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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 private foundations)

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OMB No 1545-0047

2013

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2013, 2013, and ending 06-30-2014

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

THE HIGHLANDER CHARTER SCHOOL

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

42 LEXINGTON AVENUE

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

PROVIDENCE, RI 02907

D Employer identification number

05-0517389

E Telephone number

(401) 831-7323

G Gross receipts \$ 6,404,245

F Name and address of principal officer

ROSE MARY GRANT

42 LEXINGTON AVENUE

PROVIDENCE, RI 02907

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

☐ Yes☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: WWW.HIGHLANDERCHARTER.ORG

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation☐ Trust☐ Association☐ Other

L Year of formation 2002

M State of legal domicile RI

Part I Summary																																											
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities OPERATION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL IN RHODE ISLAND																																										
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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

Sign Here

Signature of officer

2015-03-23

Date

ROSE MARY GRANT CEO/PRINCIPAL

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

DEBORAH A HOPKINS

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN P00167843

Firm's name

KAHN LITWIN RENZA & CO LTD

Firm's EIN

05-0409384

Firm's address

951 NORTH MAIN STREET

PROVIDENCE, RI 02904

Phone no

(401) 274-2001

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes☐ No

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

USING INNOVATIVE EDUCATION PRACTICES AS A CATALYST FOR SOCIAL CHANGE, HIGHLANDER CHARTER SCHOOL ENSURES THAT ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AND SUPPORT NECESSARY TO MEET THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

2

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

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?

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ 5,348,583 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 5,944,460)

OPERATED A STATE CHARTER SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS FROM PRE-KINDERGARTEN TO THE NINTH GRADE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR WAS 352

4b

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

4c

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

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

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

4e

Total program service expenses

5,348,583

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> 	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4	No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> 	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> 	11a Yes	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> 	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> 	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> 	11d Yes	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	11e	No
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> 	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> 	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> 	13 Yes	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)</i>	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or 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>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	Yes	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		No
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		No
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		No
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
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>	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If so, complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	Yes	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	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>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, 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>	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

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

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	12	
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O			
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	10	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	No
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	No

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed▶RI
18	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 made these available. Check all that apply. ☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization MERIN BROUILLETTE 65 ATLANTIC AVENUE PROVIDENCE, RI 02907 (401) 831-7323

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

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

- 1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year
- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "

List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or 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 (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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) JOHN KELLY BOARD CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) JOHN LOMBARDO TREASURER	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) RON CANIGLIA DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(4) LINDA COHEN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(5) RICHARD DICKSON DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) RACHEL ELLIOTT RODERICK DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) JAMES GANNAWAY DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) SAMUEL HAVENS DIRECTOR (AS OF 6/14)	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) ERIC MACK DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) JULIE MAHONEY DIRECTOR (AS OF 6/14)	1 00	X						0	0	0
(11) RO MEDE DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(12) FRAN MURPHY DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(13) ROSE MARY GRANT SECRETARY/CEO/PRINCIPAL	35 00 6 00			X				125,689	0	37,707
(14) FRANK PICCIOTTI CFO	35 00 10 00			X				88,123	0	4,406

Part VII

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							213,812	0	42,113	

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

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

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

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	444,187			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		444,187			
Program Service Revenue	2a	TUITION AND GRANTS	Business Code 611600	5,618,284	5,618,284		
	b	MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	611600	299,626	299,626		
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		5,917,910			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	579			579
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5		Royalties					
6a		Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		b	Less rental expenses				
		c	Rental income or (loss)				
		d	Net rental income or (loss)				
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		c	Gain or (loss)				
		d	Net gain or (loss)				
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
		b	Less direct expenses	b			
		c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
		b	Less direct expenses	b			
		c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities				
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
		b	Less cost of goods sold	b			
		c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory				
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a	MISCELLANEOUS	900099	41,569	26,550		15,019	
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		41,569				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		6,404,245	5,944,460	0	15,598	

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).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21.				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22.				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4	Benefits paid to or for members.				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	239,316	179,487	59,829	
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7	Other salaries and wages.	3,029,169	2,830,208	161,285	37,676
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	277,006	268,361	8,645	
9	Other employee benefits.	422,006	401,454	13,510	7,042
10	Payroll taxes.	279,083	256,564	19,225	3,294
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.				
b	Legal.	11,250	9,205	2,045	
c	Accounting.	39,000		39,000	
d	Lobbying.				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f	Investment management fees.				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	374,954	365,824	9,130	
12	Advertising and promotion.	4,291	1,371	2,920	
13	Office expenses.	158,740	143,998	8,300	6,442
14	Information technology.	52,258	44,495	7,763	
15	Royalties.				
16	Occupancy.	285,723	274,029	11,694	
17	Travel.	9,844	9,552	292	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.				
20	Interest.	57,423	55,126	2,297	
21	Payments to affiliates.				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	300,447	288,430	12,017	
23	Insurance.	30,953	29,918	1,035	
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O):				
a	BUS RENTALS AND FIELD T	146,935	146,935		
b	MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEE	54,152	8,084	41,523	4,545
c	CURRICULUM	25,745	25,745		
d	SUBSCRIPTIONS AND BOOKS	8,936	8,841	95	
e	All other expenses	956	956		
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	5,808,187	5,348,583	400,605	58,999
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X

Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing				1	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			9,344	2	309,747
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			297,036	3	196,086
	4	Accounts receivable, net			7,321	4	17,160
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Loans and other 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) Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			14,206	9	11,281
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	8,013,343	6,323,080	10c	6,312,706
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	1,700,637			
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11				12	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11			527,283	15	807,252
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			7,178,270	16	7,654,232	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			379,672	17	561,433
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			206,951	19	94
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			3,815,000	20	3,720,000
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21	
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D				25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			4,401,623	26	4,281,527
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			2,776,647	27	3,197,235
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets				28	175,470
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			2,776,647	33	3,372,705
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			7,178,270	34	7,654,232

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	6,404,245
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	5,808,187
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	596,058
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,776,647
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	3,372,705

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☒ Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
2c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	Yes	
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	Yes	

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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.**
▶ **Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at**
www.irs.gov/form990.

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Inspection

Name of the organization THE HIGHLANDER CHARTER SCHOOL	Employer identification number 05-0517389
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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 - Non-functionally integrated
e	☐	By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
f	☐	If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
g	☐	Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons? (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
h	☐	Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

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

(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 monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage			
14	Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15	Public support percentage for 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a	33 1/3% support test—2013. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		▶
b	33 1/3% support test—2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		▶
17a	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		▶
b	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		▶
18	Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		▶

Part IIISupport 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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
15 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2013. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶		

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** 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).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation	
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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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.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors 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? ☐ Yes☐ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can 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? ☐ Yes☐ No	

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 (e g , recreation or education)☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2

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

	Held at the End of the 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, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax 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?

☐ Yes☐ No

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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes☐ No

9

In Part XIII, 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 (ASC 958), 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

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

- 3

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

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other
- 4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII
- 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 XIII and complete the following table
- c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	
- 2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☐ No
- b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

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

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a

Board designated or quasi-endowment
- b

Permanent endowment
- c

Temporarily restricted endowment

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%
- 3a

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

(i) unrelated organizations

3a(i)

Yes

No

(ii) related organizations

3a(ii)

Yes

No

b

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

3b

Yes

No

4

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings		6,975,162	1,131,612	5,843,550
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		902,968	534,397	368,571
e Other		135,213	34,628	100,585
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				6,312,706

Schedule D (Form 990) 2013

Part XI

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	6,404,245
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	6,404,245
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	6,404,245

Part XII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	5,808,187
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	5,808,187
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	5,808,187

Part XIII

Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE SCHOOL IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXES AS A PUBLIC CHARITY UNDER SECTION 501 (C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. MANAGEMENT BELIEVES THAT THE SCHOOL OPERATES IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THEIR TAX-EXEMPT STATUS AT BOTH THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS. THE SCHOOL ANNUALLY FILES IRS FORM 990 - RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX, REPORTING VARIOUS INFORMATION THAT THE IRS USES TO MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES OF TAX EXEMPT ENTITIES. THESE TAX RETURNS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE TAXING AUTHORITIES, GENERALLY FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THEY WERE FILED. THE FEDERAL INFORMATIONAL RETURNS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011, 2012 AND 2013 REMAIN OPEN TO EXAMINATION BY THE IRS. THE SCHOOL CURRENTLY HAS NO TAX EXAMINATIONS IN PROGRESS.

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SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schools

►Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.
► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
► Information about Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I		YES	NO
1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	1	Yes	
	2	Yes	
	3	Yes	
	4a	Yes	
	4b	Yes	
2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	4c	Yes	
	4d	Yes	
	5a		No
	5b		No
	5c		No
	5d		No
	5e		No
	5f		No
	5g		No
	5h		No
3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe If "No," please explain If you need more space use Part II	6a	Yes	
	6b		No
	7	Yes	

Part III Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, lines 3, 4d, 5h, 6b, and 7, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any other additional information (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE E, PART I, LINE 3	THE ORGANIZATION'S POLICY IS PUBLICIZED THROUGH LOCAL NEWSPAPERS
SCHEDULE E, PART I, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION RECEIVES BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS RELATED TO EDUCATION OF STUDENTS

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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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. ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ 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 of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. ☐ Compensation committee ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☐ Written employment contract ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ 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?	4a	No
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	No
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c	No
	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?	5a	No
b	Any related organization?	5b	No
	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?	6a	No
b	Any related organization?	6b	No
	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.	7	No
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 Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	8	No
9	If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

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) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(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 as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) ROSE MARY GRANT	(i)	125,689	0	0	13,892	23,815	163,396	0
SECRETARY/CEO/PRINCIPAL	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule K
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information on Tax Exempt Bonds

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.
▶ Information about Schedule K (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Bond Issues

(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pool financing	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
A RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORP	52-1300173	762195CX1	09-17-2007	7,000,000	RENOVATE BUILDING		X		X		X

Part II Proceeds

		A	B	C	D		
1	Amount of bonds retired						
2	Amount of bonds legally defeased						
3	Total proceeds of issue	7,000,000					
4	Gross proceeds in reserve funds						
5	Capitalized interest from proceeds						
6	Proceeds in refunding escrows						
7	Issuance costs from proceeds						
8	Credit enhancement from proceeds						
9	Working capital expenditures from proceeds	7,000,000					
10	Capital expenditures from proceeds						
11	Other spent proceeds						
12	Other unspent proceeds						
13	Year of substantial completion	2007					
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
14	Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?		X				
15	Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?		X				
16	Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X					
17	Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	X					

Part III Private Business Use

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?		X						
2 Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						

Part III

Private Business Use (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
3a	Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
b	If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?								
c	Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
d	If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?								
4	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government	0 %							
5	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government	0 %							
6	Total of lines 4 and 5	0 %							
7	Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test?	X							
8a	Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued?		X						
b	If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of								
c	If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?								
9	Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?	X							

Part IV

Arbitrage

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T?		X						
2	If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a	Rebate not due yet?		X						
b	Exception to rebate?		X						
c	No rebate due?		X						
If you checked "No rebate due" in line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed									
3	Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?	X							
4a	Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?		X						
b	Name of provider								
c	Term of hedge								
d	Was the hedge superintegrated?								
e	Was the hedge terminated?								

Part IV

Arbitrage (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
5a	Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?		X						
b	Name of provider								
c	Term of GIC								
d	Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?								
6	Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?		X						
7	Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148?		X						

Part V

Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
	Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that violations of federal tax requirements are timely identified and corrected through the voluntary closing agreement program if self-remediation is not available under applicable regulations?		X						

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K (see instructions).

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Transactions with Interested Persons
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.
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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

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

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$

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

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?	(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No		Yes	No
Total ▶ \$											

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) RON CANIGLIA	DIRECTOR	23,653	RON CANIGLIA IS THE OWNER OF STAND CORPORATION THE ORGANIZATION PAID STAND CORPORATION \$23,653 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR		No
(2) JOHN KELLY	BOARD CHAIR	23,225	JOHN KELLY IS THE PRESIDENT & CEO OF THE MEETING STREET THE ORGANIZATION PAID THE MEETING STREET \$23,225 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR		No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPLETE AN ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT THE DISCLOSURES ARE REVIEWED ANNUALLY BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DISCLOSURES ARE PUBLICLY MADE TO THE FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND BOARD MEMBERS AT ANY TIME MAY RAISE THE ISSUE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BOARD MEMBERS WITH A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CANNOT VOTE ON ANY TRANSACTION ARRANGEMENT THAT RESULTS IN SUCH CONFLICT OF INTEREST ANNUALLY, EACH BOARD MEMBER MUST SIGN AN AFFIRMATION ATTESTING TO THE FACT THAT THE BOARD MEMBER HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE POLICY, HAS AGREED TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE CORPORATION IS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AND MUST ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES WHICH ACCOMPLISH ONE OR MORE OF ITS TAX-EXEMPT PURPOSES
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FUNCTIONS AS A COMPENSATION COMMITTEE IN DETERMINING COMPENSATION FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER THE COMMITTEE MEETS WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IN MAKING ITS DECISIONS, IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE COMPENSATION PAID TO SIMILAR EXECUTIVES AT COMPARABLE NON-PROFITS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THE NEW ENGLAND AREA THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ORGANIZATION DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD AND CONSIDERS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REVIEWS ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES FOR COMPENSATION IN MAKING HER DECISIONS, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CONSIDERS THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE AND THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DEPARTMENT DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD AND CONSIDERS THE EMPLOYEE'S SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING THE ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND POLICIES ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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THE HIGHLANDER CHARTER SCHOOL

Employer identification number
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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.
▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Part I

Identification of Disregarded Entities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II

Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) THE HIGHLANDER INSTITUTE 65 ATLANTIC AVENUE PROVIDENCE, RI 02907 22-3115046	IMPROVING THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE OF ALL LEARNERS	RI	501(C)(3)	LINE 9			No
(2) HCS REALTY INC 42 LEXINGTON AVENUE PROVIDENCE, RI 02907 27-4496533	HOLDING TITLE TO PROPERTY FOR THE HIGHLANDER CHARTER SCHOOL	RI	APPLICATION PENDING				No

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V

Transactions With Related Organizations

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

1During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

aReceipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity

bGift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

cGift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

dLoans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

eLoans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

fDividends from related organization(s)

gSale of assets to related organization(s)

hPurchase of assets from related organization(s)

iExchange of assets with related organization(s)

jLease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

kLease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

lPerformance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

mPerformance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

nSharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

oSharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

pReimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

qReimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

rOther transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

sOther transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

Yes

No

No

No

No

Yes

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

Yes

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

2If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved

Schedule R (Form 990) 2013

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII

Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
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Form **4562**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

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

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Attachment
Sequence No **179**

Name(s) shown on return
THE HIGHLANDER CHARTER SCHOOL

Business or activity to which this form relates
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Identifying number

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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.

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	500,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	2,000,000
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost	
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7		
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8		
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9		
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2012 Form 4562	10		
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11		
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12		
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2014 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13		

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

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

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

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

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2013	17	258,624
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2013 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property		219,883	5 0	MM	S/L	34,488
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property		1,677	10 0	MM	S/L	140
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property		7,375	20 0	MM	S/L	246
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
	2013-12	55,000	39 0	MM	S/L	812

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2013 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

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

Part IV Summary (see instructions.)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	294,310
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

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		
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation/ deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25Special 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								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
		%				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

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal(noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal 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)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)		
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

(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 2013 tax year (see instructions)					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2013 tax year				43	6,137
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report				44	6,137