

**Gateway Science Academy Board of Directors Meeting
February 7, 2024, at 4:00 pm**

**6025 Chippewa Street, Ste#206
St. Louis, MO 63109**

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AGENDA

Call to Order Dr. Bagwell

Roll Call Dr. Bagwell

Mission Statement Dr. Bagwell

Approval of the Agenda Dr. Bagwell

Public Input Session Dr. Bagwell

(Please note, the GSA Board public participation policy allows each speaker no more than three minutes, and each topic is limited to no more than 20 minutes except with the concurrence of the majority of the Board. Individuals who do not have an opportunity to speak during the allotted time will be given the first opportunity at the next regularly scheduled meeting, and they can also submit their comments via email to gsaboard@gsastl.org)

Announcements/Acknowledgements

Sponsor Portfolio Meeting at KC Mr. Blackstone
Concept CEO Visits GSA Mr. Blackstone & Mr. Duman

Consent Agenda Dr. Bagwell

*Approval of December 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes Dr. Bagwell
Approval of December 2023 Financials Mr. Damar
Approval Personnel Report Mr. Blackstone*

Items for Action

*Approval of 24.25 Academic Calendar Mr. Blackstone
Approval of Charter Renewal Mr. Blackstone*

Student Achievement and Activities

Superintendent's Report Mr. Blackstone

School Dashboard and Academic Updates Mr. Blackstone

Board Related:

Board Training – Book Study Mr. Durhan
Personal Financial Disclosure Dr. Bagwell
Board Acknowledgement of Closure Assurance Mr. Blackstone
Concept Schools Board Retreat Mr. Blackstone

Other Business:

Facility Update – Renovation Project

Adjourn the Meeting Dr. Bagwell

Items in italics are action items.

MISSION

The mission of the Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis is to provide quality education with an emphasis on science, mathematics, and technology while balancing all core subjects. We strive to create an atmosphere that provides students, parents, and teachers opportunities for continuous growth, enabling them to reach their highest potential.

VISION

Elementary and Middle School Vision

Our students will enter high school ready to tackle any academic challenge and will excel in the STEM subjects.

High School Vision

Our students will achieve 100% graduation and college acceptance.

**Gateway Science Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
December 13, 2023, at 4:00 pm**

**6025 Chippewa Street, Ste#206
St. Louis, MO 63109**

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MEETING MINUTES

1. Session Opening:

Dr. Bagwell commenced the meeting to order with the roll call at 4:02 pm.

Members Present: Tim Bagwell, Orville (Beau) Goerger, Kennedy Maranga (4:25 pm), Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris (online), Patricia Hunt (online), Ali Durhan

Members Absent: None

GSA: Nuh Celik – Principal, Matt Sagnak – Asst. Superintendent, Brian Schick – DTL, Debra Weaver - Principal

Concept Schools: Engin Blackstone – Superintendent, Hasan Damar - Treasurer

Dr. Bagwell read the mission statement.

2. Adopt an Agenda:

Mr. Goerger made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Hunt seconded.

Roll Call to Adopt the Agenda:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**

Motion approved.

3. Public Input:

None

4. Announcements/Acknowledgements

None

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mr. Goerger made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Mr. Durhan seconded.

Approval of October 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

No discussion

Approval of October and November 2023 Financials

Mr. Damar presented the budget details below:

- The October P&L report shows \$2,297,828 in total revenue and \$2,101,997 in expenses. It shows a \$195,831 surplus
- The November P&L report shows \$2,073,070 in total revenue and \$2,244,253 in expenses. It shows a \$171,183 deficit.
- End of November revenue is 43.3%, and expenditure is 44.8%. They are expected to be close to 41.7%
- The total cash balance is \$5,925,932 as of November 30, 2023. We have 92 days of unrestricted cash on hand.
- The total loan balance is \$2,442,785.

Approval Personnel Report

Mr. Blackstone presented the new hires and resignations since the last Board meeting.

Roll Call to Approve the Consent Agenda:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

The consent agenda approved unanimously.

6. Items for Action:

Approval of FY23 Audit Report

Mr. Mueller, the auditor with KPMCPA, presented the highlights of the FY23 audit report and responded to the questions. He stated that his team did not encounter any problems while working with the Concept finance team, and there is no finding in the report.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the FY23 audit report, Dr. Lewis-Harris seconded.

Roll call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

The motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Holiday Bonus

The GSA Administration and Finance Committee recommends \$400 extra pay for full-time contracted employees and \$100 for part-time contracted employees in December as a token of the Board's appreciation for their invaluable service.

Mr. Durhan made a motion to approve the Holiday Bonus, Dr. Kennedy seconded.

Roll Call to Approve the Holiday Bonus:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

Motion Approved unanimously.

Approval of Additional Sick Days

The GSA Administration and Finance Committee recommends adding **three more days** to the GSA staff's eight current sick/personal days for this school year due to the high volume of COVID and other contagious illnesses encountered during the first half of the school year.

Dr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the three additional sick days for the current academic year, Mr. Durhan seconded.

Roll Call to Approve the Holiday Bonus:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

Motion Approved unanimously.

7. Student Achievement and Activities - Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schick provided updates about the District's academic progress, and Mr. Blackstone presented the highlights of the DESE's APR 2023 student achievement report.

8. Board Related:

Approval of New Board Member

The Governing Committee recommended that Mr. Ahmet Baltaci be a new member of the GSA Board. Mr. Durhan made a motion, Mr. Goerger seconded to approve.

Roll Call to Approve:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

Motion Approved unanimously.

Board Training:

Mr. Durhan presented a plan to read and study the book "Governing for Greatness" by Brian Carpenter. The objective is for everyone to be ready to engage in discussions on the first two chapters during the upcoming Board meeting.

9. Other Business

Facility Update: Mr. Blackstone reported that the renovation project drawings will be complete by the end of the month and will be submitted to the City for permits. The plan is to start demolition in January and finish the entire project by the end of June.

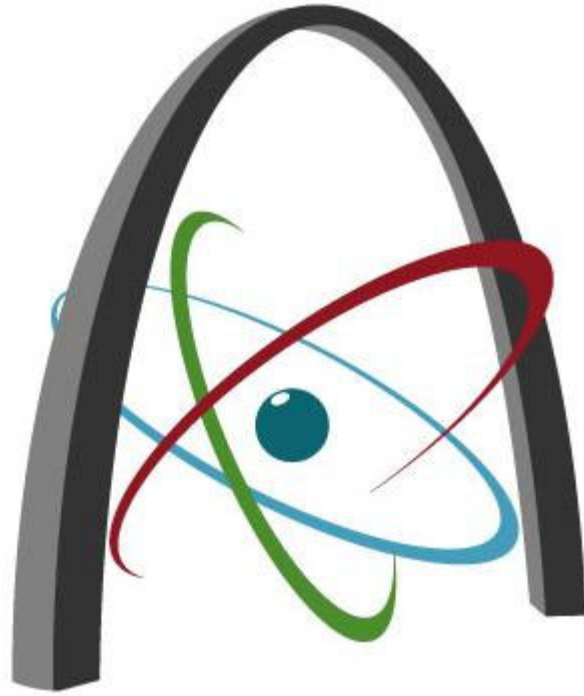
10. Adjourn the Meeting

Mr. Goerger made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Kennedy seconded.

Roll Call to Adjourn:

Tim Bagwell: **Aye**, Beau Goerger: **Aye**, Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris: **Aye**, Ali Durhan: **Aye**, Patricia Hunt: **Aye**, Kennedy Maranga: **Aye**

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm.



GATEWAY SCIENCE ACADEMY
of
ST. LOUIS

February 7, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

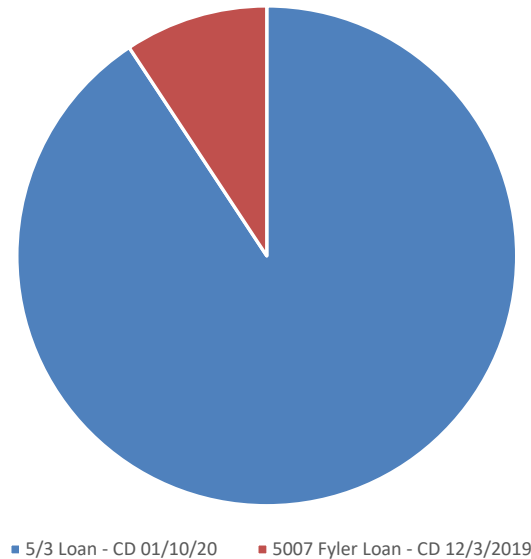
GSA Financial Dashboard December 2023

- GSA has \$167,729 surplus at the end of December 2023.
- Total cash-in-hand is \$ 6,102,738.51.
- Unrestricted days cash on hand:95.36.
- Long-term loan total is \$2,388,665.27.
- The total Current Enrollment in is 1610.
- 23-24 PK-12 Estimated ADA is 1440.
- 23-24 PK-12 Estimated WADA is 1653.

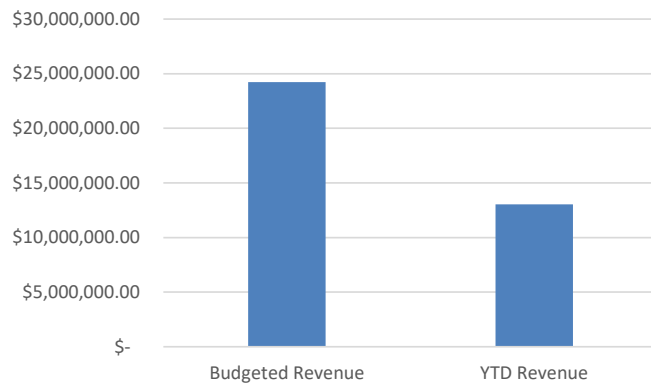
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| Budgeted Revenue | \$ 24,219,012.68 | 100.00% |
| YTD Revenue | \$ 13,037,016.75 | 53.83% |

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| Budgeted Expenditures | \$ 24,171,211.27 | 100.00% |
| YTD Expenditures | \$ 12,869,287.93 | 53.24% |

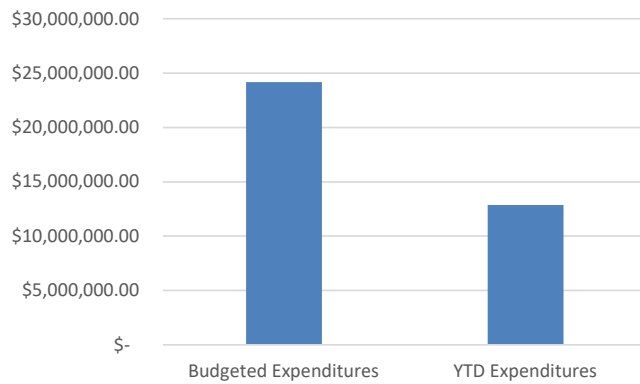
Loan Details



Budget Vs Actual - Revenue



Budget Vs Actual - Expense



Definition of Terms

ADA: Average Daily Attendance

WADA: Weighted Average Daily Attendance

YTD: Year to Date

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

| GATEWAY SCIENCE ACADEMY OF ST LOUIS | | | | Jul-23 | Aug-23 | Sep-23 | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Jan-24 | Feb-24 | Mar-24 | Apr-24 | May-24 | Jun-24 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current Enrollment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | BUDGET-FY24 | YTD | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | LOCAL REVENUE | 2,520,450 | \$ 1,482,163.05 | 58.8% | 302,087 | 175,482 | 269,164 | 248,153 | 263,095 | 224,183 | | | | | |
| | STATE REVENUE | 19,893,146 | \$ 9,610,765.19 | 48.3% | 1,655,495 | 1,486,554 | 1,558,479 | 1,579,279 | 1,547,737 | 1,783,221 | | | | | |
| | FEDERAL REVENUE | 1,805,417 | \$ 1,944,088.51 | 107.7% | - | 214,552 | 462,307 | 470,396 | 262,238 | 534,595 | | | | | |
| Total Revenues | 24,219,013 | 13,037,017 | 53.8% | 1,957,583 | 1,876,587 | 2,289,950 | 2,297,828 | 2,073,070 | 2,541,999 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | SALARIES | 12,900,000 | \$ 6,333,531.35 | 49.1% | 824,834 | 981,640 | 1,186,526 | 1,006,881 | 1,222,088 | 1,111,562 | | | | | |
| | BENEFITS | 4,089,300 | \$ 2,104,983.82 | 51.5% | 304,283 | 360,005 | 363,360 | 347,544 | 369,975 | 359,818 | | | | | |
| | PURCHASED SERVICES | 5,001,111 | \$ 2,891,807.93 | 57.8% | 377,283 | 649,669 | 616,459 | 389,530 | 456,919 | 401,947 | | | | | |
| | SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS | 1,963,000 | \$ 1,172,681.23 | 59.7% | 261,422 | 196,314 | 288,850 | 222,495 | 157,050 | 46,550 | | | | | |
| | CAPITAL OUTLAY | 217,800 | \$ 366,283.60 | 168.2% | 31,772 | 15,984 | 16,520 | 135,547 | 38,222 | 128,239 | | | | | |
| Total Expenditures | 24,171,211 | 12,869,288 | 53.2% | 1,799,593 | 2,203,612 | 2,471,716 | 2,101,997 | 2,244,253 | 2,048,116 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| NET INCOME | 47,801 | 167,729 | | 157,990 | (327,025) | (181,767) | 195,831 | (171,183) | 493,883 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| BUSINESS | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| 5/3 Loan - 2022 | | 2,166,660 |
| 5007 Fyler Loan - CD 12/3/2019 | | 222,005 |
| Total Loan Principal Payment for FY22 | | 325,134 |
| Payments Over \$5,000 | | |
| ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS | \$ | 5,769.19 |
| Coralic Architecture | \$ | 65,147.50 |
| Martin Rosso | \$ | 5,050.00 |
| Renaissance Learning, Inc | \$ | 10,775.00 |
| Gateway Security Service | \$ | 5,905.13 |
| Sundance International LLC. | \$ | 18,564.00 |

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*Recurring transactions aren't included.

Gateway Science Academy of St Louis
Budget Vs Actual
As of December 31, 2023

| | July 23 - Dec. 23 | FY 2024 Budget | % of Budget |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Income | | | |
| Local Revenue | 1,482,163.05 | 2,520,450.00 | 58.81% |
| State Revenue | 9,610,765.19 | 19,893,145.68 | 48.31% |
| Federal Revenue | 1,944,088.51 | 1,805,417.00 | 107.68% |
| Total Income | \$ 13,037,016.75 | \$ 24,219,012.68 | 53.83% |
| Expense | | | |
| Salaries | 6,333,531.35 | 12,900,000.00 | 49.10% |
| Benefits | 2,104,983.82 | 4,089,300.00 | 51.48% |
| Professional Services | 606,557.09 | 833,000.00 | 72.82% |
| Property Services (Rent, Repairs, Cleaning) | 753,355.68 | 1,233,623.00 | 61.07% |
| Transportation Services | 9,708.01 | 50,000.00 | 19.42% |
| Building & Property Insurance | 87,139.02 | 120,587.00 | 72.26% |
| Communication (Phone, Printing, Ads) | 47,421.86 | 135,000.00 | 35.13% |
| Management, Membership Fees and Other Dues | 1,294,477.27 | 2,471,901.27 | 52.37% |
| Other Purchased Services (Student Activities) | 93,149.00 | 157,000.00 | 59.33% |
| General Supplies (Supplies, Textbooks, Uniforms, etc.) | 1,172,681.23 | 1,963,000.00 | 59.74% |
| Interest Expense | 50,903.08 | 133,800.00 | 38.04% |
| Capital Outlay | 315,380.52 | 84,000.00 | 375.45% |
| Total Expense | \$ 12,869,287.93 | \$ 24,171,211.27 | 53.24% |
| Net Income | \$ 167,728.82 | \$ 47,801.41 | 350.89% |

| Difference Between Budget and YTD Actuals | Color Codes |
|--|-------------|
| Difference is less than 4% | |
| Difference is more than 4% but less than 15% | |
| Difference is more than 15% | |

December Perc.
50.00%

Explanations

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Income | |
| Expense | |

Dec 31, 23

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1072 · Bill.com Money Out Clearing | -11,386.23 |
| 1111-05 · Mid West Bank | 28,132.91 |
| 1111-06 · Midwest Savings Account | 5,026,610.18 |
| 1111-07 · Fifth Third Bank 2066 | 1,047,995.42 |

Total Checking/Savings 6,091,352.28

Other Current Assets

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1400-00 · Other Current Assets | |
| 1411 · Security Deposits | 2,000.00 |
| Total 1400-00 · Other Current Assets | 2,000.00 |

Total Other Current Assets 2,000.00

Total Current Assets 6,093,352.28

Fixed Assets

1500-00 · Fixed Assets

| | |
|--|---------------|
| 1529 · Soft Costs | 56,219.06 |
| 1520 · Buildings | 5,232,547.78 |
| 1521 · Building Improvements | 5,270,681.87 |
| 1531 · Improvements Other Than Building | 431,678.75 |
| 1541 · Equipment | 1,700,838.09 |
| 1542 · Classroom Instructional Apparatus | 314,634.27 |
| 1543 · Vehicles | 227,783.50 |
| 1549 · Accumulated Depreciation | -7,436,338.49 |

Total 1500-00 · Fixed Assets 5,798,044.83

Total Fixed Assets 5,798,044.83

TOTAL ASSETS

11,891,397.11

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| 2111-00 · Accounts Payable | -689.90 |
|----------------------------|---------|

Total Accounts Payable -689.90

Credit Cards

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|---|-----------|
| 2172-05 · Commercial Card - Ending 2784 | -911.73 |
| 2172-08 · Commercial Card - Ending 8314 | 11,772.69 |
| 2172-09 · Commercial Card - Ending 1330 | 5,269.58 |
| 2172-10 · Commercial Card - Ending 5298 | 1,266.96 |
| 2172-11 · Commercial Card - Ending 2513 | 2,428.29 |

Total Credit Cards 19,825.79

Other Current Liabilities

| | |
|--|------------|
| 2150-00 · Payroll Deduction & Withholdings | |
| 2156-00 · Health/Dental/Life Insurance | -44,536.03 |
| 2158-00 · Teacher Retirement | 485,381.01 |
| 2150-00 · Payroll Deduction & Withholdings - Other | 0.00 |

Total 2150-00 · Payroll Deduction & Withholdings 440,844.98

Total Other Current Liabilities 440,844.98

Total Current Liabilities 459,980.87

Long Term Liabilities

2121 · Loans Payable

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 5/3 Loan - 2022 | 2,166,660.00 |
| 5007 Fyler Loan - CD 12/3/2019 | 222,005.27 |

Total 2121 · Loans Payable 2,388,665.27

Total Long Term Liabilities 2,388,665.27

Total Liabilities 2,848,646.14

Equity

3113-00 · Unrestricted Net Assets 8,875,022.15

Net Income 167,728.82

Total Equity 9,042,750.97

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

11,891,397.11

PERSONNEL REPORT 02.07.2024**NEW HIRES**

| First Name | Last Name | Position | Campus | Salary | Hire Date |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Ja'lanna | Williams | Teacher Aide | GSA South | \$15,190 (Prorated from \$33K) | 1/16/2024 |
| Gabby | Crain | Administrative Assistant | GSA South | \$20/hr | 1/3/2024 |
| Sydney | Bardmass | Administrative Assistant | GSA Middle | \$20/hr | 12/18/2023 |
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RESIGNATIONS

| First Name | Last Name | Position | Campus | Reason | Resignation Date |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Caitlyn | Bolozky | Admin Assistant | GSA South | Vol - Better Pay/Benefits | 12/1/2023 |
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GSA 2024-2025 ACADEMIC CALENDAR*

5-6: New Teacher Orientation
7-16: All Staff Summer Institute
14-15: Student Orientations
19: First Day of School

10 Student Days
18 Returning Staff Workdays
20 New Staff Workdays

| AUGUST 2024 | | | | | | |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| FEBRUARY 2025 | | | | | | |
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| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | |

21: Parent/Teacher Conferences
12:30-6:30
21: Early Dismissal
Smiley & South at 12:00 pm
Fyler at 11:40 am
17: Presidents' Day – No School

19 Student Days
20 Staff Workdays

2: Labor Day
19: Parent/Teacher Conferences
12:30-6:30
19: Early Dismissal
Smiley & South at 12:00 pm
Fyler at 11:40 am
20: PD Day-I (No Students)

19 Student Days
20 Staff Workdays

| SEPTEMBER 2024 | | | | | | |
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| MARCH 2025 | | | | | | |
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| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

14: End of 3rd Qtr.
(Total School Days:137)
24-28: Spring Break
31: Work Day/Records Day

15 Student Days
15 Staff Workdays

17: End of 1st Qtr.
(Total School Days: 42)
18: PD Day-II (No Students)

22 Student Days
23 Staff Workdays

| OCTOBER 2024 | | | | | | |
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| APRIL 2025 | | | | | | |
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1: School Resumes
17: Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, 12:30-6:30
17: Early Dismissal
Smiley & South at 12:00 pm
Fyler at 11:40 am
18: PD Day-III

21 Student Days
21 Staff Workdays

15: Parent/Teacher Conference
12:30-5:00
15: Early Dismissal
Smiley & South at 12:00 pm
Fyler at 11:40 am
27-29: Thanksgiving Break

18 Student Days
18 Staff Workdays

| NOVEMBER 2024 | | | | | | |
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| MAY 2025 | | | | | | |
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23: Last Day of School-Early Dismissal
Smiley & South at 12:00 pm
Fyler at 11:40 am
(Total School Days:175)
26: Memorial Day

17 Student Days
17 Staff Workdays

20: End of 2nd Qtr.
(Total School Days: 84)
23-3: Winter Break

15 Student Days
15 Staff Workdays

| DECEMBER 2024 | | | | | | |
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| JUNE 2025 | | | | | | |
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| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

1st Qtr. Aug. 19 - Oct. 17: 42 Days
2nd Qtr. Oct. 21 - Dec. 20: 42 Days
3rd Qtr. Jan. 6 - March 14: 48 Days
4th Qtr. March 17 - May 23: 43 Days

Summer School: May 28-June 20
19: Juneteenth
175 Student Days
184 Staff Workdays

6: School Resumes
20: MLK Day – No School

19 Student Days
20 Staff Workdays

| JANUARY 2025 | | | | | | |
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* To be approved by the GSA Board of Directors on February 7, 2024



GATEWAY SCIENCE ACADEMY

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January 26, 2024

Mrs. Robbyn Wahby, Executive Director
Missouri Charter Public School Commission
20 South Sarah Street
St. Louis, MO 63108

Subject: Letter of Intent for Charter Renewal – Gateway Science Academy

Dear Mrs. Wahby,

The Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis' (GSA) Board of Directors intends to renew the charter term of GSA for an additional ten years. As the Board Chair, I am pleased to present a strong case for renewing GSA's charter based on its outstanding academic success, financial stability, consistent growth, solid governing board oversight, and unwavering compliance with all state and federal regulations.

GSA has demonstrated remarkable academic achievement, maintaining high standards of excellence. Our students consistently excel in standardized testing, showcasing the effectiveness of our educational programs. Our commitment to continuous improvement is evident through high ratings and evaluations by esteemed third-party agencies such as Cognia and Niche.

Financial stability is a cornerstone of GSA's operations. Our prudent fiscal management has ensured a stable and secure financial environment, enabling us to allocate resources effectively to support our educational mission. This stability has been key to GSA's ability to provide a high-quality education to our students.

GSA has experienced consistent growth in both student enrollment and academic offerings. Our school has become an integral part of the community, attracting families seeking a rigorous and nurturing educational environment. The expansion of our academic programs reflects our commitment to meeting the diverse needs of our student body.

The governing board has provided solid oversight and strategic direction to ensure the school's success. Our board comprises dedicated individuals with diverse expertise, fostering a collaborative and effective decision-making process.

Moreover, GSA is fully committed to operating in compliance with all city, state, and federal regulations governing charter schools. Our proactive approach to regulatory compliance reflects our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of governance and accountability.

Given the above, we kindly request the opportunity to present a comprehensive renewal application to the Missouri Charter Public School Commission. We are confident that the evidence of GSA's academic success, financial stability, consistent growth, solid governing board oversight, and compliance with regulations will demonstrate our school's continued capacity to provide exemplary education to our community.

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss Gateway Science Academy's contributions to the educational landscape during the renewal process, and Mr. Ali Durhan, GSA Board Secretary, will serve as the Board's Chairperson for the renewal committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Bagwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tim" and last name "Bagwell" clearly legible.

Dr. Tim Bagwell
Board Chair
Gateway Science Academy

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Policy

Revocation

1. Commission staff may recommend revocation of a charter prior to the expiration of the school's current performance contract for any of the following reasons:
 - Continued failure to comply with or make significant progress on elements of an action plan proscribed through Commission intervention (e.g., from a Letter of Concern or placement on Probation by the Commission).
 - One or more material violations or breach of any part of the current performance contract.
 - Failure to meet requirements for student performance as outlined in the performance contract.
 - Failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management or audit requirements.
 - Significant concerns for the health and safety of students, staff, and community members visiting the school.
 - Violation of any provision of law from which the charter school has not been exempted, including federal laws and regulations governing children with disabilities.
 - Conviction of fraud.

2. Whenever the Commission staff has reason to believe that a charter should be revoked, staff shall notify the charter school's governing board in writing of the prospect of revocation. The notification shall be served by email and certified mail. The notice shall include the following:
 - The reason why revocation is contemplated
 - The date by which the charter school shall respond, which shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the notification
 - A statement that the charter school may, in its response, request an administrative hearing.
 - An explanation that if the school does not request a hearing before the Commission, it thereby also waives its appeal rights to the State Board of Education as outlined in RSMo 160.405.

3. If the charter school does not pursue an administrative hearing, the Commission will vote on the recommendation in closed session. A vote by a majority of the commissioners present is required for revocation. The Commission's vote on the recommendation to revoke is final.

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4. If the charter school pursues an administrative hearing pursuant to RSMo160.405, the Commission shall conduct the administrative hearing as follows:
 - a. The chair of the Commission will set a date, time, and place for the hearing, which shall take place within 15 days of the date of written notification.
 - b. Notice of the hearing and the hearing itself will be conducted according to State open meeting laws.
 - c. The staff of the Commission will provide evidence of the reason(s) for the revocation.
 - d. The charter school may be represented by legal counsel, present evidence, and call witnesses. However, the Commission may exclude irrelevant or unduly repetitious evidence.
 - e. The hearing shall be recorded.
5. The Commission will make a final decision in closed session, within thirty (30) days of the hearing. A vote by a majority of the commissioners present is required for revocation.
6. The Commission will notify the charter school of its final decision by email and certified mail. Notification of the decision shall be simultaneously transmitted to the State Board of Education. The charter school may appeal a decision by the Commission to revoke the charter to the State Board of Education.
7. Following a decision to revoke the charter, the Commission will also send a letter informing parents of the decision, the rationale, and the process available to parents to choose a new school for their children.

Closure

Pursuant to statute and each school's performance contract with the Commission, charter schools are obligated to adhere to the statutory closure requirements, this policy and the Commission's closure plan.

Following a revocation decision, the Commission will commence closure proceedings in accordance with RSMo 160.405 and the Commission's closure plan. The closure process is guided by a commitment to minimize disruption to students' education, to protect the public funds generated for educating students, and to preserve assets acquired through operation of the charter school.

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The Commission will appoint a School Closure Committee that includes the following individuals:

- School Closure Coordinator (designated by the Commission),
- School Board Chair,
- Board Treasurer,
- Chief Executive Officer,
- Chief Financial Officer,
- A parent of a current student at the school,
- School Leader,
- A Field Representative from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and
- Representative(s) from a local education advocacy organization (optional).

The School Closure Coordinator will chair the School Closure Committee, manage the closure process, and assure all elements of the School Closure Plan are completed.

The School Closure Plan has three phases with defined completion dates:

- Phase I – to be completed by the end of the academic year,
- Phase II – to be completed by the end of the fiscal year, and
- Phase III – to be completed between July 1 and September 30.



Dear Esteemed Concept Network Board Members,



It has been 25 years since the conception of our mission, meaning we need 25 different ways to say Thank You to those who helped carry it out.

With great pleasure, Concept Schools invites you to step into Summer with us and proudly celebrate our 25th Anniversary at our inaugural 2024 Board Members Retreat.

The retreat coincides with our annual Leadership Summit and aims to provide a unique platform for mutual learning, professional growth, and enjoyable camaraderie. Your presence will undoubtedly contribute to the success, vibrancy, and magnitude of this significant event.

Save the date, and join us for an enriching experience where we can collectively commemorate this milestone, fostering a collaborative environment to exchange valuable insights, success stories, and best practices.

Date of Retreat: June 11, 2024

Location: Eaglewood Resort & Spa in Itasca, IL

Additional details will be shared in the coming months, and I hope to see you in June!

Warm Regards,



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President/CEO

