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FIRST STATE MONTESSORI ACADEMY:

ENCLOSED IS THE ORGANIZATION'S 2022 EXEMPT ORGANIZATION RETURN.

SPECIFIC FILING INSTRUCTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

FORM 990 RETURN:

THIS RETURN HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ELECTRONIC FILING. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE IT TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO THE IRS, PLEASE SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN FORM 8879-TE TO OUR OFFICE. WE WILL THEN SUBMIT THE ELECTRONIC RETURN TO THE IRS. DO NOT MAIL A PAPER COPY OF THE RETURN TO THE IRS.

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SINCERELY,

BARBACANE, THORNTON & COMPANY LLP

# IRS e-file Signature Authorization for a Tax Exempt Entity

For calendar year 2022, or fiscal year beginning JUL 1, 2022, and ending JUN 30, 2023

# 2022

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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Go to [www.irs.gov/Form8879TE](http://www.irs.gov/Form8879TE) for the latest information.

Name of filer <b>FIRST STATE MONTESSORI ACADEMY</b>	EIN or SSN <b>27-3480706</b>
Name and title of officer or person subject to tax <b>COURTNEY FOX HEAD OF SCHOOL</b>	

### Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, or 10a below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. Do not complete more than one line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1a <b>0,249,424.</b>
2a Form 990-EZ check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b
3a Form 1120-POL check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b
4a Form 990-PF check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b
5a Form 8868 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b
6a Form 990-T check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b
7a Form 4720 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b
8a Form 5227 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b
9a Form 5330 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b
10a Form 8038-CP check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b

### Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that  I am an officer of the above entity or  I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) \_\_\_\_\_, (EIN) \_\_\_\_\_ and that I have examined a copy of the 2022 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

#### PIN: check one box only

I authorize **BARBACANE THORNTON & COMPANY LLP** to enter my PIN **28953**  
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

as my signature on the tax year 2022 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the entity, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2022 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Part III Certification and Authentication

**ERO's EFIN/PIN.** Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

**51064019810**  
Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2022 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 04/25/24

**ERO Must Retain This Form - See Instructions**  
**Do Not Submit This Form to the IRS Unless Requested To Do So**

# Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**  
▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form8868](http://www.irs.gov/Form8868) for the latest information.**

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits](http://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits).

**Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

<b>Type or print</b>	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions.  <b>FIRST STATE MONTESSORI ACADEMY</b>	Taxpayer identification number (TIN)  <b>27-3480706</b>
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>1000 NORTH FRENCH STREET</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>WILMINGTON, DE 19801-3331</b>	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 | 1

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12
Form 990-T (corporation)	07		

**COURTNEY FOX**

- The books are in the care of ▶ **1000 NORTH FRENCH STREET - WILMINGTON, DE 19801-3331**

Telephone No. ▶ **(302) 576-1500** Fax No. ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and TINs of all members the extension is for.

**1** I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **MAY 15, 2024**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

- ▶  calendar year \_\_\_\_\_ or
- ▶  tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2022**, and ending **JUN 30, 2023**.

**2** If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	<b>3a</b>	\$	0.
<b>b</b> If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	<b>3b</b>	\$	0.
<b>c Balance due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$	0.

**Caution:** If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-TE and Form 8879-TE for payment instructions.

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Form **990**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)  
Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.  
Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

**2022**  
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Internal Revenue Service

**A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2022 and ending JUN 30, 2023**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>FIRST STATE MONTESSORI ACADEMY</b> Doing business as <b>FSMA</b> Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>1000 NORTH FRENCH STREET</b> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>WILMINGTON, DE 19801-3331</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>27-3480706</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>COURTNEY FOX</b> <b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b>	<b>E</b> Telephone number <b>(302) 576-1500</b>
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>10,249,424.</b>
<b>J</b> Website: <b>WWW.FIRSTSTATEMONTESSORI.ORG</b>		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number
<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>2009</b>		<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>DE</b>

**Part I Summary**

	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>THE MISSION OF THE FIRST STATE MONTESSORI ACADEMY IS TO CREATE SUCCESSFUL, CONTRIBUTING, LIFE-LONG</b>			
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.			
<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2022 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>0.</b>	
	<b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	<b>7b</b>	<b>0.</b>	
	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>9,149,261.</b>	<b>10,017,975.</b>
<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		<b>33,993.</b>	<b>178,379.</b>	
<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		<b>637.</b>	<b>53,070.</b>	
<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>	
<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		<b>9,183,891.</b>	<b>10,249,424.</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
		<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
		<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>7,465,632.</b>	<b>8,358,316.</b>
		<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
		<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	<b>0.</b>	
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>3,059,253.</b>	<b>2,710,251.</b>	
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>10,524,885.</b>	<b>11,068,567.</b>		
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>-1,340,994.</b>	<b>-819,143.</b>		
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>		<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>	
	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>29,682,717.</b>	<b>26,634,875.</b>	
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>40,315,101.</b>	<b>38,086,402.</b>	
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>-10,632,384.</b>	<b>-11,451,527.</b>	

**Part II Signature Block**

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

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <b>COURTNEY FOX, HEAD OF SCHOOL</b> Type or print name and title	Date
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>TIMOTHY SAWYER CPA</b>	Preparer's signature <b>TIMOTHY SAWYER CPA</b>
	Firm's name <b>BARBACANE THORNTON &amp; COMPANY LLP</b>	Date <b>04/25/24</b>
	Firm's address <b>503 CARR ROAD, SUITE 100 WILMINGTON, DE 19809-2863</b>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> self-employed PTIN <b>P00256561</b>
		Firm's EIN <b>51-0229493</b>
		Phone no. <b>302-478-8940</b>

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions  Yes  No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE MISSION OF THE FIRST STATE MONTESSORI ACADEMY IS TO CREATE SUCCESSFUL, CONTRIBUTING, LIFE-LONG LEARNERS IN A MONTESSORI PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [ ] Yes [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [ ] Yes [X] No

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 \$ 7,999,039. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 178,379. ) FIRST STATE MONTESSORI ACADEMY (FSMA) OPENED IN 2014 IN DOWNTOWN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. WE SERVE A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF 600 CHILDREN IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE. OUR PROGRAM HAS SUCCESSFULLY INTEGRATED A FULLY AUTHENTIC MONTESSORI CURRICULUM WITH THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS. AT THE END OF OUR ACADEMIC YEAR, FSMA HAS MET ALL ACADEMIC, OPERATIONAL, AND FINANCIAL BENCHMARKS SET FORTH BY THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 7,999,039.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? See instructions		X
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
<b>4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		X
<b>5</b> Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
<b>6</b> 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>		X
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
<b>9</b> 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>		X
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
<b>11</b> If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
<b>b</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
<b>c</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
<b>d</b> Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	X	
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
<b>f</b> Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	X	
<b>b</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>	X	
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	X	
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
<b>b</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>		X
<b>15</b> 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>		X
<b>16</b> 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>		X
<b>17</b> Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I. See instructions</i>		X
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
<b>19</b> 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>		X
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding grants, compensation, tax-exempt bonds, and business transactions.

Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

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

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.



**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

		Yes	No
<b>2a</b>	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		
	<b>2a</b> 0		
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	<b>2b</b>	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>3a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4a</b>	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)?	<b>4a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<b>5a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5b</b>	X
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<b>5c</b>	
<b>6a</b>	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?	<b>6a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<b>6b</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b>	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?	<b>7a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7c</b>	X
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	<b>7d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7e</b>	
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7f</b>	
<b>g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7g</b>	
<b>h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>7h</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	<b>9a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	<b>9b</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	<b>11b</b>	
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>	
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note:</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	<b>13a</b>	
<b>b</b>	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	<b>13b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	<b>13c</b>	
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	<b>14a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	<b>14b</b>	
<b>15</b>	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	<b>15</b>	X
<b>16</b>	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	<b>16</b>	X
<b>17</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(21) organizations.</b> Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	<b>17</b>	

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure.** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on 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
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year 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 on Schedule O.		
	1a		12
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent		
	1b		12
<b>2</b>	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
<b>3</b>	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
<b>7a</b>	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?		X
<b>b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
<b>7b</b>			
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b>	The governing body?	X	
<b>8a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
<b>8b</b>			
<b>9</b>	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O		X
<b>9</b>			

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

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

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed DE
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 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 on Schedule O)
- 19** Describe on 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, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records  
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**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 the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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 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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(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) COURTNEY FOX HEAD OF SCHOOL	40.00					X		155,392.	0.	65,625.
(2) ELIZABETH MADEN DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION	40.00					X		111,185.	0.	50,358.
(3) MEGHAN NEWBERRY CHAIR	10.00	X	X					0.	0.	0.
(4) BECKY PHILLIPS BOD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) JANINE SALOMONE, ESQ. BOD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) MICHAEL REILLY BOD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) SARA STABB BOD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) SARAH NAGLE BOD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) LORREN HOLLAND BOD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) KIM LOPEZ BOD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) MATT PETRIN TREASURER	1.00	X	X					0.	0.	0.
(12) AVERY STEWART BOD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) SHANNON TUMOLO BOD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>						
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>						
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>						
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>	9,951,946.					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	66,029.					
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	<b>1g</b>	\$					
	<b>h Total. Add lines 1a-1f</b>			10,017,975.				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>						
	<b>2 a</b> FOOD SERVICE		611600	95,824.	95,824.			
	<b>b</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES		611600	82,555.	82,555.			
	<b>c</b>							
	<b>d</b>							
	<b>e</b>							
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue							
<b>g Total. Add lines 2a-2f</b>			178,379.					
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			53,070.			53,070.	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
	<b>5</b> Royalties							
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents	<b>6a</b>	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>						
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)	<b>6c</b>						
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)							
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	<b>7a</b>	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>7b</b>						
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	<b>7c</b>						
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)							
<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>8a</b>							
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>8b</b>							
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events								
<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>9a</b>							
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>9b</b>							
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities								
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>10a</b>							
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>10b</b>							
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory								
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>						
	<b>11 a</b>							
	<b>b</b>							
	<b>c</b>							
	<b>d</b> All other revenue							
<b>e Total. Add lines 11a-11d</b>								
<b>12 Total revenue. See instructions</b>				10,249,424.	178,379.	0.	53,070.	

**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
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	274,649.	194,262.	80,387.	
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	4,442,993.	3,142,574.	1,300,419.	
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	1,054,230.	745,668.	308,562.	
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	2,236,551.	1,581,935.	654,616.	
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	349,893.	247,483.	102,410.	
<b>11</b> Fees for services (nonemployees):				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal	7,680.	5,432.	2,248.	
<b>c</b> Accounting	22,525.	15,932.	6,593.	
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	361,692.	255,828.	105,864.	
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	922.	652.	270.	
<b>13</b> Office expenses	6,506.	4,602.	1,904.	
<b>14</b> Information technology	36,112.	25,542.	10,570.	
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy	164,015.	116,009.	48,006.	
<b>17</b> Travel				
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
<b>20</b> Interest	536,485.	379,461.	157,024.	
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	434,306.	307,189.	127,117.	
<b>23</b> Insurance	71,108.	50,295.	20,813.	
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> <b>TRANSPORTATION - BUSES</b>	581,267.	581,267.		
<b>b</b> <b>REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE</b>	241,201.	170,604.	70,597.	
<b>c</b> <b>INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES</b>	210,028.	148,555.	61,473.	
<b>d</b> <b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	25,481.	18,023.	7,458.	
<b>e</b> All other expenses	10,923.	7,726.	3,197.	
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	11,068,567.	7,999,039.	3,069,528.	0.
<b>26</b> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	5,355,477.	1	6,247,186.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments .....		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net .....	40,185.	4	33,809.
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons .....		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) .....		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net .....		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use .....		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	10a 14,687,060.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation .....	10b 1,515,089.	13,592,440.	10c 13,171,971.
	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 .....		10,694,615.	15 7,181,909.
16 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) .....		29,682,717.	16 26,634,875.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	1,377,731.	17	1,394,106.
	18 Grants payable .....		18	
	19 Deferred revenue .....		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons .....		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....	14,282,255.	23	14,060,823.
	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 .....		24,655,115.	25 22,631,473.
	26 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....		40,315,101.	26 38,086,402.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions .....		27	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions .....		28	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....	0.	29	0.
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....	0.	30	0.
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....	-10,632,384.	31	-11,451,527.
32 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> .....		-10,632,384.	32 -11,451,527.	
33 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> .....		29,682,717.	33 26,634,875.	

**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	10,249,424.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	11,068,567.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-819,143.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	-10,632,384.
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 on Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	-11,451,527.

**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: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	X	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?	X	
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	X	

Form 990 (2022)



**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990)**

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.

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2022**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization

FIRST STATE MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Employer identification number

27-3480706

**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 12, 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 (Form 990).)
- 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10  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.)
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12  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 on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

f Enter the number of supported organizations \_\_\_\_\_

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
<b>Total</b>						

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3						
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4						
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					<b>12</b>	
<b>13 First 5 years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

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

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2022 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2022.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33 1/3% support test - 2021.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2022.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2021.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

**14 First 5 years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

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

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2022 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	%

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2022 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2022.** 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 - 2021.** 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 Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
<b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
<b>b</b> <b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c</b> <b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
<b>9a</b> Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 11: Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? Sub-rows 11a, 11b, 11c.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? Row 2: Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization?

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)?

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided? Row 2: Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? Row 3: By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year?

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions). Sub-rows a, b, c. Row 2: Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below. Sub-rows a, b. Row 3: Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below. Sub-rows a, b.

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

1  Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 ( *explain in Part VI*). See instructions.  
All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors ( <i>explain in detail in Part VI</i> ):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	

7  Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

**Part V** Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2022	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2022
1	Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6		
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2022 (reasonable cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions.		
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2022		
a	From 2017		
b	From 2018		
c	From 2019		
d	From 2020		
e	From 2021		
f	<b>Total</b> of lines 3a through 3e		
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
h	Applied to 2022 distributable amount		
i	Carryover from 2017 not applied (see instructions)		
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.		
4	Distributions for 2022 from Section D, line 7: \$		
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
b	Applied to 2022 distributable amount		
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.		
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2022, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2022. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
7	<b>Excess distributions carryover to 2023.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.		
8	Breakdown of line 7:		
a	Excess from 2018		
b	Excess from 2019		
c	Excess from 2020		
d	Excess from 2021		
e	Excess from 2022		





**SCHEDULE D**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.  
Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

FIRST STATE MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Employer identification number

27-3480706

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year .....		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year) .....		
3 Aggregate value of 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? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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 (for example, recreation or education)  Preservation of a 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 Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements .....	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) .....	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register .....	2d

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, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year .....

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB 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 FASB 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) Revenue included on 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 FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on 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 make 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 program
  - 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" on 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:
- |                                 | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance             | 1c     |
| d Additions during the year     | 1d     |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e     |
| f Ending balance                | 1f     |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
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 Term endowment \_\_\_\_\_ %
- The percentages on 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:
- |                             | Yes    | No |
|-----------------------------|--------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations | 3a(i)  |    |
| (ii) Related organizations  | 3a(ii) |    |
- b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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" on 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		14,660,356.	1,506,315.	13,154,042.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		10,323.	8,774.	1,548.
e Other		16,381.		16,381.
<b>Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)</b>				<b>13,171,971.</b>

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

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

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

**Part IX Other Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) DEFERRED OUTFLOWS RELATED TO PENSION	1,759,247.
(2) DEFERRED OUTFLOWS RELATED TO OPEB	5,422,662.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	7,181,909.

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) DEFERRED INFLOWS RELATED TO OPEB	5,250,238.
(3) NET OPEB LIABILITY	14,899,768.
(4) NET PENSION LIABILITY	2,481,467.
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	22,631,473.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	10,249,424.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
	a Net unrealized gains (losses) 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	10,249,424.
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	10,249,424.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	11,068,567.
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	11,068,567.
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	11,068,567.

**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.

**PART X, LINE 2:**

THE SCHOOL IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND, THEREFORE, HAS NO PROVISION FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAXES. THE SCHOOL QUALIFIES FOR THE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 170(B)(1)(A) AND HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION UNDER SECTION 509(A)(1). THE SCHOOL DID NOT ENGAGE IN ANY UNRELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR. MANAGEMENT BELIEVES MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT ITS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS AND TAX POSITIONS WILL BE SUSTAINED IF EXAMINED BY AUTHORITIES.



**SCHEDULE E**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Schools**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or  
Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.  
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
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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? .....	X	
2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? .....	X	
3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy on its primary publicly accessible Internet homepage at all times during its tax year in a manner reasonably expected to be noticed by visitors to the homepage, or 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 .....	X	
<u>THE ACADEMY IS A DELAWARE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL. THE DELAWARE PUBLIC NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY, UNDERWHICH THE ACADEMY FALLS, IS PUBLISHED BY THE STATE OF DELAWARE.</u>		
4 Does the organization maintain the following?		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff? .....	X	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis? .....		X
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? .....	X	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? .....	X	
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.		
<u>THE SCHOOL IS PUBLIC AND FREE TO THE PUBLIC. THEREFORE NO SCHOLARSHIPS OR OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ARE AWARDED.</u>		
5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges? .....		X
b Admissions policies? .....		X
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff? .....		X
d Scholarships or other financial assistance? .....		X
e Educational policies? .....		X
f Use of facilities? .....		X
g Athletic programs? .....		X
h Other extracurricular activities? .....		X
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.		
6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency? .....	X	
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? .....		X
If you answered "Yes" on either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II.		
7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, as modified by Rev. Proc. 2019-22, 2019-22 I.R.B. 1260, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Part II .....		X

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Schedule E (Form 990) 2022

**Part II** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, lines 3, 4d, 5h, 6b, and 7, as applicable. Also provide any other additional information. See instructions.

LINE 6 - EXPLANATION OF GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AID:

THE SCHOOL IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL AND, THEREFORE, RECEIVES FUNDING FROM STATE AND FEDERAL SOURCES

LINE 7 - EXPLANATION OF RACIAL NONDISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE:

THE ACADEMY IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL AND, THEREFORE, IS EXEMPT FROM REV. PROC. 75-50.

**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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.  
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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.		
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments		
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account		
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence		
<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)		
<b>b</b> If any of the boxes on 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 .....	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b> Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a? .....	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Indicate which, if any, of the following the 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.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee		
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant		
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
<b>4</b> During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:		
<b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? .....	<b>4a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? .....	<b>4b</b>	X
<b>c</b> Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement? .....	<b>4c</b>	X
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.		
<b>Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</b>		
<b>5</b> For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:		
<b>a</b> The organization? .....	<b>5a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Any related organization? .....	<b>5b</b>	X
If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
<b>6</b> For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:		
<b>a</b> The organization? .....	<b>6a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Any related organization? .....	<b>6b</b>	X
If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
<b>7</b> For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III .....	<b>7</b>	X
<b>8</b> Were any amounts reported on 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 .....	<b>8</b>	X
<b>9</b> If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	<b>9</b>	

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2022



**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 on 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 aren't 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 and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) COURTNEY FOX	155,392.	0.	0.	0.	0.	155,392.	0.
HEAD OF SCHOOL	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.



**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

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  
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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

LEARNERS IN A MONTESSORI PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN  
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE.

FORM 990, PART 1, LINE 5 AND FORM 990 PART V, LINE 2A

AS A CHARTER SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE, FIRST STATE MONTESSORI  
ACADEMY, INC. IS CONSIDERED A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE, AND

THEREFORE DOES NOT DIRECTLY EMPLOY ITS STAFF. ALL STAFF MEMBERS OF THE  
SCHOOL ARE CONSIDERED EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE. FOR THE  
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, THERE WERE 73 EMPLOYEES WORKING AT THE SCHOOL.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

COPIES OF FORM 990 ARE PROVIDED TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND REVIEWED IN A  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

BOARD MEMBERS MUST DISCLOSE ALL ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST  
DURING BOARD MEETINGS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

COMPENSATION WAS BASED ON AVERAGE COMPENSATION DATA FOR EQUIVALENT  
POSITIONS IN DELAWARE CHARTER SCHOOLS AND SET AT 10% LESS THAN A LOCAL  
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

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THE ACADEMY'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C

THE ORGANIZATION HAS NOT CHANGED ITS PROCESS FOR THE OVERSIGHT AND SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR.