



Independent School Annual Tuition Rate Report

School Year 2023- 2024

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Section 2232 Rate Approval for Therapeutic Approved Independent Schools.

(a) The Secretary shall set, after consultation with independent schools, the maximum tuition rate to be paid by the Agency and supervisory unions or school districts to therapeutic independent schools. The rate for each therapeutic independent school shall be no more than the costs that are reasonably related to the level of services provided by the school.

(b) If a therapeutic independent school does not submit an application for rate approval by November 15, the most recently approved rate will be in effect for the following school year...

School	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Current Official Rate Letters
Arlington School	\$44,797.34	\$46,654.00	\$49,071.00	\$50,566.00	Arlington School FY24 tuition rate letter
Baird Center Day Treatment Medicaid Eligible		Pending	\$26,131.66	\$51,334.00	Baird School FY24 letter
Baird Center Day Treatment Intensive Non-Medicaid Eligible			\$73,125.02	\$81,337.00	Baird School FY24 letter
Baird Center Day Treatment Intensive Medicaid Eligible			\$26,131.66	\$51,334.00	Baird School FY24 letter
Baird Center Day Treatment Intensive Non-Medicaid Eligible			\$73,125.02	\$81,337.00	Baird School FY24 letter
Beckley Day Program Medicaid Eligible		24,393.88		\$21,857.00	
Beckley Day Program Non-Medicaid Eligible		140,809.35		\$135,472.00	
bellcate School Blue Team				\$53,580.00	No letter available
bellcate School Green Team				\$81,328.00	
bellcate School Red Team				\$118,450.00 Last rate request FY15	
BRIGHTality, LLC (New school as of June 2022)			\$70,377.00	\$87,607.07	BRIGHTality FY24 tuition rate letter
Brookhaven Learning Center-Day School				\$42,140.39 Last rate set FY18	Brookhaven FY24 tuition rate letter
Burr & Burton Academy			Average Announced Tuition	Special Education via written agreements 2231.1 and 2231.2	No letter required

School	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Current Official Rate Letters
Choice Academy Elementary and Middle; Medicaid Eligible		\$112,567.57*		\$106,911.11	
Choice Academy Elementary and Middle; Non-Medicaid Eligible		\$113,849.72		\$149,986.00	
Choice Academy High School; Medicaid Eligible		\$102,371.66		\$85,404.00	
Choice Academy High School; Non-Medicaid Eligible		\$105,031.75		\$125,092.00	
Choice Academy Individual 1:1 Care Program, Grades 4-12		Program integrated in MS & HS			
Choice Academy Stars Program; Medicaid Eligible		\$28,936.00		\$30,780.90	
Choice Academy Stars Program: Non-Medicaid Eligible				\$141,780.18	
Compass School Special Education Rates Only	\$10,456.00				No letter available
Cornerstone School	\$54,249.88	\$51,285.67	\$56,253.55	\$57,958.00	Cornerstone FY24 tuition rate letter
East Meadow	\$45,284.11	\$47,011.45	\$48,296.00	\$49,750.00	East Meadow FY24 tuition rate letter
East Valley Academy Medicaid Eligible	\$47,594.13		\$74,515.00	\$75,199	East Valley FY24 letter
East Valley Academy Non-Medicaid Eligible	\$81,303.84		\$104,604.00	\$124,798	FY24 letter
Foundations Upper Valley School				\$149,378.92	Foundations-Windsor FY24 tuition rate letter
Greenwood School Day School Tuition			\$71,194.00	\$88,071.81	Greenwood Day School FY24 tuition rate letter

School	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Current Official Rate Letters
Greenwood School Residential Academic Day Program			\$85,417.71	\$73,071.81	
Inspire for Autism			99,840.18		Inspire for Autism FY24 tuition rate letter
Jean Garvin Medicaid Eligible			\$35,465.19	\$55,643.00	Jean Garvin FY24 letter
Jean Garvin Non-Medicaid Eligible			\$73,396.99	\$79,000.00	Jean Garvin FY24 letter
Jean Garvin Intensive; Medicaid Eligible				\$85,516.00	Garvin Int FY24 letter
Jean Garvin Intensive; Non-Medicaid Eligible				\$121,838.00	Garvin Int FY24 letter
Kindle Farms Intensive Needs Program		\$89,154.63		\$ 89,424.00	Kindle Farms Intensive Program FY24 tuition rate letter
Kindle Farms Standard Program		\$53,268.43		\$ 54,234.00	Kindle Farms Standard Program FY24 tuition rate letter
Laraway School Medicaid Eligible	\$72,025.00	\$121,854.03	\$115,942.00	\$ 96,106.00	Laraway FY24 letter
Laraway School Non-Medicaid Eligible	\$99,179.00	\$115,942.00	\$121,854.03	\$127,542.00	Laraway FY24 letter
LiHigh Blue Team				\$52,020.00	No letter available
LiHigh Green Team				\$78,960.00	

School	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Current Official Rate Letters
LiHigh Red Team				\$104,040.00 Last official rate set FY14	
Long Trail Tier 1				\$13,465.00	
Long Trail Tier 2				N/A	
Long Trail Tier 3				N/A	
Lyndon Institute Special Education Program				Average Announced Tuition plus written agreements	
Lyndon Institute Learning Services Program				Average Announced Tuition plus written agreements	
Manchester Village School				\$58,504.00 Last official rate set FY17	No letter available
Maplehill Community School Milieu-based Program			\$87,854.75		Maplehill Milieu-based Program FY24 tuition rate letter
Maplehill Community School Elementary School Program (New as of June 2022)			\$87,854.75		
Maplehill Community School Individual 1:1 Care Program, Grades 4-12			\$100,267.66		
Maple Street School					

School	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Current Official Rate Letters
Mountain School at Winhall				\$10,000.00 Last official rate set FY15	No letter available
Mountainside House Tutorial				\$15,709.69 Last official rate set FY15	No letter available
New School of Montpelier Medicaid and Non-Medicaid		\$133,237.54	\$133,237.54	\$146,978.59 1:1 rate \$142,123.04	New School of Montpelier FY24 tuition rate letter
New School /Glover Medicaid and Non- Medicaid		\$95,729.45	\$95,729.45	\$106,238.67	New School/Glover FY24 tuition rate letter
Priority Placements	\$48,823.49	\$49,160.56	\$47,928.32	\$53,241.97	Priority Placements FY24 tuition rate letter
Sheldon Academy		\$49,918.98	\$65,706.84	\$120,119.40	Sheldon Academy FY24 tuition rate letter
Soar Learning Center Elementary; Medicaid Eligible	\$52,365.76			\$71,181.94	SOAR Elementary FY24 tuition rate letter
Soar Learning Center Elementary; Non-Medicaid Eligible	Not requested			\$97,422.70	
Soar Learning Center Back to School; Medicaid Eligible	\$95,432.04			\$68,189.49	SOAR LEAP FY24 tuition rate letter
Soar Learning Center Back to School; Non- Medicaid Eligible	Not requested			\$93,327.16	

School	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Current Official Rate Letters
Soar Learning Center High School; Medicaid Eligible	\$68,175.31			\$91,494.34	SOAR High School FY24 tuition rate letter
Soar Learning Center High School; Non-Medicaid Eligible	Not requested			\$125,150.95	
St. Johnsbury Academy Guided Study Program			\$8,859.20	\$10,152.16	St. Johnsbury Academy Guided Study FY24 tuition rate letter
St. Johnsbury Academy Individualized Program			\$29,319.99	\$43,623.37	St. Johnsbury Academy Individualized Program FY24 tuition rate letter
The Mill School	\$65,000.00				Rate established via arbitration FY20 no letter available
Turning Points	\$50,110.48	\$56,604.95	\$52,573.00	\$54,138.00	Turning Points FY24 tuition rate letter
Two Roads Academy Medicaid & Non-Medicaid	\$98,624.96		\$135,324.33	\$159,466.61	Two Roads FY24 tuition rate letter
Village School at North Bennington				\$6,348.00 Last official rate set FY17	No letter available



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July 28, 2023

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RE: FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Fox & Ms. Pettengill,

This letter is to officially notify The Arlington School's administration that the following tuition rates have been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if The Arlington School has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following ***maximum rate*** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon full student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that ***must not be construed*** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Medicaid and Non-Medicaid Eligible Student Tuition Rate, FY24: \$50,566.00
Tuition rate includes embedded clinical services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The Arlington School's administration is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, SOAR Learning Center is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) The Arlington School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, The Arlington School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Agency of Human Services

May 5, 2024

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RE: Baird School approved Treatment and Education tuition rates, FY 2024

Dear Carrie,

This letter is to officially notify Baird School that the following CERT and tuition rates have been approved concurrently by the Department of Mental Health and the Agency of Education for the 2023 – 2024 school year for Baird School. Official education tuition rates were approved by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232.

As therapeutic schools, CERT programs have treatment and education rates. If a student is Medicaid enrolled, the treatment is paid through Medicaid which is a combination of federal and state/local match. The match is paid by the LEA. For non-Medicaid enrolled students, the treatment portion is fully paid by the LEA.

The following rates have been approved based on the allowable costs in the FY24 budget application.

Approved FY24 rates: Standard

	Medicaid-Enrolled Students			Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students
	Treatment costs (CERT)	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA
		Medicaid Match required 42.48% of Treatment cost) ¹	Education Tuition	Education Tuition
Daily Rate	\$ 366.42	\$155.66	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE
Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$ 51,334.00	\$ 81,837.00

Approved FY24 rates: Intensive

	Medicaid-Enrolled Students			Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students
	Treatment costs	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA
		Medicaid Match required (42.48% of Treatment cost) ²	Education Tuition	Education Tuition
Daily Rate	\$ 726.30	\$308.53	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE
Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$51,334.00 <i>See Ed Info</i>	\$81,837.00 <i>See Ed info Section</i>

CERT Rate:

These rates are effective for dates of service beginning 7/1/2023. The billing procedure for these services will be as follows:

1. Use the agency's MH, Success Beyond Six clinic provider number.
2. The procedure code is H2020 with an HK modifier. This modifier is mandatory, and the service will not be paid if it is missing.
3. Place of service code is 03 (schools), this is the only allowable place of service.
4. The Intensive rate is additive to the Standard rate for this program.
6. The DMH Success Beyond Six contract outlines the non-federal daily match payment requirements.

¹ If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information.

² If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information.



The Vermont Department of Mental Health reserves the right to monitor the financial aspects of the program and modify or adjust the Medicaid billing rate as needed based on actual Treatment expenditures. If you have any questions regarding the billing of these services, please contact Cara McSherry at 802-241-0108.

Official Maximum Education Tuition Rates, FY24

This letter is to officially notify Howard Center that the following tuition rates have been approved for The Baird School for the 2023 - 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

FY24 Maximum Tuition Rate Baird Standard Program

Medicaid eligible tuition	\$51,334.00
Non-Medicaid eligible tuition	\$81,837.00

FY24 Maximum Tuition Rate Baird Intensive Program

Medicaid eligible tuition	\$51,334.00
Non-Medicaid eligible tuition	\$81,837.00

(Rates for intensive program are standard rate plus additive treatment rates. Intensive rate added to AOE tuition costs total: Medicaid eligible student rate \$100,243.00, Non-Medicaid Eligible student rate \$194,323.00)

These rates are based on reported operational capacity of 48 and 12 students, respectively, which was determined based on Rule 2232(d)(2). There were no disallowed costs excluded from the rate application request; therefore, all reported net costs were approved and included in the calculation of the rates listed above.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Baird School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In



addition, Baird School's administration is required to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k), you may appeal the rate listed above. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, you remain in disagreement with the AOE, Howard Center can appeal the Secretary's decision to the State Board of Education. Alternatively, an appeal can be filed directly with the State Board. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cara McSherry, Financial Manager
Department of Mental Health

J. Deborah Ormsbee, Independent School Programs
Agency of Education



July 10, 2023

Jamie Seeholzer, Head of School
BRIGHTality School
1 Brown Avenue
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RE: FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Seeholzer,

This letter is to officially notify BRIGHTality School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if BRIGHTality has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon full student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY24: \$87,607.07

Tuition rate includes general education and special education support services

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, BRIGHTality is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing



any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, BRIGHTality is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) BRIGHTality's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, BRIGHTality can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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January 31, 2020

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Re: Official Independent School Tuition Rate, FY20

Dear Mr. Murphy, Ms. Grote & Ms. Batten,

The Independent School Team, on behalf of the Agency of Education, would like to thank you for your collaboration throughout the FY20 tuition rate setting process.

This letter is to officially notify Brookhaven Learning Center that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2019 – 2020 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2228.8.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of January 31, 2020 and based upon 90% student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during negotiations with an LEA/school. Independent schools who receive Medicaid funding must still report matching and all other annual revenues in future tuition rate applications.

FY20 Maximum Tuition Rate:

Brookhaven Learning Center: \$42,140.39

In accordance with SBE Rule 2228.4, Brookhaven is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Brookhaven Learning Center is *required* to include in a written agreement the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional service, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.



Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2228.8 Brookhaven's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. Additionally, there are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Brookhaven Learning Center can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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July 28, 2023

Jeanne Graham, Head of School
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RE: FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Graham & Ms. Pettengill,

This letter is to officially notify Cornerstone School's administration that the following tuition rates have been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if Cornerstone School has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon full student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Medicaid and Non-Medicaid Eligible Student Tuition Rate, FY24: \$57,958.00
Tuition rate includes embedded clinical services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The Cornerstone School's administration is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Cornerstone School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the



division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) Cornerstone School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Cornerstone School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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July 28, 2023

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RE: FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Perkins & Ms. Pettengill,

This letter is to officially notify East Meadow School's administration that the following tuition rates have been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if East Meadow School has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon full student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Medicaid and Non-Medicaid Eligible Student Tuition Rate, FY24: \$49,750.00
Tuition rate includes embedded clinical services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, East Meadow School's administration is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, East Meadow School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the



division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) East Meadow School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, East Meadow School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Agency of Human Services

May 5, 2024

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RE: East Valley Academy approved Treatment and Education tuition rates, FY 2024

Dear Tim,

This letter is to officially notify East Valley Academy that the following CERT and tuition rates have been approved concurrently by the Department of Mental Health and the Agency of Education for the 2023 – 2024 school year for East Valley Academy. Official education tuition rates were approved by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232.

As therapeutic schools, CERT programs have treatment and education rates. If a student is Medicaid enrolled, the treatment is paid through Medicaid which is a combination of federal and state/local match. The match is paid by the LEA. For non-Medicaid enrolled students, the treatment portion is fully paid by the LEA.

The following rates have been approved based on the allowable costs in the FY24 budget application.

Approved FY24 rates:

	Medicaid-Enrolled Students		Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students	
	Treatment costs (CERT)	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA
		Medicaid Match required 42.48% of Treatment cost) ¹	Education Tuition	Education Tuition
Daily Rate	\$ 283.00	\$120.22	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE
Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$75,199	\$124,798

CERT Rate:

These rates are effective for dates of service beginning 7/1/2023. The billing procedure for these services will be as follows:

1. Use the agency’s MH, Success Beyond Six clinic provider number.
2. The procedure code is H2020 with an HK modifier. This modifier is mandatory, and the service will not be paid if it is missing.
3. Place of service code is 03 (schools), this is the only allowable place of service.
4. The DMH Success Beyond Six contract outlines the non-federal daily match payment requirements.

The Vermont Department of Mental Health reserves the right to monitor the financial aspects of the program and modify or adjust the Medicaid billing rate as needed based on actual Treatment expenditures. If you have any questions regarding the billing of these services, please contact Cara McSherry at 802-241-0108.

Official Maximum Education Tuition Rates, FY24

This letter is to officially notify The Clara Martin Center that the following tuition rates have been approved for East Valley Academy for the 2023 - 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at

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the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

FY24 Maximum Tuition Rate

Medicaid eligible tuition	\$96,269.00
Non-Medicaid eligible tuition	\$124,798.00

This rate is based on an operational capacity of 18 students, which was determined based on Rule 2232(d)(2). There were no disallowed costs excluded from the rate application request; therefore, all reported net costs were approved and included in the calculation of the rates listed above.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, East Valley Academy is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, East Valley Academy is required to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k), you may appeal the rate listed above. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, you remain in disagreement with the AOE, East Valley Academy can appeal the Secretary's decision to the State Board of Education. Alternatively, an appeal can be filed directly with the State Board. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at deborah.ormsbee@vermont.gov



Cara McSherry, Financial Manager
Department of Mental Health

J. Deborah Ormsbee, Independent School Programs
Agency of Education



June 8, 2023

David Powsner, Head of School
Foundations Upper Valley School
The Fire House, 147 Main Street
Windsor, VT 05079

RE: FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Mr. Powsner

This letter is to officially notify Foundations Upper Valley that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms SD Associates’ additional businesses, owned, and operated in addition to Foundations Upper Valley, are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following ***maximum rate*** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon 90% student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that ***must not be construed*** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including Medicaid funding.

Maximum Rate FY24

Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students \$149,378.92

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Foundations Upper Valley is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Foundations Upper Valley is *required* to include, in a written agreement,



the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232, Foundations Upper Valley's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Foundations Upper Valley an appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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June 6, 2023

Anne Swayze, Head of School
Amy Morrison, CFO
Greenwood School
14 Greenwood Lane
Putney, VT05346

RE: FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Swayze & Ms. Morrison,

This letter is to officially notify Greenwood School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if Greenwood School has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2023, and based upon 90% of student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds.

Residential Maximum Tuition Rate, FY23:	\$88,071.81
Tuition rate includes these services	One-to-one student aides, on-site clinician, on-site SLP, on-site OT/PT student services and on-site SEL services
Maximum Day Student Tuition Rate, FY23	\$73,071.81



Tuition rate includes these services

One-to-one student aides, on-site clinician, on-site SLP,
on-site OT/PT student services and on-site SEL services

In accordance with SBE Rules 2231.1 and 2231.2, Greenwood School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Greenwood School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) Greenwood School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Greenwood School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Agency of Education

June 22, 2022

Karen Steinbeck, Co- Director
Brendan Tubbs, Co-Director
The Inspire School for Autism
130 Austine Drive #8
Brattleboro, VT 05301

RE: FY23 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Steinbeck & Mr. Tubbs,

This letter is to officially notify The Inspire School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2022 – 2023 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if The Inspire School has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of July 1, 2022 and based upon 90% student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including COVID-19 program support funding and Medicaid funding.

Maximum Rate for Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students, FY23: \$99,840.18
Tuition rate includes One-to-one student aides, on-site clinician, SLP & BCBA services, and OT/PT student services



In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The Inspire School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, The Inspire School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232 The Inspire School for Autism's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, The Inspire School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Agency of Human Services

November 13, 2023

Carrie Hathaway
HC Jean Garvin School
55-59 Day Lane
Williston, VT 05495

RE: HC Jean Garvin School approved Treatment and Education tuition rates, FY 2024

Dear Carrie,

This letter is to officially notify HC Jean Garvin School that the following CERT and tuition rates have been approved concurrently by the Department of Mental Health and the Agency of Education for the 2023 – 2024 school year for HC Jean Garvin School. Official education tuition rates were approved by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232.

As therapeutic schools, CERT programs have treatment and education rates. If a student is Medicaid enrolled, the treatment is paid through Medicaid which is a combination of federal and state/local match. The match is paid by the LEA. For non-Medicaid enrolled students, the treatment portion is fully paid by the LEA.

The following rates have been approved based on the allowable costs in the FY24 budget application.

Approved FY24 rates: Standard

	Medicaid-Enrolled Students			Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students
	Treatment costs (CERT)	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA
		Medicaid Match required 42.48% of Treatment cost) ¹	Education Tuition	Education Tuition
Daily Rate	\$ 286.81	\$121.84	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE
Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$ 55,643.00	\$79,000.00

Approved FY24 rates: Intensive

	Medicaid-Enrolled Students			Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students
	Treatment costs	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA
		Medicaid Match required 42.48% of Treatment cost) ²	Education Tuition	Education Tuition
Daily Rate	\$ 542.20	\$230.33	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE
Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$85,816.00	\$ 121,838.00

CERT Rate:

These rates are effective for dates of service beginning 7/1/2023. The billing procedure for these services will be as follows:

1. Use the agency's MH, Success Beyond Six clinic provider number.
2. The procedure code is H2020 with an HK modifier. This modifier is mandatory, and the service will not be paid if it is missing.
3. Place of service code is 03 (schools), this is the only allowable place of service.
4. The DMH Success Beyond Six contract outlines the non-federal daily match payment requirements.

¹ If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information.

² If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information.



The Vermont Department of Mental Health reserves the right to monitor the financial aspects of the program and modify or adjust the Medicaid billing rate as needed based on actual Treatment expenditures. If you have any questions regarding the billing of these services, please contact Cara McSherry at 802-241-0108.

Official Maximum Education Tuition Rates, FY24

This letter is to officially notify Howard Center that the following tuition rates have been approved for The Jean Garvin School for the 2023 - 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Reported costs are only those that are net of other available restricted revenue sources per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, prior to tuition rate application submission. The school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon reported operational student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting Medicaid funding.

FY24 Maximum Tuition Rate Jean Garvin Standard Program

Medicaid eligible tuition	\$55,643.00
Non-Medicaid eligible tuition	\$79,000.00

FY24 Maximum Tuition Rate Jean Garvin Intensive Program

Medicaid eligible tuition	\$85,816.00
Non-Medicaid eligible tuition	\$121,838.00

This rate is based on reported operational capacity of 20 students, which was determined based on Rule 2232(d)(2). There were no disallowed costs excluded from the rate application request; therefore, all reported net costs were approved and included in the calculation of the rates listed above.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The Jean Garvin School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, The Jean Garvin School's administration is required to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.



Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k), you may appeal the rate listed above. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, you remain in disagreement with the AOE, Howard Center can appeal the Secretary's decision to the State Board of Education. Alternatively, an appeal can be filed directly with the State Board. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cara McSherry, Financial Manager
Department of Mental Health



J. Deborah Ormsbee, Independent School Programs
Agency of Education



December 20, 2022

Drew Gradinger, Head of School
Kindle Farm School
P.O. Box 393
Newfane, VT 05345

RE: FY24 Tuition Rate - 1:1 Intensive Program

Dear Mr. Gradinger,

This letter is to officially notify Kindle Farm School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the One-to-One Program for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if Kindle Farm School- One-to-One Program has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon full student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including COVID-19 program support funding and Medicaid funding.

**Maximum Rate for Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students, FY23:
\$89,424.00**

Tuition rate includes one-to-one student aides.



In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Kindle Farm School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Kindle Farm School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232, Kindle Farm School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Kindle Farm School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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December 20, 2022

Drew Gradinger, Head of School
Kindle Farm School
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Newfane, VT 05345

RE: FY24 Tuition Rate - Day Program

Dear Mr. Gradinger,

This letter is to officially notify Kindle Farm School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the Day Program for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if Kindle Farm School- Day Program has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon full student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including COVID-19 program support funding and Medicaid funding.

Maximum Rate for Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students, FY23:

\$54,234.00

Tuition rate includes one-to-one student aides.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Kindle Farm School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the



tuition. In addition, Kindle Farm School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232, Kindle Farm School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Kindle Farm School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Agency of Human Services

October 4, 2023

David McAllister, MSOL, MBA
Executive Director/CEO
Laraway Youth & Family Services
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Vermont 05656

RE: Laraway Youth & Family Services approved Treatment and Education tuition rates, FY 2024

Dear David,

This letter is to officially notify Laraway Youth & Family Services that the following CERT and tuition rates have been approved concurrently by the Department of Mental Health and the Agency of Education for the 2023 – 2024 school year for Laraway Youth & Family Services. Official education tuition rates were approved by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232.

As therapeutic schools, CERT programs have treatment and education rates. If a student is Medicaid enrolled, the treatment is paid through Medicaid which is a combination of federal and state/local match. The match is paid by the LEA. For non-Medicaid enrolled students, the treatment portion is fully paid by the LEA.

The following rates have been approved based on the allowable costs in the FY24 budget application.

Approved FY24 rates:

	Medicaid-Enrolled Students			Non-Medicaid Enrolled Students	
	Treatment costs (CERT)	Paid by LEA		Paid by LEA	
		Medicaid Match required 42.48% of Treatment cost) ¹	Education Tuition	Treatment Rate	Education Tuition
Daily Rate	\$ 353.00	\$149.95	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE	Not set by AOE
Maximum Annual Rate	Not set by DMH	Not set by DMH	\$ 96,106.00	Not set by DMH	\$ 127,542.00

CERT Rate:

These rates are effective for dates of service beginning 7/1/2024. The billing procedure for these services will be as follows:

1. Use the agency’s MH, Success Beyond Six clinic provider number.
2. The procedure code is H2020 with an HK modifier. This modifier is mandatory, and the service will not be paid if it is missing.
3. Place of service code is 03 (schools), this is the only allowable place of service.
4. The DMH Success Beyond Six contract outlines the non-federal daily match payment requirements.

The Vermont Department of Mental Health reserves the right to monitor the financial aspects of the program and modify or adjust the Medicaid billing rate as needed based on actual Treatment expenditures. If you have any questions regarding the billing of these services, please contact Cara McSherry at 802-241-0108.

Official Maximum Education Tuition Rates, FY24

This rate letter serves as an assurance that the head of school confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported per Rule 2232 (d), and have been accurately deducted, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if Laraway Youth & Family Services has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

¹ If the State FMAP rate changes during the fiscal year, DMH will issue updated information.



The approved *maximum rate* is in effect as of August 1, 2023 and based upon reported student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

This rate is based on an operational capacity of 35 students, which was determined based on Rule 2232(d)(2). The tuition rate includes embedded clinical services and 1:1 student academic support. There were no disallowed expenditures included in Laraway School's education rate request, FY24.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Laraway Youth & Family Services is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Laraway Youth & Family Services is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) Laraway Youth & Family Services administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Laraway Youth & Family Services can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Deborah Ormsbee, Program Manager at deborah.ormsbee@vermont.gov

Cara McSherry, Financial Manager
Department of Mental Health

J. Deborah Ormsbee, Independent School Programs
Agency of Education



July 6, 2022

Joe Astick, Head of School
Maplehill School
P.O. Box 248
Plainfield, VT 05667

RE: FY23 Tuition Rate

Dear Mr. Astick,

This letter is to officially notify Maplehill School that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2022 – 2023 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if Maplehill School has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of July 1, 2022 and based upon full enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including COVID-19 program support funding and Medicaid funding.

Maximum Rate for Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students, FY23:

Tuition rate includes: One-to-one student aides, clinical services, school to home coordination services

Standard Tuition Rate	(grades 4 – 12)	\$87,854.75
1:1 Program Rate	(grades 4 – 12)	\$100,261.66



In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Maplehill School is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Maplehill School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232 Maplehill School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Maplehill School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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November 14, 2022

Mr. Ed Nasta, Head of School
Jeanne Aseltine, CFO
The New School
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Montpelier, VT 05602

RE: Montpelier Campus, FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Mr. Nasta & Ms. Aseltine,

This letter is to officially notify The New School that the following tuition rates have been approved for the Montpelier Program for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if The New School has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY24:

IEP Contracted Service Provider Rate: \$146,978.59

Tuition rate includes

One-to-one student aide, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, clinician, and music therapy.



Standard IEP Rate: \$142,123.04
Tuition Rate Includes One-to-one student aide.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The New School of Montpelier is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, The New School of Montpelier is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) The New School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, The New School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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December 19, 2022

Mr. Ed Nasta, Head of School
The New School
11 West Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

RE: Glover program, FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Mr. Nasta,

This letter is to officially notify The New School that the following tuition rate has been approved for The New School's Glover program for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if The New School- Glover Campus has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding and Medicaid funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible FY24: \$106,238.67

Tuition rate includes Speech Language Pathologist and Occupational Therapy Services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, The New School of Glover is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's



attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, The New School of Glover is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232, The New School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, The New School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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June 28, 2023

Sarah Newman, Head of School
Priority Placements
P.O. Box 2428
Brattleboro, VT05303

RE: FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Newman,

This letter is to officially notify Priority Placements that the following tuition rates have been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if Priority Placements has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY24: \$53,241.97
Tuition Rate Includes One-to-one student aide, imbedded clinical services

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Priority Placements is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Priority Placements is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of



responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) Priority Placements' administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Priority Placements can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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July 6, 2023

Mark Mossey, Executive Director
Jen Dattoli, Principal
Sheldon Academy at The Vermont Achievement Center
88 Park Street
Rutland, VT 05702

RE: FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Mr. Mossey & Ms. Dattoli,

This letter is to officially notify Sheldon Academy that the following tuition rates have been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if Sheldon Academy has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon 90% student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY24:	\$120,119.40
Tuition Rate Includes	SLP, OT, Board Certified Behavioral Analyst Services, and one-to-one student support staff, per student IEP requirements

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Sheldon Academy is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student’s attendance,



detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Sheldon Academy is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) Sheldon Academy's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Sheldon Academy can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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July 10, 2023

Michael Bombard, Head of School
Derek Hoy, NCSS CFO
SOAR Learning Center
178 Mc Ginn Drive
P.O. Box 372
St. Albans Bay, VT 05481

RE: FY24 Tuition Rate- Elementary/Middle School

Dear Mr. Bombard & Mr. Hoy,

This letter is to officially notify SOAR Learning Center that the following tuition rates have been approved for SOAR's elementary/middle school, 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if SOAR Learning Center has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following ***maximum rate*** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon 90% student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that ***must not be construed*** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY24:

Medicaid Eligible Rate	\$71,181.94
Non-Medicaid Eligible Rate	\$97,422.76

Tuition Rate Includes Embedded clinical services, 1:1 student academic support



In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, SOAR Learning Center is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, SOAR Learning Center is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) SOAR Learning Center's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, SOAR Learning Center can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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RE: FY24 Tuition Rate- LEAP program

Dear Mr. Bombard & Mr. Hoy,

This letter is to officially notify SOAR Learning Center that the following tuition rates have been approved for SOAR's LEAP program, 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if SOAR Learning Center has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following maximum rate is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon full student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that must not be construed as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY24:

Medicaid Eligible Rate	\$91,494.34
Non-Medicaid Eligible Rate	\$125,150.95



Tuition Rate Includes

Embedded clinical services, 1:1 student academic support, 1:1 Behavioral interventionists

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, SOAR Learning Center is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, SOAR Learning Center is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) SOAR Learning Center's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, SOAR Learning Center can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Derek Hoy, NCSS CFO
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RE: FY24 Tuition Rate- High School

Dear Mr. Bombard & Mr. Hoy,

This letter is to officially notify SOAR Learning Center that the following tuition rates have been approved for SOAR high school, for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if SOAR Learning Center has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon 90% student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Tuition Rate, FY24:

Medicaid Eligible Rate	\$68,189.49
Non-Medicaid Eligible Rate	\$93,327.16



Tuition Rate Includes

Embedded clinical services, 1:1 student academic support

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, SOAR Learning Center is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, SOAR Learning Center is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(k) SOAR Learning Center's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, SOAR Learning Center can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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October 3, 2023

Sharon Howell, Head of School
Carol Lyons, CFO
St. Johnsbury Academy
1000 Main Street
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

RE: FY24 Special Education Tuition Rate - Guided Studies Program

Dear Ms. Howell and Ms. Lyons,

This letter is to officially notify St. Johnsbury Academy that the following special education tuition rate, for Guided Studies program, has been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2225. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of September 1, 2023 and based upon reported student enrollment of the Guided Studies program. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications regardless of the source of funds.

Maximum Rate FY24: \$10,152.16

Tuition rate includes student aides support services

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, St. Johnsbury Academy is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, St. Johnsbury Academy is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.



Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232 (k) St. Johnsbury Academy's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, St. Johnsbury Academy can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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cc: Mat Forest

October 3, 2023

Sharon Howell, Head of School
Carol Lyons, CFO
St. Johnsbury Academy
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St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

RE: FY24 Special Education Tuition Rate - Individualized Program

Dear Ms. Howell and Ms. Lyons,

This letter is to officially notify St. Johnsbury Academy that the following special education tuition rate, for the individualized program, has been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2225. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of September 1, 2023 and based upon reported enrollment of the individualized program. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds.

Maximum Rate FY24: \$43,623.37

Tuition rate includes counseling services and travel to community-based activities.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, St. Johnsbury Academy is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student’s attendance, detailing any services required by a student’s IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, St. Johnsbury Academy is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.



Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232 (k) St. Johnsbury Academy's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, St. Johnsbury Academy can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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cc: Mat Forest

July 28, 2023

Beth Treadwell-Brooks, Head of School
Kathy Pettengill, NFI CFO
Turning Points School
158 Meade Hill Road
Morgan, VT 05853

RE: FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Treadwell-Brooks & Ms. Pettengill,

This letter is to officially notify Turning Points School's administration that the following tuition rates have been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education's Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the head of school, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if Turning Points School has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following ***maximum rate*** is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon full student enrollment. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that ***must not be construed*** as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including extended COVID-19 program support funding.

Maximum Medicaid and Non-Medicaid Eligible Student Tuition Rate, FY24: \$54,138.00
Tuition rate includes embedded clinical services.

In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Turning Points School's administration is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible LEA which outlines costs for each



student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Turning Points School is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services per Rule 2231.2, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

Finally, as per State Board of Education Rule 2232(K) Turning Points School's administration has the right to appeal the Rate Setting Committee's decision. There are two levels of review and opportunities for submitting an appeal. The final tuition rate can be appealed to the Secretary of Education. If after the Secretary's review, school administrators remain in disagreement with the AOE, Turning Points School can appeal directly to the State Board of Education. All appeals are to be submitted, in writing, directly to either the Secretary's Office or to the State Board of Education. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



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cc: Hannah Goguen, NFI Education Director

December 1, 2022

Melinda Neff, Head of School
Two Roads Academy
308 Blakely Road
Colchester, VT 05446

RE: FY24 Tuition Rate

Dear Ms. Neff,

This letter is to officially notify Two Roads Academy that the following tuition rate has been approved for the 2023 – 2024 school year, by the Agency of Education’s Rate Setting Committee, as per Vermont State Board Rule 2232. Additionally, this letter serves as an assurance, that the Head of School, confirms and agrees that:

- There is no duplication of costs, in any cost category, on the tuition rate application
- Off-setting revenues have been accurately reported, and the school may be required to provide financial verification of reporting at the discretion of the Secretary of Education or the State Board of Education
- The Head of School confirms if Two Roads Academy has any additional businesses owned and operated by owners of the school, they are wholly separate operationally, financially and employ separate staff.

The following *maximum rate* is in effect as of July 1, 2023 and based upon full student capacity. Additionally, the approved rate is a maximum rate, that *must not be construed* as a base tuition rate during either tuition or excess cost negotiations with an LEA or school. Independent schools must report annual off-setting revenues in future tuition rate applications, regardless of the source of funds, including COVID-19 program support funding and Medicaid funding.

**Maximum Rate for Medicaid Eligible and Non-Medicaid Eligible Students, FY23:
\$159,466.61**

Tuition rate includes one-to-one student aides



In accordance with SBE Rule 2231.1, Two Roads Academy is *required* to enter into a *written* agreement with the sending responsible agency/school which outlines costs for each student's attendance, detailing any services required by a student's IEP and are not included in the tuition. In addition, Two Roads Academy is *required* to include, in a written agreement, the division of responsibility for the performance of non-instructional services, including compliance with special education procedural requirements.

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