Fathers filed a Motion for Stay of Agency Decision, which was granted by the Court. On November 14, 2014, Founding Fathers filed a Motion for Leave to Introduce Additional Testimony and Evidence, which was denied by the Court. The parties filed their Briefs; the Court heard oral argument on July 15, 2015 and took the matter under advisement.</p> <p>On September 16, 2015, the Court entered its judgment affirming the Board’s July 15, 2014 Order revoking Founding Fathers’ charter. Founding Fathers filed a Motion for Continued Stay of Agency Decision in the Superior Court. On September 30, 2015, the Motion was denied; the Court advised Founding Fathers that if it wishes to stay the Board’s ruling, it will have to ask the Arizona Court of Appeals to enter a stay.</p> <p>On October 7, 2015, Founding Fathers filed a Notice of Appeal and Motion for a Stay of the Board’s decision. On October 26, 2015, the Board filed its Response in Opposition to the Motion. On November 13, 2015, the Court of Appeals granted Founding Fathers’ motion and stayed the July 15, 2014 order of the Board.</p> <p>As of May 9, 2016, the matter has been fully briefed by the parties and is at issue. The Court</p>

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				<p>is currently considering the Board's request to accelerate disposition of the matter. Founding Fathers has filed a request for oral argument.</p> <p>On June 6, 2016, the Court denied the Board's motion to accelerate, but directed that the appeal be scheduled for consideration on the first available date on the court's regular calendar. The Court also deferred a ruling on the Board's motion to strike to the panel that considers the appeal on the merits. On August 16, 2016, Founding Fathers was required to file a substitute brief containing references to the underlying record. The matter will be set for oral argument.</p> <p>On October 13, 2016, the Court of Appeals affirmed the superior court's judgment upholding the Charter Board's revocation decision and dissolved the stay effective 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2016. At a special meeting held on October 18, 2016, the Charter Board stayed its revocation decision until 11:59 pm on December 23, 2016 to allow the charter school to close at the end of the semester. On November 14, 2016, Founding Fathers filed a Petition for Review with the Arizona Supreme Court.</p>
Hillcrest Academy, Inc.	9/12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to provide educational services to students • Receipt and failure to return State funds to which it was not entitled • Failure to retain student records as prescribed by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Division of the Arizona State Secretary of State's office 	Hearing before an OAH administrative law judge set for December 15, 2016.	<p>The matter is set for a prehearing conference on November 14, 2016, and for revocation hearing on December 15, 2016.</p> <p>The charter revocation hearing was continued to February 22, 2017.</p>

Status of Board Requested Reports/Site Visits

Charter Holder Name	Date of Board Action	Board Request of School/Staff	Status of compliance with request

Other Matters

Charter Holder Name	Date of Board Action	Status
Global Renaissance Academy of Distinguished Education	11/21/16	<p>The Board found the charter holder in noncompliance with state law and its charter contract for its failure to submit the fiscal year 2016 audit and acknowledged that had the bankruptcy filing not prevented it, the Board would have withheld 10% of the charter holder's monthly state aid apportionment until the fiscal year 2016 audit reporting package is submitted to the Board.</p> <p>On November 28, 2016, the charter holder notified Board staff of its intent to surrender its charter effective January 4, 2017 and close its school due to declining enrollment. The last day of instruction provided by the charter holder was December 16, 2016, which was the last day of school before winter break. After the Arizona Department of Education determined that the charter holder had not received more state equalization assistance in fiscal year 2017 than it was entitled to, Board staff provided the charter holder with a surrender agreement on December 23, 2016. The surrender agreement includes a provision identifying that the charter holder failed to submit its fiscal year 2016 audit to the Board.</p>
StarShine Academy	11/21/16	<p>The Board found the charter holder in noncompliance with state law and its charter contract for its failure to submit the fiscal year 2016 audit and acknowledged that had the bankruptcy filing not prevented it, the Board would have withheld 10% of the charter holder's monthly state aid apportionment until the fiscal year 2016 audit reporting package is submitted to the Board.</p>

Failing Schools

Charter Holder Name	Date of Board Action	Terms	Status

Civil Penalties

Charter Holder Name	Date of Board Action	Violation	Amount of Civil Penalty	Date Appeal Timeframe Expires	Status