

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 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2022 and ending 06/30/2023	
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 ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended 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 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
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 THE EQUITY PROJECT CHARTER SCHOOL 403(B)DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN	1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
		1c	Effective date of plan 07/01/2009
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) THE EQUITY PROJECT CHARTER SCHOOL 549 AUDUBON AVENUE T-30 NEW YORK, NY 10040-3401	2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-0354470
		2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 646-254-6451
		2d	Business code (see instructions) 611000

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.	04/15/2024	SHELLY GUPTA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	04/15/2024	SHELLY GUPTA
	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

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 c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5 167
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		6a(1) 114
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2) 117
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b 0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....		6c 41
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d 158
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f 158
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....		6g 136
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		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: 2F 2G 2L 2M 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) ☐ 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 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 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
		2022
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2022 and ending 06/30/2023		
A Name of plan THE EQUITY PROJECT CHARTER SCHOOL 403(B)DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001	
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE EQUITY PROJECT CHARTER SCHOOL	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-0354470	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	4544	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(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?
49 55	OTHER SERVICES	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	14582	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 ☐

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
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(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.
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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation

(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.

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

(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.

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:

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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 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE EQUITY PROJECT CHARTER SCHOOL	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-0354470	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
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	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....		1b(1)	286159256075
(2) Participant contributions.....		1b(2)	3683330378
(3) Other.....		1b(3)	217479
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....		1c(1)	
(2) U.S. Government securities		1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred		1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other		1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred		1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common.....		1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests		1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)		1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....		1c(7)	
(8) Participant loans.....		1c(8)	122140201011
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....		1c(9)	
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts		1c(10)	
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....		1c(11)	
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities		1c(12)	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....		1c(13)	57239106563677
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....		1c(14)	
(15) Other		1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	6169259	7051620

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	6169259	7051620
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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.

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	256075	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	763913	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	45539	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1065527
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	6952	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	208	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		7160
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	54811	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		54811
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		757014
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1884512
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	959646	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		959646
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		2064
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		35897
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	4544	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		4544
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1002151
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		882361
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

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: CRAIG FITZSIMMONS & MEYER, LLP

(2) EIN: 11-2442493

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		40953

	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		1000000
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?			
4l		X	
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			

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 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2022 and ending 06/30/2023		
A Name of plan THE EQUITY PROJECT CHARTER SCHOOL 403(B)DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE EQUITY PROJECT CHARTER SCHOOL		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-0354470
Part I	Distributions	
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 0
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): 42-0127290		
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 35
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.)	
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	
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		
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.	
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 (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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

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

a Name of contributing employer

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(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

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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 _____

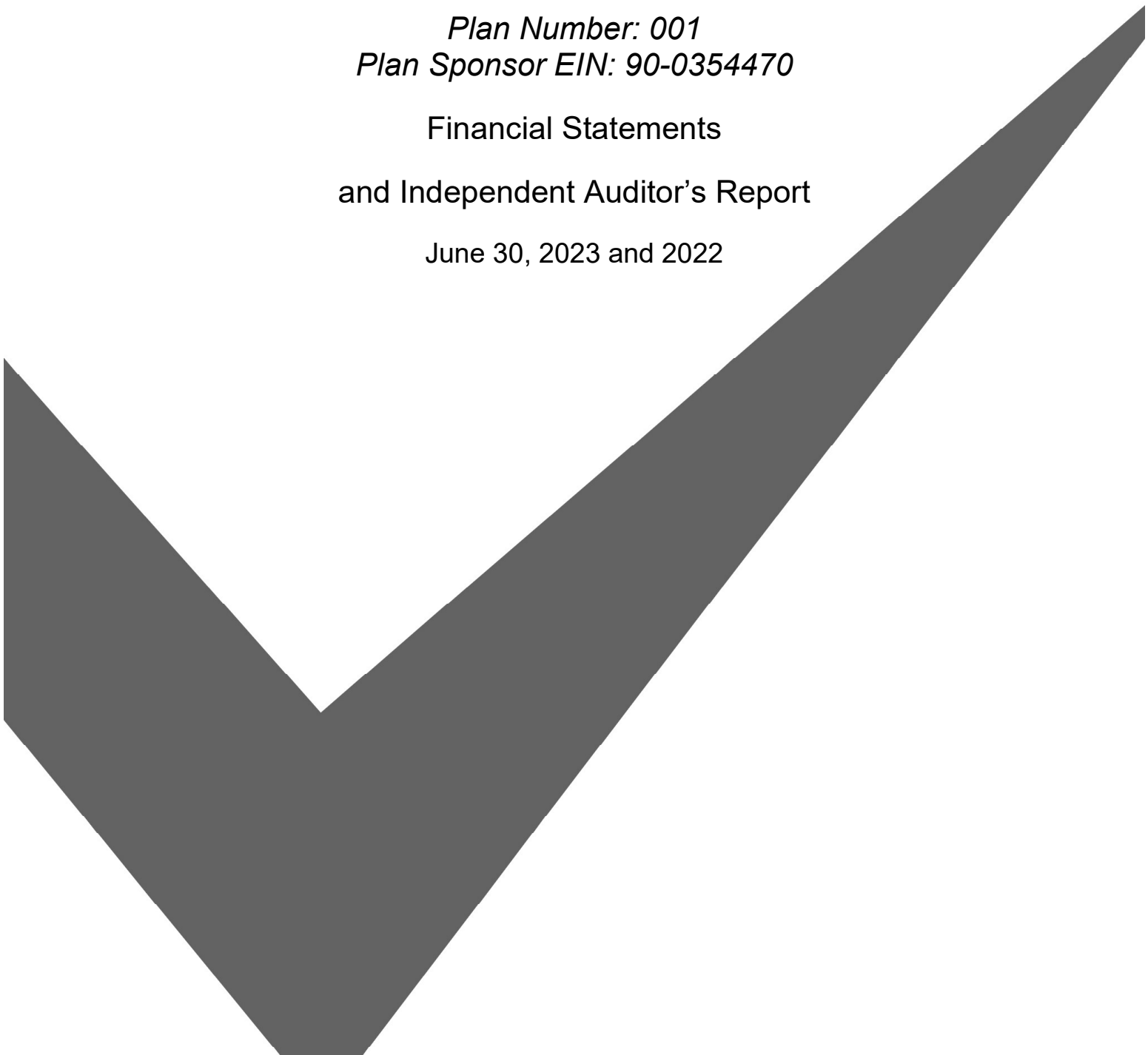


The Equity Project Charter School 403(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

Plan Number: 001
Plan Sponsor EIN: 90-0354470

Financial Statements
and Independent Auditor's Report

June 30, 2023 and 2022



THE EQUITY PROJECT CHARTER SCHOOL 403(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
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NOTE:	
The accompanying financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of filing DOL Form 5500. Supplemental schedules required by Section 2520 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, other than those listed above, are omitted because of the absence of the conditions under which they are required.	

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of
The Equity Project Charter School 403(b) Deferred Compensation Plan
549 Audubon Avenue
New York, NY 11040

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of The Equity Project Charter School 403(b) Deferred Compensation 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 June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Equity Project Charter School 403(b) Deferred Compensation Plan 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 audits 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 certifications from the Principal Trust Company, a qualified institution, as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended June 30, 2023 stating that the certified investment information, as described in Notes 3 and 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 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 financial statements referred to above 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

We conducted our audits 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 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Equity Project Charter School 403(b) Deferred Compensation Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to audits. 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 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 Equity Project Charter School 403(b) Deferred Compensation Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be 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 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit 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 Equity Project Charter School 403(b) Deferred Compensation 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 Equity Project Charter School 403(b) Deferred Compensation Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits 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 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 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements – continued

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.

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of June 30, 2023 and Schedule H, Line 4(a) – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions as of June 30, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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 schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits 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 schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are 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 schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are 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 schedules 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).



Smithtown, NY
March 28, 2024

The Equity Project Charter School 403(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

Plan Number: 001

Plan Sponsor EIN: 90-0354470

Financial Statements

June 30, 2023 and 2022

THE EQUITY PROJECT CHARTER SCHOOL 403(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
PLAN NUMBER: 001
PLAN SPONSOR EIN: 90-0354470
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF JUNE 30,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Investments at fair value		
Mutual funds	\$ 6,563,677	\$ 5,723,910
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	256,075	286,159
Participant contributions	30,378	36,833
Other	479	217
Notes receivable from participants	<u>201,011</u>	<u>122,140</u>
 Total assets	 <u>7,051,620</u>	 <u>6,169,259</u>
 Net assets available for benefits	 <u>\$ 7,051,620</u>	 <u>\$ 6,169,259</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE EQUITY PROJECT CHARTER SCHOOL 403(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

ADDITIONS

Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 757,014
Dividends	54,811
Total investment income	<u>811,825</u>
 Interest on participant notes receivable	 6,952
Other Interest	208
 Contributions:	
Employer	256,075
Participants	763,913
Rollovers	<u>45,539</u>
Total contributions	<u>1,065,527</u>
 Total additions	 <u>1,884,512</u>

DEDUCTIONS

Benefits paid to participants	959,646
Certain deemed distributions of participant loans	35,897
Corrective distributions	2,064
Administrative expenses	<u>4,544</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,002,151</u>
 Net increase in net assets available for benefits	 882,361
 Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	 <u>6,169,259</u>
 Net assets available for benefits, end of year	 <u>\$ 7,051,620</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE EQUITY PROJECT CHARTER SCHOOL 403(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
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JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

1. Plan Description

The following description of The Equity Project Charter School ("School") 403(b) Plan ("Plan") provides general information only. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description or Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

There were certain provisions for the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 ("SECURE Act") and the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) for eligible plans. Although the plan document has not been formally amended, the provisions were available to plan participants.

General – The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of the School. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan was established on July 1, 2009 and formally restated on March 31, 2017. The Board of Trustees is responsible for oversight of the Plan and determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitors investment performance.

Eligibility – All Employees are eligible to participate in the 403(b) Plan on the first day of employment.

The eligibility requirement to receive a matching contribution by the School for a full time employee is to be an active participant at any time during the Plan year.

Contributions – Each year, participants may contribute to the Plan, a percentage of their pretax annual wages, not to exceed a specific dollar amount determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). 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. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Plan provides for employer matching contributions. The School matches employee contributions on a discretionary basis to be determined by the School and applied to all participants on a uniform basis. The matching contribution is directed to participants accounts based on the allocation selected for their elective contribution. Contributions are subject to certain limitations. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, employer matching contributions totaled \$256,075 and \$286,159, respectively.

Participant Accounts – Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the School's contribution and (b) Plan earnings (losses) 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.

Investment Options – Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants direct the investments of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan offered mutual funds as investment options for participants.

Vesting – Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant becomes 100% vested over three years of credited service in accordance with the Plan document. Vesting occurs as follows:

Years of Credited Service	Vesting Percentage
Less than 1	0%
1	50%
2 or more	100%

Participant Notes Receivable - Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum equal to \$50,000 or 50 percent of their account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a range of 3.25% - 8.25%, based on the prime interest rate plus 1 percent. Principal and interest is paid ratably through bimonthly payroll deductions. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Plan had outstanding loans to participants with principal balances totaling \$201,011 and \$122,140, respectively.

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1. Plan Description – continued

Payment of Benefits – On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the face value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or annual installments over a ten-year period. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

Forfeitures – Forfeitures may be used to reduce employer contributions or to pay administrative expense of the Plan, as determined by the School at its sole discretion. Forfeitures that have not been used to pay administrative expenses or used to reduce employer contributions are to be allocated to participants as of the last day of the Plan Year in which such forfeitures are determined. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, there were \$1,128 and \$3,076 respectively, of forfeitures that had not yet been utilized by the Plan as outlined above.

Hardship Withdrawals – Under certain conditions, participants, while still employed by the School, are permitted to withdraw, in a single sum, the employee contribution portion of their account balance. These conditions include unreimbursed medical expenses, the purchase of the participant's principal residence, School tuition, funeral expenses for the primary beneficiary, or to prevent eviction or foreclosure from the participant's principal residence.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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 reported 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 measurement date. The School's board of directors determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors, custodians and the insurance company.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) 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 and unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are considered by the Plan administrator to be in default, the loan balance is reduced and recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan document. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of June 30, 2023.

Payments of Benefits – Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses - Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the School. Expenses that are paid by the School are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments. A participant's share of administration expenses is allocated on a pro rata basis based on the value of the account balance over the total assets of the Plan. Investment-related expenses are included in the net appreciation of fair value of investments. A participant's share of individual expenses including loan processing, Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO), distribution fees, and other expenses are incurred and paid by each account based on a participant's use of these Plan features.

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3. Fair Value Measurements (Unaudited)

FASB ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 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.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- 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.

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 are used to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The 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 June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded and NAV is used as a practical expedient by the Plan to estimate fair value.

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 fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of June 30,

Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2023

	<u>NAV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 6,563,677	\$ 6,563,677
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 6,563,677</u>	<u>\$ 6,563,677</u>

Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2022

	<u>NAV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 5,723,910	\$ 5,723,910
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 5,723,910</u>	<u>\$ 5,723,910</u>

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4. Certified Investments

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at June 30, 2023 and 2022, and net depreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends for the year ended June 30, 2023, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Principal Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.

5. Related Party and Party in Interest Transactions

Principal Trust Company Inc. is the trustee of the Plan's investments and therefore certain transactions qualify as party in interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for administration amounted to \$4,544 for the year ended June 30, 2023 and are exempt party in interest transactions. Participant and School contributions are held by the trustee, which invests cash received, interest and dividend income and proceeds from capital transactions in accordance with directives from the respective participants and makes distributions to requesting participants. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the School. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Administrative expenses for the trustee's fees, except for certain transaction fees, are paid directly by the School.

Participant loans also qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

6. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the School has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants are fully vested in their accounts.

7. Tax Status

The School has adopted a Volume Submitter 403(b) Plan Adoption Agreement pre-approved by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). The IRS issued an opinion letter dated March 31, 2017, that the volume submitter plan is acceptable with the applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the School and the Plan administrator believe that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

8. Risk and Uncertainties

a. Investments

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 values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

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9. Other Matters

a. Delinquent Participant Contributions

In accordance with the DOL's Regulation 2510.3102, the Plan Sponsor is required to remit participant contributions as soon as they can be reasonably segregated from the employer's general assets. A total of \$40,954 in 403(B) withholdings from participant's payroll during the period January 2010 to January 2023, were not remitted timely. Plan management assessed the impact of lost earnings that are applicable on the late remittances related to amounts withheld from wages and determined interest in the amount of \$479 is due to the Plan.

b. Operational Plan Error

During the Plan year ended June 30, 2023, Plan management determined that there was an operational Plan error. Part-time employees had been improperly excluded from participating in the Plan. The provision to exclude "part-time employees" from participation has not been implemented according to the Plan document. The Plan administrator is currently engaging ERISA counsel and plans to apply to the IRS for the Plan to be retroactively restated so that part-time employees are excluded from the Plan. At this time no amounts have been accrued within these financial statements, and through the audit opinion date for missed elective deferrals and employer matching contributions.

10. Subsequent Events

The plan sponsor has evaluated the June 30, 2023 financial statements for subsequent events through March 28, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

The Equity Project Charter School 403(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

Plan Number: 001

Plan Sponsor EIN: 90-0354470

Supplemental Information

June 30, 2023

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PLAN NUMBER: 001

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Party-in-		Description of		
interest	Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party	investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current Value
*	Principal Equity Income R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	\$ 78,766
*	Principal Government & HQ Bond R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	2,314
*	Principal LargeCap Growth I R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	146,690
*	Principal LargeCap S&P 500 Idx R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	297,204
*	Principal LifeTime Strategic Income R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	22,453
*	Principal LifeTime 2020 R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	20,044
*	Principal LifeTime 2025 R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	53,949
*	Principal LifeTime 2030 R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	46,753
*	Principal LifeTime 2035 R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	166,599
*	Principal LifeTime 2040 R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	510,657
*	Principal LifeTime 2045 R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	471,089
*	Principal LifeTime 2050 R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	1,432,503
*	Principal LifeTime 2055 R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	1,268,855
*	Principal LifeTime 2060 R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	560,941
*	Principal LifeTime 2065 R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	322,939
*	Principal MidCap Growth R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	32,277
*	Principal MidCap S&P 400 Index R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	51,138
*	Principal MidCap Value I R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	29,125
*	Principal Preferred Securities R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	27,130
*	Principal Short-Term Income R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	18,538
*	Principal SmallCap Growth I R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	67,354
*	Principal SmallCap S&P 600 Index R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	66,414
*	Principal Capital Appreciation R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	84,819
*	Principal Core Plus Bond R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	44,767
*	Principal Diversified International R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	359,515
*	Principal International Equity Index R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	263,632
*	Principal MidCap R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	64,749
*	Principal SmallCap R4 Fund	Mutual Fund	{+}	52,463
	Subtotal of Investments			6,563,677
*	Participant Loans	Rate 3.25% - 8.25%	{+}	201,011
	Total Investments and Loans			<u>\$6,764,688</u>

* Denotes a party in interest transaction

{+} Note: Cost information is omitted as all investments are participant directed

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AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan	Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions				Total Fully Corrected under VFCP* and PTE 2002-51
	Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP*	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP*	
01/31/2010		\$ 2,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
08/15/2010		2,847	-	-	-
08/31/2010		2,847	-	-	-
10/31/2014	✓	8,646	-	-	-
11/15/2014		104	-	-	-
01/31/2023		23,535	-	-	-
		<u>\$ 40,954</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

* Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (DOL)

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SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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EIN 90 0354470

PLAN NUMBER 001

PLAN YEAR 07/01/2022 TO 06/30/2023

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin Equity Income R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 78,765.90
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin Govt & HQ Bond R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,313.85
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LargeCap Growth I R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 146,690.03
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LgCap S&P 500 Idx R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 297,203.54
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime Str Inc R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,452.50
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2020 R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,044.07
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2025 R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 53,949.21
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2030 R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 46,753.44
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2035 R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 166,599.11
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2040 R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 510,657.25
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2045 R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 471,089.08
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2050 R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,432,501.92
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2055 R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,268,855.22
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2060 R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 560,940.68
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2065 R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 322,939.24

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin MidCap Growth R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 32,277.38
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin MidCap S&P 400 Idx R4 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 51,138.47
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin MidCap Value I R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 29,124.57
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin Preferred Secs R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,130.27
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin Short-Term Income R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 18,538.30
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin SmallCap Growth I R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 67,354.23
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin SmCap S&P 600 Idx R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 66,413.50
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Principal Capital App R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 84,818.93
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Principal Core Plus Bond R4 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 44,767.40
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Principal Div Intl R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 359,514.72
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Principal Int'l Eq Index R4 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 263,632.21
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Principal MidCap R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 64,748.97
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Principal SmallCap R4 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 52,462.92
*	Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 3.25% To 8.25%	\$ 0.00	\$ 201,011.00