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Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2010

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01/10, and ending 06/30/11

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization <u>Vermont Commons School</u>		D Employer identification number <u>04-3371660</u>
	Doing Business As		E Telephone number <u>802-865-8084</u>
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) <u>75 Green Mountain Drive</u>		Room/suite
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <u>South Burlington VT 05403</u>		G Gross receipts\$ <u>2,114,531</u>
F Name and address of principal officer			H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: <u>www.vermontcommons.org</u>			H(c) Group exemption number ▶
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶			L Year of formation <u>1996</u> M State of legal domicile <u>VT</u>

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
See Schedule O

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<u>11</u>
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<u>10</u>
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	<u>40</u>
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<u>30</u>
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<u>0</u>

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<u>552,336</u>	<u>617,900</u>
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2d)	<u>1,365,732</u>	<u>1,494,481</u>
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<u>1,151</u>	<u>420</u>
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8o, 9b, 10f, and 11e)		
12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>1,919,219</u>	<u>2,112,801</u>
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<u>961,797</u>	<u>1,077,037</u>
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 17e)		
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	<u>113,650</u>	
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	<u>731,874</u>	<u>582,840</u>
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>1,693,671</u>	<u>1,659,877</u>
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<u>225,548</u>	<u>452,924</u>
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year <u>762,403</u>	End of Year <u>2,436,197</u>
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>1,367,031</u>	<u>2,586,009</u>
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>-604,628</u>	<u>-149,812</u>

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here	Signature of officer <u>Peter Gilmore</u> <i>Peter Gilmore</i>		Date <u>1/17/12</u>	
	Type or print name and title <u>Head of School</u>			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name <u>Bret Hodgdon</u>	Preparer's signature <i>Bret Hodgdon</i>	Date <u>01/10/12</u>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN <u>P00497283</u>
	Firm's name ▶ <u>Davis & Hodgdon Associates CPAs, PLC</u>		Firm's EIN ▶ <u>03-0325875</u>	
	Firm's address ▶ <u>33 Blair Park Rd Ste 201 Williston, VT 05495</u>		Phone no <u>802-878-1963</u>	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. DAA

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

See Schedule O

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,207,233 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,450,134)
Education of students in grades 7 through 12.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 42,491 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 51,753)

The Academic Enrichment Center offers a variety of services based on individual need, either to shore up foundational skills or to expand on students' interests. A tutor with professional expertise works one-on-one with students during study halls. With an understanding of an individual's learning style, the tutor helps the students develop the skills they need to work at their highest level. These services are meant to help students understand their learning profiles, to create with them the steps needed to achieve success, and to assist them in implementing those steps.

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 1,249,724

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? (see instructions)	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	X	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	X	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? Note. Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)		

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K If "No," go to line 25		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	X	
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	X	
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

 Yes No

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		X
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		X
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	X	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
11a	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
12b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)		X
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
16b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed None
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available Check all that apply
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: Peter Gilmore 75 Green Mountain Drive
So. Burlington VT 05403

So. Burlington

VT 05403

802-865-8084

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Lisa Fargo Member	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(2) Kenneth Edwards Member	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(3) Michael Russell Member	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(4) Craig Heindel Secretary	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(5) Peter Goff (faculty member) Member	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(6) Mary Hamilton-Homer Member	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(7) Debra Lord Treasurer	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) Kyler Robinson Member	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) George Starbuck Member	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) Rebecca Coll Chair	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) Michael Rosen Member	2.00	X					0	0	0	
(12) Peter Gilmore Head of VCS	40.00			X			103,500	0	13,739	
(13)										
(14)										
(15)										
(16)										

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
(26)										
(27)										
(28)										
1b Sub-total							103,500		13,739	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							103,500		13,739	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **1**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **0**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns					
	b Membership dues					
	c Fundraising events					
	d Related organizations					
	e Government grants (contributions)					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	617,900				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	\$ 131,000				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	617,900				
Program Service Revenue		Busn. Code				
	2a Tuition Income	1,450,134	1,450,134			
	b Enrichment Service Income	27,301	27,301			
	c Student Event Income	15,929	15,929			
	d Other Program Income	948	948			
	e Book Income	169	169			
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	1,494,481				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	914			914	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
	b Less rental exps					
	c Rental inc or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other	1,236			
		b Less cost or other basis & sales exps	1,730			
		c Gain or (loss)	-494			
	d Net gain or (loss)	-494			-494	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
b Less direct expenses						
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less cost of goods sold					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Busn. Code				
11a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See instructions.	2,112,801	1,494,481	0	420		

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.
All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D)

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	107,000	16,050	69,550	21,400
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	745,286	553,837	134,374	57,075
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	147,170	112,824	24,348	9,998
10 Payroll taxes	77,581	55,978	15,600	6,003
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	39,445	26,428	9,467	3,550
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion	8,476		8,476	
13 Office expenses	19,305	12,935	4,633	1,737
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	128,319	124,470	2,566	1,283
17 Travel	5,734	5,734		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	76,497	66,724	7,017	2,756
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	43,651	42,341	873	437
23 Insurance	14,681	14,240	294	147
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Student Activities	65,485	65,485		
b Repairs and Maintenance	45,817	44,443	916	458
c Resource materials	34,147	34,147		
d Physical fitness	16,701	16,701		
e Marketing	15,750	10,552	3,780	1,418
f All other expenses	68,832	46,835	14,609	7,388
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24	1,659,877	1,249,724	296,503	113,650
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	76,965	1	116,704
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	496,475	2	602,692
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	11,175	3	7,100
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	4,982
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	27,929	9	9,514
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,768,920		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 158,208	10c 133,793	1,610,712
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	16,066	11	19,250
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	65,243
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	762,403	16	2,436,197	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	66,502	17	126,913
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	702,777	19	743,971
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L	395,612	22	1,691,443
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	172,808	23	22,134
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D	29,332	25	1,548
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,367,031	26	2,586,009
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	-654,712	27	-289,033
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	34,018	28	119,971
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	16,066	29	19,250
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	-604,628	33	-149,812
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	762,403	34	2,436,197	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,112,801
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,659,877
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	452,924
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	-604,628
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	1,892
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	-149,812

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
- c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2010

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization

Vermont Commons School

Employer identification number

04-3371660

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 - a Type I
 - b Type II
 - c Type III—Functionally integrated
 - d Type III—Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
 - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the US?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2010

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2010

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Vermont Commons School

Employer identification number

04-3371660

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors...?, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees...?

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization, 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution..., 3 Number of conservation easements modified..., 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located..., 5 Does the organization have a written policy..., 6 Staff and volunteer hours..., 7 Amount of expenses..., 8 Does each conservation easement..., 9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports...

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report..., 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report..., 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain...

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a Public exhibition
- b Scholarly research
- c Preservation for future generations
- d Loan or exchange programs
- e Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

- c Beginning balance
- d Additions during the year
- e Distributions during the year
- f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	16,066	14,647			
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	3,490	1,734			
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	306	315			
g End of year balance	19,250	16,066			

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ %
- b Permanent endowment ▶ 100.00 %
- c Term endowment ▶ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)	X	
3a(ii)		X
3b		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		154,713		154,713
b Buildings		1,361,681	22,529	1,339,152
c Leasehold improvements		122,531	42,862	79,669
d Equipment		92,645	60,706	31,939
e Other		37,350	32,111	5,239
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				1,610,712

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) Student trip deposits	1,548
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	1,548

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740).

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,112,801
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,659,877
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	452,924
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	1,892
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 through 8	9	1,892
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	454,816

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	2,114,693
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	1,892
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,892
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,112,801
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	2,112,801

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,659,877
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25.		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,659,877
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,659,877

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part X - Liability Under FIN 48 Footnote

The School annually files an IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, tax return in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction. The School is no longer subject to U.S. Federal income tax examination by tax authorities for the years prior to June 30, 2008. In the normal course of business, the School is subject to examination by various taxing authorities. Although the outcome of tax audits is always uncertain, the management of the School

Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)

believes that there are no significant unrecognized tax liabilities at June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Schools

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Name of the organization

Vermont Commons School

Employer identification number

04-3371660

Part I

	YES	NO
1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	X	
2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	X	
3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe. If "No," please explain. If you need more space, use Part II. Vermont Commons School has announced racially nondiscriminatory policies via newspaper and stickers that are displayed on catalog and student applications.	X	
4 Does the organization maintain the following?		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	X	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	X	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	X	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.	X	
5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to		
a Students' rights or privileges?		X
b Admissions policies?		X
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?		X
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?		X
e Educational policies?		X
f Use of facilities?		X
g Athletic programs?		X
h Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.		X
6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?		X
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II.		X
7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Part II.	X	

SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Transactions With Interested Persons

▶ Complete if the organization answered
"Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c,
or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
			Yes	No
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
George & Pammella Starbuck (1) To purchase school building Dr. Robert Skiff	X		1,400,000	1,370,753		X	X			X
(2) Working capital George & Pammella Starbuck	X		162,645	228,194		X	X			X
(3) Loan closing costs Dr. Robert Skiff	X		43,200	39,438		X	X			X
(4) Working capital Judy Chaves & Craig Heindel	X		45,570	34,779		X	X			X
(5) Working capital	X		20,000	18,279		X	X			X
(6)										
(7)										
(8)										
(9)										
(10)										
Total				▶ \$ 1,691,443						

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount and type of assistance
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Noncash Contributions

▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (Debt forgiven)	X	1	131,000	Cash value
26 Other ▶ ()				
27 Other ▶ ()				
28 Other ▶ ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1–28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		X
31		X
32a		X

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Form 990 - Organization's Mission or Most Significant Activities

Vermont Commons School students experience a unique blend of academics and global immersion, master fundamental academic disciplines, grasp the profound interdependence of the natural and human systems they inhabit, and graduate with the values, knowledge, skills and commitment necessary to become ethical and engaged ecological citizens.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

VT Commons School makes the 990 available for all Board Members to review prior to filing via their secure portal, via email, or in hardcopy.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

It is enforced at the board level at their meetings.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

The executive committee reviews and approves the Head of Schools compensation.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

The organization makes its governing documents and financials statements available to the general public by providing copies upon request.

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return Vermont Commons School Identifying number 04-3371660

*Business or activity to which this form relates

Indirect Depreciation

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	500,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	2,000,000
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2009 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2011. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	43,651

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2010	17	0
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2010 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2010 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	43,651
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

Forms
990 / 990-PFLoans from Officers, Directors, Trustees, and
Key Employees or Other Disqualified Persons

2010

For calendar year 2010, or tax year beginning 07/01/10, and ending 06/30/11

-Name

Vermont Commons School

Employer Identification Number

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Form 990, Part X, Line 22 - Additional Information

Name of lender	Title
(1) Dr. Robert Skiff	Founder
(2) Dr. Robert Skiff	Founder
(3) Judy Chaves & Craig Heindel	Board Member
(4) George & Pammella Starbuck	Member
(5) George & Pammella Starbuck	Member
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	

Original amount borrowed	Date of loan	Maturity date	Repayment terms	Interest rate
(1) 162,645	07/01/01		On demand	5.150
(2) 45,570	07/01/01		On demand	5.150
(3) 20,000	06/30/07	06/30/20	Interest only then P&I	8.250
(4) 1,400,000	12/01/10	12/01/25	Monthly P&I payments	6.000
(5) 43,200	12/01/10	12/01/15	Monthly P&I payments	6.000
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

Security provided by borrower	Purpose of loan
(1) Unsecured	Working capital
(2) Unsecured	Working capital
(3) Unsecured	Working capital
(4) Building	To purchase school building
(5) Building	Loan closing costs
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	

Consideration furnished by lender	Balance due at beginning of year	Balance due at end of year
(1)	325,936	228,194
(2)	49,676	34,779
(3)	20,000	18,279
(4)		1,370,753
(5)		39,438
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Totals	395,612	1,691,443

Forms
990 / 990-PF**Mortgages and Other Notes Payable****2010**

For calendar year 2010, or tax year beginning 07/01/10, and ending 06/30/11

Name Vermont Commons School	Employer Identification Number 04-3371660
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Form 990, Part X, Line 23 - Additional Information

Name of lender	Relationship to disqualified person
(1) Chittenden Bank 1498231	
(2) Chittenden Bank 3400052166	
(3) Karen & Peter Meyer	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	

Original amount borrowed	Date of loan	Maturity date	Repayment terms	Interest rate
(1) 54,985	03/24/08	03/24/12	Monthly prin. & int. pmts	6.875
(2) 495,000	09/23/03	03/23/11	Monthly prin. & int. pmts.	7.500
(3) 30,000	06/30/07	06/30/20	Interest only then P&I	8.250
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

Security provided by borrower	Purpose of loan
(1) Vehicle	Purchase of new vehicle
(2) Substantially all assets	Refinance
(3) Unsecured	Working capital
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	

Consideration furnished by lender	Balance due at beginning of year	Balance due at end of year
(1)	25,919	
(2)	119,389	
(3)	27,500	22,134
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Totals	172,808	22,134