

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
	☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B	This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ special extension (enter description) ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan <u>STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2020</u>
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.</u> <u>2303 DULLES STATION BLVD</u> <u>HERNDON, VA 20171</u>
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-1975978</u>
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>703-561-1600</u>
2d	Business code (see instructions) <u>611000</u>

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2022	RUKMANI SUWAL
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name STRATEGIC EDUCATION INC. c Plan Name STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.	4b EIN 52-1975978 4d PN 002
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 6699
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year..... a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 5110 6a(2) 3980 6b 38 6c 1691 6d 5709 6e 15 6f 5724 6g 5393 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2S 2T 3D b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ 0 A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2021 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2021 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2021
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1975978	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65 71	RECORDKEEPER	117266	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AVANTIS US SMALL CAP VALUE FUND 4400 MAIN ST 1ST FLOOR KANSAS CITY, MO 64111	0.04%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BLACKROCK MID CAP GROWTH EQUITY 40 EAST 52ND STREET CL NEW YORK, NY 10022	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BLACKROCK COMMODITY STRATEGIES CL 40 EAST 52ND STREET NEW YORK, NY 10022	0.08%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

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COHEN & STEERS REALTY I 280 PARK AVENUE 10TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	0.10%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
DFA INTERNATIONAL CORE EQUITY 6300 BEE CAVES ROAD BUILDING ONE AUSTIN, TX 78746	0.02%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
DFA US CORE EQUITY II 6300 BEE CAVES ROAD BUILDING ONE AUSTIN, TX 78746	0.02%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DFA INT'L SMALL CAP VALUE 6300 BEE CAVES ROAD BUILDING ONE AUSTIN, TX 78746	0.02%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DFA FIVE YEAR GLBL FIXED INC PRTF 6300 BEE CAVES ROAD BUILDING ONE AUSTIN, TX 78746	0.02%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DFA INTERNATIONAL VALUE PORT III 6300 BEE CAVES ROAD BUILDING ONE AUSTIN, TX 78746	0.02%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DFA US LARGE CAP VALUE PORT III 6300 BEE CAVES ROAD BUILDING ONE AUSTIN, TX 78746	0.02%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
DOUBLELINE SHILLER ENHANCED CAP CL 777 EAST WISCONSIN AVENUE MILWAUKEE, WI 53202	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
NUANCE MID CAP VALUE FUND INSTL 4900 MAIN STREET SUITE 220 KANSAS CITY, MO 64112	0.10%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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MORGAN STANLEY INTL ADVANTAGE CL I 522 FIFTH AVENUE 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
T ROWE PRICE COMM & TECHNOLOGY INV 4515 PAINTERS MILL RD OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
T ROWE PRICE HEALTH SCIENCES 4515 PAINTERS MILL RD OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117	0.15%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
T ROWE PRICE DIVIDEND GROWTH 4515 PAINTERS MILL RD OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TIAA CREF REAL ESTATE SEC RETAIL 730 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017	0.12%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
APPLIED FIN EXPLORERFUND INVESTOR 8730 STONY POINT PARKWAY SUITE 205 RICHMOND, VA 23235	0.40%	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan <u>STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) <u>002</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-1975978</u>

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET 2015</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-6083984-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>9095595</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET 2030</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-6083978-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>30523565</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET 2065</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>82-6194314-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>937276</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET 2055</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>27-6715091-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>13674982</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET 2020</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-6083982-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>14914583</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET 2035</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-6083976-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>38354717</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VANGUARD TARGET 2040</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-6083974-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>50321440</u>

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2060

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 45-3799419-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4116290
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET INC

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-6083967-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4604599
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2025

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-6083980-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 25315573
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2045

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-6083972-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 46592684
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD TARGET 2050

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-6083970-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 30017761
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1975978	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	953	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	11685413	11760292
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	12583	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	208	235
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	2258064	2734300
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	4220296	4002880
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	268469065
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	305549740	75932942
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	0	0

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities.....	1d(1) 4810797	2560858
(2)	Employer real property.....	1d(2) 0	0
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e 0	0
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f 328538054	365460572
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g 0	0
h	Operating payables	1h 0	0
i	Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i 0	0
j	Other liabilities.....	1j 4	0
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k 4	0
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l 328538050	365460572

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	Contributions:		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A) 7389456	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B) 19575386	
	(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C) 1359389	
(2)	Noncash contributions.....	2a(2) 0	28324231
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	
b	Earnings on investments:		
(1)	Interest:		211556
(A)	Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A) 1517	
(B)	U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B) 0	
(C)	Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C) 555	
(D)	Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D) 0	
(E)	Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E) 209484	
(F)	Other	2b(1)(F) 0	
(G)	Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)	211556
(2)	Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A) 1	3633275
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B) 24194	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C) 3609080	
(D)	Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)	3633275
(3)	Rents	2b(3)	0
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A) 10449705	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B) 10588071	
	(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)	-138366
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A) 0	-1587731
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B) -1587731	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		2028868
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		36984723
c Other income.....	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		69456556
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	32371100	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		32371100
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		4187
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		42145
h Interest expense.....	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	116602	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		116602
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		32534034
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		36922522
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: SIKICH LLP

(2) EIN: 36-3168081

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		3000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	X		236
4l	X		236
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1975978

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 04-6568107		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

14a

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14b

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14c

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....

15a

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....

15b

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year.....

16a

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....

16b

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:

☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?

☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____



**STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
401(k) PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Investment Committee & Board of Directors of
Strategic Education, Inc.
401(k) Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2021 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Strategic Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (2021 Financial Statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the 2021 financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

2021 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2021, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Auditor's Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of the Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform and we did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by a qualified institution. In our report dated October 14, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements other than that derived from the certified information were presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Sikich LLP

Naperville, Illinois
October 14, 2022

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value		
Participant-directed investments	\$ 342,281,180	\$ 303,828,475
Self-directed brokerage account	5,881,379	5,083,987
Interest-bearing cash	10,734,275	10,594,495
Company common stock	2,560,858	4,810,797
Total investments	361,457,692	324,317,754
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	4,002,880	4,220,296
Total receivables	4,002,880	4,220,296
Total assets	365,460,572	328,538,050
LIABILITIES		
None	-	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 365,460,572	\$ 328,538,050

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ADDITIONS IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 37,385,081	\$ 31,735,419
Interest and dividends	3,537,760	7,415,075
Total investment income	40,922,841	39,150,494
Interest on notes receivable from participants	209,484	245,609
Contributions		
Employee	19,575,386	20,079,733
Rollover	1,359,389	8,181,214
Employer	7,389,456	7,866,732
Total contributions	28,324,231	36,127,679
Total additions	69,456,556	75,523,782
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO		
Benefits paid to participants	32,417,432	29,406,218
Administrative expenses	116,602	81,908
Total deductions	32,534,034	29,488,126
NET INCREASE BEFORE PLAN TRANSFER	36,922,522	46,035,656
Transfers from Capella Education Company Retirement Savings Plan and Strayer Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan	-	282,502,394
NET INCREASE	36,922,522	328,538,050
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	328,538,050	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR	\$ 365,460,572	\$ 328,538,050

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2021 and 2020

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Strategic Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all domestic full-time employees of Strategic Education, Inc., and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company) who have one year of service and are age 18 or older. The Plan excludes leased employees, employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, nonresident aliens. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Plan Merger

Effective January 1, 2020, the Strategic Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan was adopted. The Capella Education Company Retirement Savings Plan and the Strayer Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan merged together with the newly adopted Strategic Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan. The net assets of the prior plans were transferred to the Strategic Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan as of January 1, 2020 (inception date of Strategic Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan). As a result of the merger, 4,754 participants became eligible to participate in the plan. The management of the Company believes that the Plan merger was a tax-exempt transaction under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and, therefore is not subject to federal income taxes.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 75% of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants are permitted to designate a portion or all of their deferral contributions as Roth 401(k) contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 4% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate increased at a rate of 1% per year on January 1 up to a maximum of 10% of eligible compensation, unless otherwise elected by the participant.

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

The Company contributes 100% of the first 2% and 50% of the next 2% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the plan.

The Company may make discretionary nonelective contributions. Participants must be employed on last day of year to be eligible for discretionary nonelective contributions. For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company did not make any discretionary nonelective contributions.

Contributions are subject to certain limitations as mandated by the IRC.

Investment Options

Participants may direct all their contributions among one or more funds subject to the allocation limitations set forth in the Plan. Changes in allocation of future contributions and transfers among funds of presently invested contributions are permitted pursuant to the Plan's provisions. All plan investments are participant directed with the exception of the Strategic Education, Inc. common stock, which is non-participant directed. The plan did not allow contributions to the common stock during 2021.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution(s) and (b) plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon as well as the Company's matching and discretionary nonelective portion of their account. Certain participants whose account balances were transferred in from a prior plan and were terminated prior to December 31, 2019 become fully vested in the Company's matching and profit sharing portion of their account after two years of service.

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to the maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance, less defaulted loans (if any). During 2020, the Plan also allowed for loans up to a maximum of \$100,000 or 100% of their account balance for loans issued from March 27, 2020 through September 22, 2020. In addition, certain loan payments may have been elected to be suspended through December 31, 2020. The loans are secured by the balances in the participants' accounts and bear interest at rates that range from 4.25% to 6.50%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator. The term of the loan may not exceed 5 years or 25 years if the loan proceeds will be used to acquire the principal residence of the participant. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, a participant may receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Under certain conditions, participants may receive a hardship distribution. In addition, during 2020, the Plan allowed for distributions up to \$100,000 for participants impacted by COVID-related illness or financial burden.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Loan administration and distribution fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. The Plan also pays certain investment advisory and plan administration fees from plan assets. Certain investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

Forfeited Accounts

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the forfeiture account for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020. The amounts remaining will be used in accordance with the applicable Plan provisions.

	2021	2020
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 256,661	\$ -
Transferred in from merged in plans	-	245,541
Additions to forfeitures	5,527	10,095
Investment income	27	1,025
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 262,215</u>	<u>\$ 256,661</u>

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) and requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment adviser and trustee. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest less amounts defaulted (if any). Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. Defaulted notes receivable from participants are recorded as a distribution based upon the terms of the plan document.

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest less amounts defaulted. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, \$452,112 and \$451,701, respectively, have been recorded as allowances for defaulted notes receivable. Defaulted notes receivable from participants are recorded as a distribution based upon the terms of the plan document and totaled \$407,928 in 2021 and \$264,857 in 2020.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after year end but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. These events and transactions either provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at year end, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing financial statements (that is, recognized subsequent events), or provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at year end but arose after that date (that is, nonrecognized subsequent events).

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 14, 2022, which was the date that these financial statements were available for issuance, and determined that there were no significant nonrecognized subsequent events through that date.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Topic 820 are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- a. Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets,
- b. Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets,
- c. Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability,
- d. Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full-term of the asset or liability.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Self-directed brokerage accounts: Accounts primarily consist of mutual funds, common stocks, cash, and corporate bonds that are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices.

Collective trusts: Investments are valued using the net asset value (NAV) provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of units outstanding. The NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions.

Strategic Education, Inc. common stock: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Interest-bearing cash: Valued at the deposit account balances, payable on demand.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021:

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 73,812,116	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,812,116
Collective trust	268,469,064	-	-	268,469,064
Self-directed brokerage accounts	5,881,379	-	-	5,083,987
Interest-bearing cash	10,734,275	-	-	10,734,275
Company common stock*	2,560,858	-	-	2,560,858
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE	\$ 361,457,692	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 361,457,692

* Non-Participant directed investments. The Plan did not allow contributions to this investment in 2021. For the year ended December 31, 2021, non-participant directed investments accounted for \$1,838,122 in net depreciation in the fair value of investments, and \$274,881 of the Plan's benefits paid to participants.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2020:

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 303,828,475	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 303,828,475
Self-directed brokerage accounts	5,071,404	12,583	-	5,083,987
Interest-bearing cash	10,594,495	-	-	10,594,495
Company common stock*	4,810,797	-	-	4,810,797
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE	\$ 324,305,171	\$ 12,583	\$ -	\$ 324,317,754

* Non-Participant directed investments. The Plan did not allow contributions to this investment in 2020. For the year ended December 31, 2020, non-participant directed investments accounted for \$3,299,403 in net depreciation in the fair value of investments, and \$296,128 of the Plan's benefits paid to participants.

4. CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following financial data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 has been certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, a qualified institution, and has not been audited by the independent auditors for the Plan: investments at fair value, notes receivable from participants, interest and dividends, interest on notes receivable from participants, and net appreciation in fair value of investments.

5. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions. Any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Company may determine.

6. TAX STATUS

The non-standardized, pre-approved plan document provider has obtained an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) stated that the restated plan document was in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has not received a determination letter specific to the Plan itself and has been amended since the date of the opinion letter; however, the plan administrator believes that the Plan was designed, and is being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

US GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

7. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by affiliates of Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. In addition, plan investments include an interest in the common stock of Strategic Education, Inc. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund. Certain administrative expenses were paid by the Plan or the Company. The Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the vested balance in the participant's accounts. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Employees of the Company provide administrative services to the Plan for which no fees are charged.

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
401(k) PLAN

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, ITEM 4i

EIN: 52-1975978 PLAN: #002

December 31, 2021

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Cash			
	Cash	Interest-bearing	\$ 10,734,275	\$ 10,734,275
	Mutual Funds			
	American Funds	EuroPacific Growth Fund R6	**	2,035,625
*	Fidelity Investments	US Bond Index	**	4,389,237
*	Fidelity Investments	500 Index Fund	**	28,953,633
	Goldman Sachs	Small Cap Value R6	**	1,215,208
	J P Morgan	Small Cap Growth R6	**	1,234,379
	Metwest	Total Return Bond Fund Class M	**	1,803,103
	T. Rowe Price	International Discovery Fund	**	2,587,932
	T. Rowe Price	New Horizons Fund	**	11,692,906
	Vanguard	Mid Cap Index Institutional	**	8,658,839
	Vanguard	Small Cap Index Institutional	**	2,779,224
	Vanguard	Stock Market Index fund	**	4,751,888
	Vanguard	Total International Stock Index Fund	**	1,793,558
	Vanguard	Total International Bond Index Fund Admiral	**	288,333
	Vanguard	Inflation Protected Admiral	**	1,628,251
	Total mutual funds			73,812,116
	Collective Trust			
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Income Fund	**	4,604,599
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund	**	9,095,595
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	**	14,914,583
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	**	25,315,573
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	**	30,523,566
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	**	38,354,716
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	**	50,321,440
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	**	46,592,684
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	**	30,017,761
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	**	13,674,982
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	**	4,116,290
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund	**	937,275
	Total collective trust			268,469,064
	Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts			
	Various	Includes - cash, mutual funds and common stocks	**	5,881,379
	Common Stock			
*	Strategic Education, Inc.	44,264 shares of common stock	1,482,262	2,560,858
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS PER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS			361,457,692
*	Participant loans	Interest rates from 4.25% to 6.50%		4,002,880
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS PER 5500			\$ 365,460,572

* Denotes a party-in-interest to the Plan.

** Cost information not required for participant-directed investments.



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Investment Committee & Board of Directors of
Strategic Education, Inc.
401(k) Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2021 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Strategic Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (2021 Financial Statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the 2021 financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

2021 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2021, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Auditor's Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of the Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform and we did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by a qualified institution. In our report dated October 14, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements other than that derived from the certified information were presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Sikich LLP

Naperville, Illinois
October 14, 2022

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value		
Participant-directed investments	\$ 342,281,180	\$ 303,828,475
Self-directed brokerage account	5,881,379	5,083,987
Interest-bearing cash	10,734,275	10,594,495
Company common stock	2,560,858	4,810,797
Total investments	361,457,692	324,317,754
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	4,002,880	4,220,296
Total receivables	4,002,880	4,220,296
Total assets	365,460,572	328,538,050
LIABILITIES		
None	-	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 365,460,572	\$ 328,538,050

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ADDITIONS IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 37,385,081	\$ 31,735,419
Interest and dividends	3,537,760	7,415,075
Total investment income	40,922,841	39,150,494
Interest on notes receivable from participants	209,484	245,609
Contributions		
Employee	19,575,386	20,079,733
Rollover	1,359,389	8,181,214
Employer	7,389,456	7,866,732
Total contributions	28,324,231	36,127,679
Total additions	69,456,556	75,523,782
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO		
Benefits paid to participants	32,417,432	29,406,218
Administrative expenses	116,602	81,908
Total deductions	32,534,034	29,488,126
NET INCREASE BEFORE PLAN TRANSFER	36,922,522	46,035,656
Transfers from Capella Education Company Retirement Savings Plan and Strayer Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan	-	282,502,394
NET INCREASE	36,922,522	328,538,050
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	328,538,050	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR	\$ 365,460,572	\$ 328,538,050

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2021 and 2020

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Strategic Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all domestic full-time employees of Strategic Education, Inc., and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company) who have one year of service and are age 18 or older. The Plan excludes leased employees, employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, nonresident aliens. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Plan Merger

Effective January 1, 2020, the Strategic Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan was adopted. The Capella Education Company Retirement Savings Plan and the Strayer Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan merged together with the newly adopted Strategic Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan. The net assets of the prior plans were transferred to the Strategic Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan as of January 1, 2020 (inception date of Strategic Education, Inc. 401(k) Plan). As a result of the merger, 4,754 participants became eligible to participate in the plan. The management of the Company believes that the Plan merger was a tax-exempt transaction under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and, therefore is not subject to federal income taxes.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 75% of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants are permitted to designate a portion or all of their deferral contributions as Roth 401(k) contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 4% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate increased at a rate of 1% per year on January 1 up to a maximum of 10% of eligible compensation, unless otherwise elected by the participant.

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

The Company contributes 100% of the first 2% and 50% of the next 2% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the plan.

The Company may make discretionary nonelective contributions. Participants must be employed on last day of year to be eligible for discretionary nonelective contributions. For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company did not make any discretionary nonelective contributions.

Contributions are subject to certain limitations as mandated by the IRC.

Investment Options

Participants may direct all their contributions among one or more funds subject to the allocation limitations set forth in the Plan. Changes in allocation of future contributions and transfers among funds of presently invested contributions are permitted pursuant to the Plan's provisions. All plan investments are participant directed with the exception of the Strategic Education, Inc. common stock, which is non-participant directed. The plan did not allow contributions to the common stock during 2021.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution(s) and (b) plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon as well as the Company's matching and discretionary nonelective portion of their account. Certain participants whose account balances were transferred in from a prior plan and were terminated prior to December 31, 2019 become fully vested in the Company's matching and profit sharing portion of their account after two years of service.

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to the maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance, less defaulted loans (if any). During 2020, the Plan also allowed for loans up to a maximum of \$100,000 or 100% of their account balance for loans issued from March 27, 2020 through September 22, 2020. In addition, certain loan payments may have been elected to be suspended through December 31, 2020. The loans are secured by the balances in the participants' accounts and bear interest at rates that range from 4.25% to 6.50%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator. The term of the loan may not exceed 5 years or 25 years if the loan proceeds will be used to acquire the principal residence of the participant. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, a participant may receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Under certain conditions, participants may receive a hardship distribution. In addition, during 2020, the Plan allowed for distributions up to \$100,000 for participants impacted by COVID-related illness or financial burden.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Loan administration and distribution fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. The Plan also pays certain investment advisory and plan administration fees from plan assets. Certain investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

Forfeited Accounts

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the forfeiture account for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020. The amounts remaining will be used in accordance with the applicable Plan provisions.

	2021	2020
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 256,661	\$ -
Transferred in from merged in plans	-	245,541
Additions to forfeitures	5,527	10,095
Investment income	27	1,025
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 262,215</u>	<u>\$ 256,661</u>

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) and requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment adviser and trustee. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest less amounts defaulted (if any). Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. Defaulted notes receivable from participants are recorded as a distribution based upon the terms of the plan document.

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest less amounts defaulted. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, \$452,112 and \$451,701, respectively, have been recorded as allowances for defaulted notes receivable. Defaulted notes receivable from participants are recorded as a distribution based upon the terms of the plan document and totaled \$407,928 in 2021 and \$264,857 in 2020.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after year end but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. These events and transactions either provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at year end, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing financial statements (that is, recognized subsequent events), or provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at year end but arose after that date (that is, nonrecognized subsequent events).

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 14, 2022, which was the date that these financial statements were available for issuance, and determined that there were no significant nonrecognized subsequent events through that date.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Topic 820 are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- a. Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets,
- b. Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets,
- c. Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability,
- d. Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full-term of the asset or liability.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Self-directed brokerage accounts: Accounts primarily consist of mutual funds, common stocks, cash, and corporate bonds that are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices.

Collective trusts: Investments are valued using the net asset value (NAV) provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of units outstanding. The NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions.

Strategic Education, Inc. common stock: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Interest-bearing cash: Valued at the deposit account balances, payable on demand.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021:

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 73,812,116	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,812,116
Collective trust	268,469,064	-	-	268,469,064
Self-directed brokerage accounts	5,881,379	-	-	5,083,987
Interest-bearing cash	10,734,275	-	-	10,734,275
Company common stock*	2,560,858	-	-	2,560,858
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE	\$ 361,457,692	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 361,457,692

* Non-Participant directed investments. The Plan did not allow contributions to this investment in 2021. For the year ended December 31, 2021, non-participant directed investments accounted for \$1,838,122 in net depreciation in the fair value of investments, and \$274,881 of the Plan's benefits paid to participants.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2020:

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 303,828,475	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 303,828,475
Self-directed brokerage accounts	5,071,404	12,583	-	5,083,987
Interest-bearing cash	10,594,495	-	-	10,594,495
Company common stock*	4,810,797	-	-	4,810,797
TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE	\$ 324,305,171	\$ 12,583	\$ -	\$ 324,317,754

* Non-Participant directed investments. The Plan did not allow contributions to this investment in 2020. For the year ended December 31, 2020, non-participant directed investments accounted for \$3,299,403 in net depreciation in the fair value of investments, and \$296,128 of the Plan's benefits paid to participants.

4. CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following financial data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 has been certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, a qualified institution, and has not been audited by the independent auditors for the Plan: investments at fair value, notes receivable from participants, interest and dividends, interest on notes receivable from participants, and net appreciation in fair value of investments.

5. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions. Any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Company may determine.

6. TAX STATUS

The non-standardized, pre-approved plan document provider has obtained an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) stated that the restated plan document was in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has not received a determination letter specific to the Plan itself and has been amended since the date of the opinion letter; however, the plan administrator believes that the Plan was designed, and is being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

US GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

7. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by affiliates of Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. In addition, plan investments include an interest in the common stock of Strategic Education, Inc. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund. Certain administrative expenses were paid by the Plan or the Company. The Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the vested balance in the participant's accounts. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Employees of the Company provide administrative services to the Plan for which no fees are charged.

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC.
401(k) PLAN

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, ITEM 4i

EIN: 52-1975978 PLAN: #002

December 31, 2021

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Cash			
	Cash	Interest-bearing	\$ 10,734,275	\$ 10,734,275
	Mutual Funds			
	American Funds	EuroPacific Growth Fund R6	**	2,035,625
*	Fidelity Investments	US Bond Index	**	4,389,237
*	Fidelity Investments	500 Index Fund	**	28,953,633
	Goldman Sachs	Small Cap Value R6	**	1,215,208
	J P Morgan	Small Cap Growth R6	**	1,234,379
	Metwest	Total Return Bond Fund Class M	**	1,803,103
	T. Rowe Price	International Discovery Fund	**	2,587,932
	T. Rowe Price	New Horizons Fund	**	11,692,906
	Vanguard	Mid Cap Index Institutional	**	8,658,839
	Vanguard	Small Cap Index Institutional	**	2,779,224
	Vanguard	Stock Market Index fund	**	4,751,888
	Vanguard	Total International Stock Index Fund	**	1,793,558
	Vanguard	Total International Bond Index Fund Admiral	**	288,333
	Vanguard	Inflation Protected Admiral	**	1,628,251
	Total mutual funds			73,812,116
	Collective Trust			
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Income Fund	**	4,604,599
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund	**	9,095,595
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	**	14,914,583
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	**	25,315,573
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	**	30,523,566
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	**	38,354,716
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	**	50,321,440
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	**	46,592,684
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	**	30,017,761
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	**	13,674,982
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	**	4,116,290
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund	**	937,275
	Total collective trust			268,469,064
	Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts			
	Various	Includes - cash, mutual funds and common stocks	**	5,881,379
	Common Stock			
*	Strategic Education, Inc.	44,264 shares of common stock	1,482,262	2,560,858
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS PER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS			361,457,692
*	Participant loans	Interest rates from 4.25% to 6.50%		4,002,880
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS PER 5500			\$ 365,460,572

* Denotes a party-in-interest to the Plan.

** Cost information not required for participant-directed investments.