Painted Desert Montessori Academy

10. Operational Plan

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Painted Desert Montessori (PDM) has only one replication site planned at this time. The site is projected to open in fall of 2016 with 400 students. PDM plans for growth of 100 students for each year until the maximum enrollment capacity of 600 students is reached.

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Painted Desert Montessori's (PDM) capacity to support the quality and long-term academic and operational success, financial viability, and proposed growth of the school is determined by the experience and qualifications of the PDM management team: Jessi Beebe and Frank Yanez. Jessi Beebe earned her Master of Education in Montessori Integrated Learning from Endicott College and her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Park University. Ms. Beebe has 14 years of experience in teaching, and five years of experience as the Executive Director of a charter school. Ms. Beebe holds several certifications in Montessori education. Under her direction, Patagonia Montessori Elementary School has seen increases in test scores and improved financial viability.

Frank Yanez has been involved with American education for the past 30 years and is considered an industry expert and strategic advisor for charter schools. His company, FMY Consultants, LLC provides charter school business and educational services ranging from helping new charter schools secure their first charter, to full financial structuring services, to monthly school operational oversight. Financial institutions have retained FMY to provide them with initial funding due diligence and on several occasions to provide turnaround consulting activities. He has been called upon to provide professional instruction by The Arizona Charter School Association and several school boards.

During the past 16 years Mr. Yanez has personally worked with over 180 charter schools and has been involved with 19 tax-exempt municipal bond charter school financings. Now through Venture Feasibility, LLC Mr. Yanez and his team provide market feasibility studies for new charter school projects. During his career he has helped over 30 charter schools successfully build their own school facilities. He currently serves on the governing boards of four charter schools and serves in a leadership role with the Arizona Charter School Association.

Between Ms. Beebe and Mr. Yanez, the PDM organization has all of the knowledge, experience, and qualifications necessary to fill a school with highly-qualified instructors and administrators and with students. Additionally, this team has the knowledge and experience necessary to ensure the financial viability of PDM.

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In his experience with over 180 charter schools, Mr. Yanez has had ample opportunity to provide oversight, and even participate in the opening and operating of many charter schools. Mr. Yanez knows that careful demographic analysis, qualified facility developers, and a unique offering to the community are all essential to avoid common expansion challenges.

Additional Information Requested
Operational Plan Narrative

10-1. Describe the organization's strategic growth plan and desired outcomes over the next five years in Arizona. Include: number of schools with grades served including expansion progression, projected opening dates, and projected number of students served.

- Address the grades to be served at Painted Desert Montessori Academy

Painted Desert Montessori Academy will serve students in Kindergarten through the eighth grade.