AGENDA ITEM: Replication Application – Chandler Preparatory Academy

Chandler Preparatory Academy (CPA) submitted a complete replication application on May 14, 2014. The corporate entity seeks a charter for a new entity, South Gilbert Preparatory Academy (SGPA), to replicate Great Hearts Academies – Chandler Prep (Chandler Prep) and to operate a school in Chandler or Gilbert. The school will be named Great Hearts Academies – South Gilbert Prep (SGP) and will serve students in grades 6 through 12.

Replication Model School – Great Hearts Academies – Chandler Prep **Grades Served –** 6-12

ACADEMICS

Chandler Prep, the Replication Model School, is eligible to replicate based on three years of academic performance meeting the Board's expectations, summarized in the table below:

Fiscal Year	Grades Served	Overall Rating
FY2013	6-12	87.5
FY2012	6-12	90.31
FY2011	K-12[1]	A[2]

The Academic Dashboard of the Replication Model School is provided below:

Great Hearts Academies - Chandler Prep

		2012 Traditional K-12 School (6-12)			2013 Traditional K-12 School (6 to 12)		
1. Growth		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
1a. SGP	Math	56	75	10	61	75	10
	Reading	57	75	10	57	75	10
1b. SGP Bottom 25%	Math	62	75	10	68	100	10
	Reading	66.5	100	10	58	75	10
2. Proficiency		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
2a. Percent Passing	Math	95 / 60.6	100	11.25	93.1 / 62.4	100	7.5
	Reading	98 / 79	100	11.25	98.5 / 80.4	100	7.5
2b. Composite School Comparison	Math	26.6	100	8.75	16.9	100	5
	Reading	13.2	75	8.75	7.9	75	5
2c. Subgroup ELL	Math	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
	Reading	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
2c. Subgroup FRL	Math	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
	Reading	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
2c. Subgroup SPED	Math	NR	0	0	40 / 18.4	75	7.5
	Reading	NR	0	0	80 / 36.1	75	7.5
3. State Accountability		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
3a. State Accountability		A	100	5	A	100	5
4. Graduation		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
4a. Graduation		95	100	15	95	100	15
Overall Rating		Overall Rating			Overall Rating		
Scoring for Overall Rating 89 or higher: Exceeds Standard <89, but > or = to 63: Meets Standard <63, but > or = to 39: Does Not Meet Standard Less than 39: Falls Far Below Standard		90.31		100	87.5		100

[1] In FY2011, Chandler Preparatory Academy served grades K-12. In FY2012, grades K-5 were transferred to the charter held by Archway Classical Academy Chandler.

[2] Based on the transitional academic eligibility requirements for replication adopted by the Board, FY 2011 eligibility is indicated by a letter grade of A or B.

To establish eligibility, the 2012 academic performance of Associated Schools was considered, as summarized in the following table. The 2013 Overall Ratings are provided for the Board's information:

Associated School	Charter Holder	2012 Overall Rating	2013 Overall Rating
GHA – Anthem Prep	Anthem Preparatory Academy	79.78	77.21
GHA – Glendale Prep	Glendale Preparatory Academy	85.31	80.31
GHA – Mesa Prep	Mesa Preparatory Academy	77.5	80.62
GHA – Scottsdale Prep	Scottsdale Preparatory Academy	85.31	81.25
GHA – Teleos Prep	Teleos Preparatory Academy	53.12	47.19
GHA – Trivium Prep	Trivium Preparatory Academy	70.94	59.06
GHA – Veritas Prep	Veritas Preparatory Academy	86.25	71.88
GHA – Archway Chandler	Archway Classical Academy Chandler	75	85
GHA – Archway Scottsdale	Archway Classical Academy Scottsdale	73.12	75.94
GHA – Archway Trivium	Archway Classical Academy Trivium	51.88	79.06
GHA – Archway Veritas	Archway Classical Academy Veritas	68.12	81.88
GHA – Maryvale Prep	Maryvale Preparatory Academy	N/A[3]	75.62
GHA – North Phoenix Prep	North Phoenix Preparatory Academy	N/A[3]	65.31
GHA – Archway North Phoenix	Archway Classical Academy North Phoenix	N/A[3]	72.81

9 of 11 (82%) of Associated Schools eligible to receive an overall rating have 2012 Overall Ratings of Meets or Exceeds, exceeding the 75% threshold established by the Board for eligibility to replicate. Based on 2013 Overall Ratings, 12 of 14 (86%) of Associated Schools Meet or Exceed the academic expectations, indicating that CPA remains eligible to replicate.

EDUCATIONAL PLAN

The following summary was created from excerpts and summaries of the information submitted for the applicant's Educational Plan.

In the application, CPA has affirmed that the Educational Plan of the new entity and school will be consistent with the Educational Plan of the existing entity and Replication Model School. Details can be found on page 13 of the application packet (presented in the application portfolio: b. Application Package).

Mission - The mission of Great Hearts Academies – South Gilbert Prep 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. The school will prepare its graduates for success in college and to be leaders in creating a more philosophical, humane, and just society.

Program of Instruction

Chandler Prep provides a common, compulsory, one-track curriculum based on academic rigor, small class sizes, and a classical study of the liberal arts. Chandler Prep uses as its main instructional methodology a core curriculum taught using the Socratic Method, which provides: a solid body of knowledge taught to all children, sequenced delivery built on past learning, specific important information in all content areas, and a shared focus on cultural literacy. Instruction uses the Socratic Method. The core curriculum is standard across the Great Hearts Academies network, ensuring the approach is comprehensive and reliable. The main focus of all classes is the Great Books program, where the focus is on shared inquiry and active learning of Great Ideas as expressed in the Western canon. At the middle school level (grades 6-8), students study Literature & Composition and History. At the high school level (grades 9-12), those two subjects are combined into a course called Humane Letters. Math courses go from Pre-Algebra in 6th grade to Calculus II in 12th grade. Students also take seven years of science, including four of laboratory science, three years of Latin, four years of a modern language or

[3] Three Associated Schools (GHA – Maryvale Prep, GHA – North Phoenix Prep, and GHA – Archway North Phoenix) were in their first year of operation and not eligible to receive an Overall Rating in 2012.

continued study of classical languages, and seven years of fine arts. Students also write a Senior Thesis in 12th grade. When necessary, modifications to the curriculum and instructional methods are made for students with disabilities and English Language Learners. Descriptions of the core content areas can be found in the menu of course offerings (presented in the application portfolio: c. Menu of Course Offerings).

The narrative identifies the program implemented at Chandler Prep as the most effective for all populations, and states that "every student in the proposed target population who has passed the appropriate prerequisites, is genuinely curious, and applies him/herself diligently on a daily basis will succeed at the school." Details can be found on pages 13-17 of the application packet (presented in the application portfolio: b. Application Package).

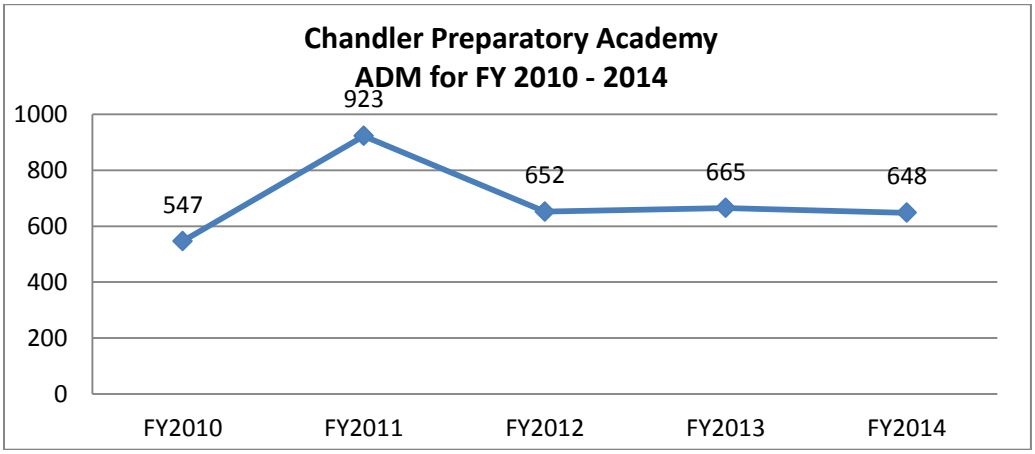
Target Population

In the application, CPA has affirmed that the target population of the new school may be similar to the population of the Replication Model School. Details can be found on pages 8-9 of the application packet (presented in the application portfolio: b. Application Package).

The following table includes demographic data provided by the CPA to establish consistency between the population served by the Replication Model School and the target population of the proposed school.

Demographic Profile	Population of Chandler Prep	Proposed Target Population of South Gilbert Prep
White	69%	64%
Asian	14%	6%
Hispanic	9%	22%
Black	5%	5%
Other	3%	3%
FRL	5%	17%
ELL	1%	2%
SPED	3%	12%
Reading Score (surrounding districts)	85	88
Math Score (surrounding districts)	72	77

Enrollment History – CPA has experienced stable enrollment. The table below summarizes enrollment in the last five years, based on ADE 100th day ADM. FY2011 enrollment included grades K-5, which were transferred to Great Hearts Academies - Archway Chandler in FY2012. The enrollment cap is 1100:



(Data provided by Arizona Department of Education)

Enrollment Policies – In the application, CPA has affirmed that enrollment policies of the new school will be consistent with the enrollment policies of the Replication Model School. Within one month of replication charter approval, SGP will announce a two-week open enrollment period for the 2015-2016 school year. If there are

more enrollment packets for a specific grade than openings, a random lottery will be held. Details can be found on page 10-11 of the application packet (presented in the application portfolio: b. Application Package).

Proposed Growth Plan for Proposed School

Fiscal Year	Grades Served	Projected Full Enrollment
2016	6-9	375
2017	6-10	475
2018	6-11	575

OPERATIONAL PLAN

The following summary was created from excerpts and summaries of the documents submitted for the applicant's Operational Plan.

CPA is an Arizona non-profit corporation that was incorporated on December 2, 2004. CPA currently holds one charter, which operates 1 school site: Chandler Prep in Chandler.

In the application, CPA has affirmed that organizational structure, governance structure, and relationship with an Education Service Provider of the replication charter will be consistent with the organizational structure, governance structure, and relationship with an Education Service Provider of the existing charter.

Charter Holder Entity for Replication Charter

The replication charter will be held by SGPA, which is a new entity. SGPA is a non-profit corporation that was incorporated on April 16, 2014 for the purpose of operating a liberal arts public charter school in South Gilbert, Arizona, with one Director: Daniel Scoggin, and with one Member: Great Hearts Academies.

School Governing Body

A School Governing Body separate from the corporate board will be established that will follow the same membership structure and responsibilities as the governing body for Chandler Prep: two organization principals; one member of the school staff; two parents; and one community member.

Education Service Provider

SGPA is a subsidiary of Great Hearts Academies (GHA). GHA is a non-profit corporation incorporated in 2004 to create a network of academically rigorous liberal arts charter schools. To replicate the success of Associated Schools, GHA has authority over the headmasters, teacher and staff contracts, and the membership of local governing bodies. Details can be found on page 6 of the application (presented in the application portfolio: b. Application Package).

GHA plans to grow from the current size of 16 operating schools in Metro Phoenix (with 3 more opening in 2014-15) to its goal of 25 schools by 2017. GHA has a staff of 55 with expertise in finance, human resources, curriculum and instruction, facilities acquisition and management, information technology, fundraising, and professional development. GHA shares management with site leaders to support the operational and financial success of replication schools. Details can be found on pages 18-20 of the application packet (presented in the application portfolio: b. Application Package).

BUSINESS PLAN

The following summary was created from excerpts and summaries of the documents submitted for the applicant's Business Plan.

Site Information

Proposed School Name:	Great Hearts Academies – South Gilbert Prep
Proposed Location:	Unconfirmed location: Within 2.5 miles of the intersection of E. Queen Creek Road and S. Gilbert Road in Chandler.
Proposed Facility:	The facility will consist of 27 classrooms, a multipurpose room, gym, science labs, and office space, totaling 50,626 sq. ft.

Financial Performance of Applicant

Based on the financial performance of CPA as measured by the Financial Performance Framework, the applicant met the expectations and was not required to submit additional financial information or budgets.

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 South Gilbert Preparatory Academy to establish Great Hearts Academies – South Gilbert Prep charter school to serve grades 6-12.

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 Chandler Preparatory Academy to establish a charter school for the reason:

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