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Form **990**  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)**

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

OMB No 1545-0047  
**2010**  
**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2010 and ending 06-30-2011**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input checked="" 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	<b>C</b> Name of organization EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC  Doing Business As  Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 20 JAY STREET NO 504  City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 BROOKLYN, NY 11201  <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer MORTON A BALLEEN 20 JAY STREET SUITE 504 BROOKLYN, NY 11201	<b>D</b> Employer identification number 26-3282250  <b>E</b> Telephone number (347) 875-7194  <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 2,107,776  <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)  <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> 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		
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ WWW.EXPLORENENETWORK.ORG		
<b>K</b> Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation 2008 <b>M</b> State of legal domicile NY

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO PROVIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING, BOARD GOVERNANCE, FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT, HUMAN RESOURCES AND OTHER MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES TO SCHOOLS  <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>																									
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**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.**

<b>Sign Here</b>	***** Signature of officer	2012-03-05 Date
	MORTON A BALLEEN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Type or print name and title	
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name GUS SALIBA Preparer's signature GUS SALIBA Date 2012-03-01 Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN Firm's EIN ▶ Phone no ▶ (212) 957-3600
	Firm's name ▶ FRUCHTER ROSEN & COMPANY PC Firm's address ▶ 156 WEST 56TH STREET SUITE 1804 NEW YORK, NY 10019	

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

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III  Yes  No

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE ORGANIZATION IS A NEW YORK-BASED, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CHARTER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION ITS MISSION IS TO CREATE AND SUPPORT A NETWORK OF K-8 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN UNDER-SERVED COMMUNITIES THAT PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE ACADEMIC SKILLS AND CRITICAL-THINKING ABILITIES THEY NEED TO SUCCEED IN A COLLEGE-PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL THERE ARE CURRENTLY 700 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE NETWORK'S TWO CHARTER SCHOOLS IN CENTRAL BROOKLYN TO REALIZE ITS MISSION, EXPLORE SCHOOLS PROVIDES VALUE ADDED SUPPORT TO THE SCHOOLS WITHIN THE NETWORK, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME DEVELOPING CAPACITY TO ESTABLISH AND SUPPORT TURNAROUND SCHOOLS THAT WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS IN UNDER-SERVED COMMUNITIES WITH ACCESS TO A HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION

**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 \$ 721,080 including grants of \$ 19,212 ) (Revenue \$ 731,135 )  
 PROVIDED MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES TO EXPLORE CHARTER SCHOOL PER CONTRACT

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 360,540 including grants of \$ 19,212 ) (Revenue \$ 423,790 )  
 PROVIDED MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES TO EXPLORE EMPOWER CHARTER SCHOOL PER CONTRACT

**4c** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 207,505 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
 STARTUP EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH OPENING EXCEL CHARTER SCHOOL AND PLANNING FOR SCHOOL TURN-AROUND STRATEGY AND SCHOOL NETWORK OPERATIONAL AND PROGRAMMATIC MODEL THE SCHOOL OPENED IN AUGUST 2011

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )  
 (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e Total program service expenses** \$ 1,289,125

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instruction)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>3</b> 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		No
<b>4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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		No
<b>5</b> 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		No
<b>6</b> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>7</b> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>9</b> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>11</b> 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		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>b</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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>c</b> 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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>d</b> 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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>f</b> 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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
<b>b</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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
<b>b</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		No
<b>15</b> 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 U S? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		No
<b>16</b> 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 U S? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		No
<b>17</b> 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)		No
<b>18</b> 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	Yes	
<b>19</b> 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		No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? <b>Note.</b> Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** *(continued)*

<b>21</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> . . . . . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>21</b>	Yes	
<b>22</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> . . . . . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>22</b>		No
<b>23</b>	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> . . . . . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>23</b>	Yes	
<b>24a</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i> . . . . .	<b>24a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .	<b>24b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	<b>24c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .	<b>24d</b>		
<b>25a</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>25a</b>		No
<b>b</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>25b</b>		No
<b>26</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> . . . . .	<b>26</b>		No
<b>27</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> . . . . .	<b>27</b>		No
<b>28</b>	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)			
<b>a</b>	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28b</b>		No
<b>c</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28c</b>		No
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	<b>29</b>		No
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .	<b>30</b>		No
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>31</b>		No
<b>32</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> . . . . .	<b>32</b>		No
<b>33</b>	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>33</b>		No
<b>34</b>	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i> . . . . .	<b>34</b>		No
<b>35</b>	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .	<b>35</b>		No
<b>a</b>	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .	<b>36</b>		No
<b>37</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	<b>37</b>		No
<b>38</b>	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	<b>38</b>	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question ID, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 1a-1b, 2a-2b, 3a-3b, 4a-4b, 5a-5c, 6a-6b, 7a-7h, 8, 9a-9b, 10a-10b, 11a-11b, 12a-12b, 13a-13c, and 14a-14b.

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 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
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . . . .		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . .		
<b>2</b>	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? . . . . .		No
<b>3</b>	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? . . . . .		No
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .		No
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .		No
<b>6</b>	Does the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .		No
<b>7a</b>	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? . . . . .		No
<b>7b</b>	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? . . . . .		No
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
<b>8a</b>	The governing body? . . . . .	Yes	
<b>8b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	Yes	
<b>9</b>	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 . . . . .		No

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

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b>	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . .		No
<b>10b</b>	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? . . . . .		
<b>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . .	Yes	
<b>11b</b>	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990 . . . . .		
<b>12a</b>	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 . . . . .	Yes	
<b>12b</b>	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .	Yes	
<b>12c</b>	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done . . . . .	Yes	
<b>13</b>	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	Yes	
<b>14</b>	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	Yes	
<b>15</b>	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?		
<b>15a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . .	Yes	
<b>15b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . . If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)		No
<b>16a</b>	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . .		No
<b>16b</b>	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**

<b>17</b>	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NY
<b>18</b>	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request
<b>19</b>	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. See Additional Data Table.
<b>20</b>	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IAN NEWTON 20 JAY STREET SUITE 504 BROOKLYN, NY 11201 (347) 300-5305

**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, and **current** key employees 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 organization 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) MORTON A BALEN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	50 00	X		X			181,245	0	34,563	
(2) JULIE ANN QUAY TRUSTEE	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(3) TUCKER REED TRUSTEE	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(4) ANNIE SORICH TRUSTEE	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(5) DEBORAH MCGRUFF TRUSTEE	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(6) THEODORE GILLMAN TRUSTEE	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(7) RUBEN ARIAS TRUSTEE	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(8) BRIAN COAD TRUSTEE	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(9) CATHERINE BARUFALDI MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TALENT	50 00			X			143,518	0	31,607	
(10) KINNARI PATEL MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS	50 00			X			76,352	0	0	
(11) ELIZABETH PAWLSON MANAGING DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY	50 00			X			63,988	0	0	
(12) IAN NEWTON MANAGING DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS	50 00			X			43,789	0	0	



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
		Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . . <b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . . <b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . . <b>1c</b>	35,013				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . . <b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) . . . . . <b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . . . . . <b>1f</b>	911,438				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▼	946,451				
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> _____ Business Code				
MANAGEMENT FEE . . . . . 541610		1,154,925	1,154,925			
<b>b</b> _____						
<b>c</b> _____						
<b>d</b> _____						
<b>e</b> _____						
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue						
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . ▼	1,154,925					
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▼					
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . . ▼					
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . . ▼					
	<b>6a</b> Gross Rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less rental expenses				
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)				
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▼					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
		<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)				
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▼					
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 35,013 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . <b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>		5,100				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . . ▼		4,051				
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . . <b>a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . . ▼						
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . <b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . . <b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . . ▼					
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	Business Code					
	<b>11a</b> OTHER REVENUE . . . . . 900099	1,300			1,300	
	<b>b</b> _____					
	<b>c</b> _____					
	<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .					
	<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ▼	1,300				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . . ▼	2,103,725	1,154,925	0	2,349		

**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
<b>1</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21	38,424	38,424		
<b>2</b>	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b>	Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b>	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	747,794	541,916	180,025	25,853
<b>6</b>	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b>	Other salaries and wages	559,530	397,633	58,725	103,172
<b>8</b>	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	5,025	3,641	1,210	174
<b>9</b>	Other employee benefits . . . . .	46,634	33,796	11,227	1,611
<b>10</b>	Payroll taxes . . . . .	93,125	67,486	22,419	3,220
<b>a</b>	Fees for services (non-employees)				
	Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b>	Legal . . . . .				
<b>c</b>	Accounting . . . . .	38,372		38,372	
<b>d</b>	Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b>	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .				
<b>f</b>	Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b>	Other . . . . .	95,363	83,750	11,008	605
<b>12</b>	Advertising and promotion . . . . .				
<b>13</b>	Office expenses . . . . .	25,134	8,536	16,191	407
<b>14</b>	Information technology . . . . .	19,101	16,815	2,286	
<b>15</b>	Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b>	Occupancy . . . . .	53,583	38,831	12,899	1,853
<b>17</b>	Travel . . . . .				
<b>18</b>	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b>	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	34,186	25,221	7,839	1,126
<b>20</b>	Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b>	Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b>	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	9,151		9,151	
<b>23</b>	Insurance . . . . .	13,581		13,581	
<b>24</b>	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 )				
<b>a</b>	RECRUITMENT	32,339	25,525	6,814	
<b>b</b>	MISCELLANEOUS	9,241	7,551	1,588	102
<b>c</b>	FUNDRAISING	1,448			1,448
<b>d</b>					
<b>e</b>					
<b>f</b>	All other expenses				
<b>25</b>	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24f	1,822,031	1,289,125	393,335	139,571
<b>26</b>	<b>Joint costs.</b> 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)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	501,544	<b>1</b>	983,672
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	150,000	<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> 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) Schedule L . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	12,184	<b>9</b>	34,576
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	40,984		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	13,556	15,817	<b>10c</b> 27,428
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0	<b>15</b>	218,717
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	679,545	<b>16</b>	1,264,393	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	141,940	<b>17</b>	304,431
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .	9,212	<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	50,000	<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	200,000
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .	125	<b>25</b>	0
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	201,277	<b>26</b>	504,431
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	167,101	<b>27</b>	235,587
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	311,167	<b>28</b>	524,375
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	478,268	<b>33</b>	759,962	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	679,545	<b>34</b>	1,264,393	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	2,103,725
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	1,822,031
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	281,694
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	478,268
<b>5</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>5</b>	0
<b>6</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>6</b>	759,962

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
<b>b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
<b>c</b>	If "Yes," to 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	Yes	
<b>d</b>	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separated basis		
<b>3a</b>	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?		No
<b>b</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		

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2010**

**Open to Public Inspection**

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.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

Employer identification number

26-3282250

**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 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?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
<b>11g(i)</b>		
<b>11g(ii)</b>		
<b>11g(iii)</b>		

(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 U S ?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
<b>Total</b>									

**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
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")			235,000	628,523	946,451	1,809,974
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3			235,000	628,523	946,451	1,809,974
<b>5</b> 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)						
<b>6 Public Support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						1,809,974

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4			235,000	628,523	946,451	1,809,974
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)				6,000	1,300	7,300
<b>11 Total support</b> (Add lines 7 through 10)						1,817,274

<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)	<b>12</b>	
<b>13 First Five Years</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public Support Percentage for 2010 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> Public Support Percentage for 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2010.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2009.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>18 Private Foundation</b> 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
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> 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						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</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						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public Support</b> (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
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
<b>14 First Five Years</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> 						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public Support Percentage for 2010 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2010</b> (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2009</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	
<b>19a 33 1/3% support tests—2010.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
<b>b 33 1/3% support tests—2009.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
<b>20 Private Foundation</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions 		

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** 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).

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<b>Facts And Circumstances Test</b>
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**Schedule B**  
(Form 990, 990-EZ,  
or 990-PF)

**Schedule of Contributors**

OMB No 1545-0047

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

**2010**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Name of organization**  
EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

**Employer identification number**  
26-3282250

**Organization type** (check one)

**Filers of:**

**Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule—**

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

**Special Rules**

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ, that met the 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year. . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution.** An Organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**Name of organization**  
 EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

**Employer identification number**

26-3282250

**Part I** Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
—	See Additional Data Table _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution )
—	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution )
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**Name of organization**  
EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

**Employer identification number**

26-3282250

**Part II** Noncash Property (see Instructions)

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
—	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
—	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
—	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
—	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
—	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
—	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

<b>Name of organization</b> EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC	<b>Employer identification number</b> 26-3282250
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**Part III** **Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations aggregating more than \$1,000 for the year.** (Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry.)  
For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
—	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____ _____		_____ _____ _____	
—	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____ _____		_____ _____ _____	
—	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____ _____		_____ _____ _____	
—	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____ _____		_____ _____ _____	

**Additional Data**

**Software ID:**  
**Software Version:**  
**EIN:** 26-3282250  
**Name:** EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

**Form 990 Schedule B, Part 1 - Contributors (see instructions)**

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	<u>ROBIN HOOD FOUNDATION</u> <u>826 BROADWAY</u>  <u>NEW YORK, NY 10003</u>  	\$ <u>235,000</u>	<b>Person</b> <b>Payroll</b> <b>Noncash</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>  (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
2	<u>TIGER FOUNDATION</u> <u>101 PARK AVENUE</u>  <u>NEW YORK, NY 10178</u>  	\$ <u>200,000</u>	<b>Person</b> <b>Payroll</b> <b>Noncash</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>  (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
3	<u>NEW SCHOOLS VENTURE FUND</u> <u>49 STEVENSON STREET SUITE 575</u>  <u>SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105</u>  	\$ <u>150,000</u>	<b>Person</b> <b>Payroll</b> <b>Noncash</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>  (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
4	<u>CHARTER SCHOOL GROWTH FUND</u> <u>350 INTERLOCKEN BOULEVARD SUITE 390</u>  <u>BROOMFIELD, CO 80021</u>  	\$ <u>50,000</u>	<b>Person</b> <b>Payroll</b> <b>Noncash</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>  (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
5	<u>BUCK FOUNDATION</u> <u>157 EAST 86TH STREET 5TH FLOOR</u>  <u>NEW YORK, NY 10028</u>  	\$ <u>50,000</u>	<b>Person</b> <b>Payroll</b> <b>Noncash</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>  (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
6	<u>THE ACHELIS AND BODMAN FOUNDATIONS</u> <u>767 THIRD AVENUE 4TH FLOOR</u>  <u>NEW YORK, NY 10017</u>  	\$ <u>50,000</u>	<b>Person</b> <b>Payroll</b> <b>Noncash</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>  (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
7	<u>NEW YORK CITY CHARTER CENTER</u> <u>111 BROADWAY SUITE 604</u>  <u>NEW YORK, NY 10006</u>  	\$ <u>85,000</u>	<b>Person</b> <b>Payroll</b> <b>Noncash</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>  (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
8	<u>TIMOTHY AND MICHELLE BARAKETT</u> <u>767 5TH AVENUE SUITE 410</u>  <u>NEW YORK, NY 10153</u>  	\$ <u>25,000</u>	<b>Person</b> <b>Payroll</b> <b>Noncash</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>  (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)

Form 990 Schedule B, Part 1 - Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
9	JAMAKEPE FOUNDATION 767 5TH AVENUE SUITE 410 NEW YORK, NY 10153	\$ 10,000	Person Payroll Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
10	THEODORE J GILLMAN 61 HERMIT LANE WESTPORT, CT 06880	\$ 10,000	Person Payroll Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
11	BROWN JOHNSON C/O TFC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT 30 FED BOSTON, MA 02110	\$ 6,000	Person Payroll Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
12	FREDMAN FOUNDATION C/O FIR TREE PARTNERS 7301 SW 57TH MIAMI, FL 33143	\$ 15,000	Person Payroll Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
13	RUBEN ARIAS 75 ACORN DRIVE SUMMIT, NJ 07901	\$ 10,000	Person Payroll Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
14	CHAD BRIAN COAD 1374 ROWE ROAD NISKAYUNA, NY 12309	\$ 10,000	Person Payroll Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2010

Open to Public Inspection

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 EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

Employer identification number 26-3282250

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 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), Aggregate value at end of year.

- 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

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

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply): Preservation of land for public use, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically important land area, Preservation of a certified historic structure.

2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

- a Total number of conservation easements
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d.

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

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.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$

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

3 Using the organization's 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

Table with 2 columns: Description (1c-1f) and Amount

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 the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current Year, (b) Prior Year, (c) Two Years Back, (d) Three Years Back, (e) Four Years Back. Rows 1a-1g.

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment, b Permanent endowment, c Term endowment

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

Table with 3 columns: Description (3a(i), 3a(ii), 3b), Yes, No

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

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

Table with 5 columns: Description of investment, (a) Cost or other basis (investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows 1a-1e and Total.

**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		
Other		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should 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
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should 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) DUE FROM AFFILIATES	218,717
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	218,717

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

1	(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
	Federal Income Taxes	
	<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25 )	

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 Financial Statements**

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	2,103,725
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	1,822,031
<b>3</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	281,694
<b>4</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Investment expenses	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	<b>10</b>	281,694

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	2,147,385
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	39,609
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	39,609
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	2,107,776
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line <b>1</b> :		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	-4,051
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	-4,051
<b>5</b>	Total Revenue Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	2,103,725

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

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	1,865,691
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	39,609
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	4,051
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	43,660
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	1,822,031
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line <b>1</b> :		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total expenses Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	1,822,031

**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, 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.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X	ESI'S ACCOUNTING POLICY PROVIDES THAT A TAX EXPENSE OR BENEFIT FROM AN UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION MAY BE RECOGNIZED WHEN IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THE POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION, INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS OF ANY RELATED APPEALS OR LITIGATION PROCESSES, BASED ON THE TECHNICAL MERITS. ESI HAS NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS RESULTING IN AN ACCRUAL OF TAX EXPENSE OR BENEFIT.
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		EXPENSES FOR FUNDRAISING EVENT
PART XIII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		EXPENSES FOR FUNDRAISING EVENT

SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

Employer identification number 26-3282250

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations, b Internet and e-mail solicitations, c Phone solicitations, d In-person solicitations, e Solicitation of non-government grants, f Solicitation of government grants, g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser), (ii) Activity, (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions? (Yes/No), (iv) Gross receipts from activity, (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i), (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization. Includes a Total row at the bottom.

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		<u>MAY GALA</u>	_____	_____	(Add col (a) through col (c))
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Gross receipts . . . . .	40,113			40,113
	<b>2</b> Less Charitable contributions . . . . .	35,013			35,013
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	5,100			5,100
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Non-cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .	2,700			2,700
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .				
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .	1,351			1,351
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				4,051
<b>11</b> Net income summary Combine lines 3 and 10 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				1,049	

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming
					(Add col (a) through col (c))
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Gross revenue . . . . .				
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	<b>2</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Non-cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .				
	<b>6</b> Volunteer labor . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes      % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes      % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes      % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>7</b> Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶					
<b>8</b> Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) . . . . . ▶					

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? . . . . .  Yes  No

**b** If "No," Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**10a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? . . . . .  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," Explain \_\_\_\_\_

- 11** Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? . . . . .  Yes  No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? . . . . .  Yes  No

**13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

<b>a</b> The organization's facility . . . . .	<b>13a</b>
<b>b</b> An outside facility . . . . .	<b>13b</b>

**14** Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

**15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? . . . . .  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**c** If "Yes," enter name and address

Name ▶

Address ▶

**16** Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

- Director/officer                       Employee                       Independent contractor

**17** Mandatory distributions

**a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? . . . . .  Yes  No

**b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$

**Part IV** Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to question on Schedule G (see instructions.)

Identifier	ReturnReference	Explanation
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Schedule I (Form 990) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22. Attach to Form 990

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? [X] Yes [ ] No
2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed. [ ]

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC Code section if applicable, (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other), (g) Description of non-cash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance. Contains two rows of data for EXPLORE CHARTER SCHOOL and EMPOWER CHARTER SCHOOL.

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations 2
3 Enter total number of other organizations 2

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.

Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING GRANTS IN THE U S	PART I, LINE 2	SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2 THE AMOUNTS REMITTED AS GRANTS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 WERE TO EXPLORE CHARTER SCHOOL AND EXPLORE EMPOWER CHARTER SCHOOL THESE AMOUNTS WERE RAISED AS PART OF A FUNDRAISING EVENT AND PASSED ON TO THE SCHOOLS TO BE USED IN THEIR GENERAL OPERATIONS THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC MONITORING OF THE FUND USAGE REQUIRED

**Schedule J**  
**(Form 990)**

**Compensation Information**

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**For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.**

**▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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**Employer identification number**

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

Yes No

- 1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel            | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account           | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

**b** If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

**4** During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

**a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment from the organization or a related organization?

**b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

**c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

**Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.**

**5** For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

**a** The organization?

**b** Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

**6** For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

**a** The organization?

**b** Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

**7** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**8** Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>4a</b>		No
<b>4b</b>		No
<b>4c</b>		No
<b>5a</b>		No
<b>5b</b>		No
<b>6a</b>		No
<b>6b</b>		No
<b>7</b>		No
<b>8</b>		No
<b>9</b>		

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) MORTON A BALLEN	(i) (ii)	156,245 0	25,000 0	0 0	25,094 0	9,469 0	215,808 0	0 0
(2) CATHERINE BARUFALDI	(i) (ii)	123,518 0	20,000 0	0 0	22,479 0	9,128 0	175,125 0	0 0
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**Part III Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11		SENIOR MANGEMENT REVIEWS THE FORM 990 AND THEN FORWARDS IT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW IF CHANGES ARE REQUIRED, THE ORGANIZATION WILL THEN FORWARD TO THE AUDITING FIRM AND A FINAL VERSION OF THE FORM 990 IS THEN DISTRIBUTED TO ALL THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	PRIOR TO ELECTION TO THE BOARD, AND THEREAFTER ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, ALL TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES (IF APPLICABLE) ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE, IN WRITING, TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE, ANY INTEREST SUCH TRUSTEE MAY HAVE IN ANY CORPORATION, ORGANIZATION, PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER ENTITY WHICH PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR A FEE OR OTHER COMPENSATION, AND ANY INTEREST SUCH TRUSTEE MAY HAVE AS A RESULT OF A POSITION OR OTHER RELATIONSHIP WITH ANY NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION WITH WHICH THE ORGANIZATION HAS AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT OR OTHER RELATIONSHIP (COLLECTIVELY, A "CONFLICT OF INTEREST")

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE DOES A MARKET ANALYSIS TO COMPARE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITION SALARIES IN SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS AND IS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE APPROVAL FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE ORGANIZATION THE SAME PROCESS IS FOLLOWED TO DETERMINE KEY EMPLOYEE SALARIES WHEN APPLICABLE

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

<b>Identifier</b>	<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	PART XII, FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND REPORTING, LINE 2C	THE ORGANIZATION HAS A FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT AND SELECTION OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Form 4562

Depreciation and Amortization (Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

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Attachment Sequence No 67

See separate instructions. Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return EXPLORE SCHOOLS INC

Business or activity to which this form relates FORM 990 PAGE 10

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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.

Table with 5 rows for Section 179 election details, including maximum amount, total cost, and dollar limitation.

Table with 13 rows for property details, including description, cost, and elected cost.

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)

Table with 3 rows for special depreciation allowance and other depreciation.

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

Section A

Table with 2 rows for MACRS deductions for assets placed in service before 2010.

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

Table with 7 columns (a-g) for general depreciation system assets, including classification, month placed in service, basis, recovery period, convention, method, and deduction.

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

Table with 3 rows for alternative depreciation system assets, including class life, recovery period, and method.

Part IV Summary (see instructions)

Table with 3 rows for summary of depreciation, including listed property, total, and section 263A costs.

**Part V Listed Property** (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

**Note:** For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

**Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)**

**24a** Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed?  Yes  No **24b** If "Yes," is the evidence written?  Yes  No

Table with 9 columns: (a) Type of property, (b) Date placed in service, (c) Business/investment use percentage, (d) Cost or other basis, (e) Basis for depreciation, (f) Recovery period, (g) Method/Convention, (h) Depreciation/deduction, (i) Elected section 179 cost.

**25** Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions) **25**

**26** Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use. Table with 9 columns for percentage.

**27** Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use. Table with 9 columns for percentage and S/L.

**28** Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1 **28**

**29** Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1 **29**

**Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles**

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

Table for Section B with 6 main columns (a-f) for Vehicle 1-6. Rows include 30-33 (miles driven) and 34-36 (availability and use).

**Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees**

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions).

Table for Section C with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows include 37-41 (policy statements and requirements).

**Note:** If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.

**Part VI Amortization**

Table for Section VI with 6 columns: (a) Description of costs, (b) Date amortization begins, (c) Amortizable amount, (d) Code section, (e) Amortization period or percentage, (f) Amortization for this year.

**42** Amortization of costs that begins during your 2010 tax year (see instructions)

**43** Amortization of costs that began before your 2010 tax year **43**

**44 Total.** Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report **44**