

## SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS SERVICES AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) by and between PrepNet, LLC, a Michigan limited liability corporation (“**PrepNet**”), and Canton Preparatory High School, a body corporate and public school academy (the “**School**”) is effective the 1st day of July, 2014 (the “**Effective Date**”). For purposes of this Agreement, PrepNet and the School shall be referred to collectively as the “**Parties**.”

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the School was issued a Charter Contract by Grand Valley State University (the “**Authorizer**”) to operate a public school academy pursuant to the Michigan Revised School Code (the “**Authorizing Law**”); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to work together to promote educational excellence and innovation based on PrepNet’s school design, comprehensive educational program and management principles; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to set forth the terms and conditions of such a relationship in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, including the mutual promises and benefits contained in this Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I

#### CONTRACTING RELATIONSHIP

A. Services. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and as permitted by applicable law, the School hereby contracts with PrepNet for the provision of certain educational, business administration, facility, and management services, including without limitation, all labor, equipment, and materials necessary for the provision of the same, as set forth herein (collectively, the “**Services**”).

B. Charter. This Agreement shall: (i) be subject to and comply with the terms and conditions of the Charter Contract and the School’s Charter Application (collectively, the “**Charter**”); and (ii) not be construed to interfere with the constitutional, statutory, or fiduciary duties of the School’s Board of Directors (the “**Board**”). PrepNet agrees to perform its duties and responsibilities under this Agreement in a manner that is consistent with the School’s obligations under the Charter issued by the Authorizer. The provisions of the School’s Charter shall supersede any competing or conflicting provisions contained in this Agreement.

C. Independent Contractor. PrepNet shall provide the Services as an independent contractor, and not as an employee, partner, agent, or associate of the School. This independent contractor relationship shall extend to the officers, directors, employees, and representatives of PrepNet. Consistent with the status of an independent contractor, PrepNet reserves to itself the

right to designate the means and methods of accomplishing the objectives and purposes of this Agreement consistent with Board policy, applicable law and the Charter. PrepNet shall be solely responsible for its acts and the acts of its agents, employees and subcontractors. The relationship between the Parties is based solely on the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and the terms and conditions of any other written agreement between the Parties.

D. Designations and Appointments.

1. The Board shall by Board resolution appoint the Board Treasurer, or such other officer as determined by the Board, to serve as the chief administrative officer of the School (the “CAO”) under the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCL 141.421 *et seq.* (the “**Budgeting and Accounting Act**”) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement to the contrary, the Board resolution shall designate PrepNet’s chief financial officer, or such other PrepNet officer or employee as is mutually agreed upon by PrepNet and the Board, as the designated agent of the CAO to assist the CAO with the performance of the CAO’s duties under the Budgeting and Accounting Act.

2. PrepNet, including its directors, officers, and employees are hereby designated as “School Officials” for purposes of the Family Educational Right and Privacy Act, and its implementing regulations, 20 U.S.C. §1232g *et seq.* (FERPA); 34 CFR § 99.31(a)(1)(i)(B). Additionally:

(a) PrepNet agrees that it shall observe Board policies and applicable law regarding the confidentiality of Covered Data and Information. Covered Data and Information (“CDI”) includes paper and electronic student education record information and includes, without limitation, “education records” as defined under FERPA, 34 CFR § 99.1. CDI also includes any new records created and maintained by PrepNet under this Agreement using CDI.

(b) PrepNet shall not use or disclose CDI received from or on behalf of the School except as permitted or required by this Agreement and/or applicable law.

(c) Upon termination or other conclusion of this Agreement, PrepNet shall return all CDI to the School.

(d) PrepNet shall develop, implement, maintain and use appropriate administrative, technical and physical security measures to preserve the confidentiality, integrity and availability of all CDI received from, or on behalf of, the School or its students. These measures will be extended by contract to include subcontractors used by the PrepNet.

(e) PrepNet, within two business days of discovery, shall report to the Board any use or disclosure of CDI not authorized by this Agreement. PrepNet’s report shall identify: (i) the nature of the unauthorized use or disclosure, (ii) the CDI used or disclosed, (iii) who made the unauthorized use or received the unauthorized disclosure, (iv) what PrepNet has done or shall do to mitigate any deleterious effect of the unauthorized use or disclosure, and (v) what corrective action PrepNet has taken or shall take to prevent future similar unauthorized use or disclosure. PrepNet shall provide such other information, including a written report, as reasonably requested by the Board.

3. PrepNet, its directors, officers, and employees may be designated by the School for other purposes by a written resolution of the Board.

## ARTICLE II

### TERM & TERMINATION

A. Term. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date, and unless terminated as set forth herein, shall continue until the revocation, termination or expiration of the Charter currently in effect (the “**Term**”). The first school year of this Agreement shall commence July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, and each school year thereafter shall commence on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following year.

B. Termination.

1. By PrepNet. PrepNet may terminate this Agreement prior to the end of the Term if the Board fails to remedy a material breach of this Agreement within thirty (30) days after receiving a notice from PrepNet of such breach. For purposes of this Subsection, a material breach (which for the sake of clarity is a default hereunder) includes, but is not limited to: (i) PrepNet’s failure to timely receive any compensation or reimbursement required by this Agreement; or (ii) a suspension, termination, revocation, or non-renewal of the Charter.

2. By the School. The School may terminate this Agreement prior to the end of the Term if PrepNet fails to remedy a material breach of this Agreement within (30) days after receiving notice from the School of such breach. For purposes of this Subsection, a material breach includes, but is not limited to: (i) PrepNet’s failure to account for expenditures or pay operating costs pursuant to the Budget (as defined below); (ii) PrepNet’s failure to follow policies, procedures, rules, regulations or curriculum adopted by the Board, provided they do not violate the Charter, applicable law, or this Agreement; (iii) a receipt by the Board of an unsatisfactory report from PrepNet or an independent education consultant retained by the Board regarding the Services or the School’s performance, provided the unsatisfactory performance cannot be adequately corrected or explained; (iv) a determination that this Agreement or its implementation would serve as grounds for suspension, termination, revocation, or non-renewal of the Charter; (v) a determination that this Agreement or its implementation would jeopardize material tax exemptions of the School or its non-profit status; or (vi) any action or inaction by PrepNet that places the Charter in jeopardy of termination, suspension or revocation.

3. By Either Party. Either party may terminate this Agreement prior to the end of the Term, with or without cause, by providing the other party with at least ninety (90) days’ prior written notice.

4. Revocation or Termination of Charter. If the Academy’s Contract issued by the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees is revoked or terminated, this Agreement shall automatically terminate on the same date as the Academy’s Contract is revoked or termination without further action of the parties.”

5. If this Agreement is terminated prior to the end of the Term other than as provided for in Article II(B)(4) of this Agreement, and unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, such termination will not become effective until the end of the then-current school year.

C. Effect of Termination. Upon the effective date of termination or expiration of this Agreement:

1. Subject to any provisions contained in a lease between the Parties, the Parties shall have the right to remove from the School any equipment or other assets owned or leased by the respective Party;

2. The School shall pay or reimburse PrepNet through the Fee (as defined below) for the prepaid portion of any expenses or liabilities incurred by PrepNet pursuant to the Budget as of the date of such termination or expiration, provided PrepNet supplies the School with documentation of all such expenses and liabilities;

3. PrepNet may agree, in its sole discretion, to assist the School for a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed ninety (90) days, and for a reasonable fee, with the School's transition to another administrative, managerial, or services arrangement;

4. PrepNet shall, if applicable, reasonably assist the School in the execution of a closure and dissolution plan and cooperate in the closure and dissolution process, including without limitation, in any audits and court or other proceedings related thereto; and

5. The party to whom Confidential Information (as defined below) has been disclosed shall, upon request and at the direction of the disclosing party: (i) return such Confidential Information within thirty (30) days, including any copies thereof, and cease its use; or (ii) destroy such Confidential Information and certify such destruction to the disclosing party, except for a single copy thereof which may be retained for the sole purpose of determining the scope of any obligations incurred under this Agreement, and except where disclosure or retention is required by applicable law.

### ARTICLE III

#### OBLIGATIONS OF PrepNet

A. Manager at Risk. PrepNet shall be responsible and accountable to the Board for providing the Services. During the Term, PrepNet shall provide the Services regardless of whether actual revenue meets the level projected in the Budget, and PrepNet hereby assumes the risk of funding shortfalls during the Term. Notwithstanding the foregoing, PrepNet shall not be required to expend funds on Services in excess of the amount set forth in the Budget.

B. Comprehensive Educational Program. The School has determined to adopt PrepNet's proprietary educational and academic programs and goals, as set forth in the Charter (the "**Educational Program**"). Subject to the oversight of the Board, PrepNet shall implement and administer the Educational Program. In the event that PrepNet reasonably determines that it is

necessary or advisable to make material changes to the Educational Program, PrepNet shall inform the Board of the proposed changes and obtain the Board's approval before making such changes, as well as the Authorizer's approval if required by the Charter or applicable law. The Parties acknowledge and agree that an essential principle of the Educational Program is its flexibility, adaptability and capacity to change in the interest of continuous improvement and efficiency. Not less than annually or as reasonably requested by the Board, PrepNet shall provide the Board with a report detailing progress made on each of the educational goals set forth in the Educational Program. The school year calendar and the school day schedule shall be approved by the Board as required under the Charter.

C. All Children Welcome. PrepNet places a high value on diversity, and the School shall welcome students of all races, ethnicity, religion, gender and economic backgrounds.

D. Services to Students with Disabilities. PrepNet welcomes students with disabilities at the School. PrepNet shall provide special education and related services, in conformity with the requirements of applicable law, to students who attend the School.

E. Educational and Administrative Services. Subject to the oversight of the Board, PrepNet shall implement operational practices and procedures that are consistent with Board policy, the Charter and applicable law. Such practices and procedures shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Student recruitment and student admissions.
2. Student assessments, including testing, promotion, and retention.
3. The acquisition of instructional materials, equipment and supplies, and the administration of any and all extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and programs approved by the Board and PrepNet.
4. Employment of personnel working at the School and management of all personnel functions, as set forth herein.
5. All aspects of the School's business administration.
6. All aspects of the School's accounting operation, including general ledger management, financial reporting, payroll, employee benefits and payroll tax compliance.
7. Food service and transportation approved by the Board and PrepNet.
8. All aspects of facilities administration and maintenance.
9. Student behavior management and discipline.

F. Location of Services. Other than instruction, and unless prohibited by the Charter or applicable law, PrepNet may provide the Services, including but not limited to, purchasing, professional development and administrative services, off-site.

G. Subcontracts. PrepNet reserves the right to subcontract any and all aspects of the Services. PrepNet shall not subcontract the oversight of the Educational Program, except as specifically permitted in this Agreement or with prior written approval of the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board specifically acknowledges and agrees that from time to time PrepNet may use third parties or independent contractors to assist in the creation and development of Educational Materials (as defined below) that may be used as a part of the Educational Program.

H. Pupil Performance Standards and Evaluation. PrepNet shall implement pupil performance evaluations that permit evaluation of the academic progress of each School student. PrepNet shall be responsible and accountable to the Board for the academic performance of students who are enrolled at the School. PrepNet shall utilize assessment strategies required by the Charter and applicable law. The Board and PrepNet shall cooperate in good faith to identify academic goals and methods to assess such academic performance. PrepNet shall provide the Board with timely reports regarding student performance.

I. Unusual Events. PrepNet shall timely notify the Board and the Administrator (as defined below) of any anticipated or known material: (i) health or safety issues, including all mandatory reporting required by applicable law; (ii) labor, employee or funding issues; or (iii) other issues that may reasonably and adversely impact the School's ability to comply with the Charter, applicable law or this Agreement.

J. School Records. The financial and education records pertaining to the School (collectively, the "**School Records**"), are property of the School. Except as may be prohibited or limited by the Charter or applicable law, the School Records shall be available to the Board and the Authorizer for their review, and are subject to inspection and copying to the same extent that records of public schools are subject to inspection and copying pursuant to applicable law. All School Records shall be physically or electronically available at the School's physical facility upon request made by the Board or the Authorizer. PrepNet shall provide the Board on a timely basis all information that is required to be disclosed under section 22f of the State School Aid Act of 1979, MCL 388.1622f.

On an annual basis, PrepNet agrees to provide the Board the same information that a school district is required to disclose under section 18(2) of the State School Aid Act of 1979, MCL 388.1618, for the most recent school fiscal year for which the information is available. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this information, the Board shall make the information available on the School's website homepage, in a form and manner prescribed by the Michigan Department of Education. The defined terms in section 503c and 553c of the Code, MCL 380.503c and MCL 380.553c, whichever is applicable, shall have the same meaning in this Agreement.

PrepNet shall make information concerning the operation and management of the School, including without limitation the information described in Schedule 4 of the Charter, available to the School as deemed necessary by the Board in order to enable the School to fully satisfy its obligations under Section 12.17(a) of the Charter.

K. Facility. PrepNet shall use reasonable efforts to secure a facility to be leased or otherwise provided to the School on terms mutually agreeable to PrepNet and the Board.

Obligations of the Board created under the terms of such lease are to be fulfilled by PrepNet unless otherwise agreed to in writing by PrepNet and the Board. The facility shall comply with the requirements of the Charter and applicable law. PrepNet shall also use reasonable efforts to cause the facility to be furnished with equipment and technology as is reasonably necessary to implement the Educational Program.

L. Legal Compliance. PrepNet will implement and enforce rules, regulations and procedures applicable to the School that are consistent with adopted Board policy, if any, and the Educational Program in accordance with the Charter and applicable law, including without limitation, rules, regulations, and policies regarding non-discrimination, discipline, special education, confidentiality and access to records.

M. Rules and Procedures. PrepNet will recommend to the Board reasonable rules, regulations, policies and/or procedures applicable to the School. The Board hereby authorizes and directs PrepNet to enforce such rules, regulations and procedures consistent with Board policy, and make such rules, regulations and procedures available to the Board upon request.

N. Assistance to the Board. PrepNet shall cooperate with the Board and, to the extent consistent with the Charter and applicable law, timely furnish the Board with all documents and information necessary for the Board to properly perform its responsibilities under this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOARD**

A. Board Policies. The Board shall be responsible for the fiscal and academic policies of the School. The Board shall exercise good faith in considering the recommendations of PrepNet, including but not limited to, PrepNet's recommendations regarding policies, rules, regulations and the Budget (as defined below).

B. Academy Budget. The Board is responsible for establishing, approving and amending the Budget in accordance with the Budgeting and Accounting Act.

C. Governance Oversight. The Board shall provide governance level oversight of the School in accordance with the Charter and applicable law. The Board shall cooperate with PrepNet and, to the extent consistent with applicable law, timely furnish PrepNet all documents and information necessary for PrepNet to properly perform its responsibilities under this Agreement.

D. Unusual Events. The Board shall timely notify PrepNet of any anticipated or known material: (i) health or safety issues; (ii) labor, employee or funding issues; or (iii) other issues that may reasonably and adversely impact PrepNet's ability to comply with the Charter, applicable law, or this Agreement.

E. Office Space. The Board shall provide PrepNet with suitable office space at the School, provided the requested space is: (i) available and can be provided without materially prejudicing the Educational Program; and (ii) used only for activities related to the School. The space shall be provided at no cost to PrepNet.

F. Retained Authority. The Board shall retain the authority to adopt reasonable policies in accordance with applicable law relative to anything necessary for the proper establishment, maintenance, management, and operation of the School.

## ARTICLE V

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#### A. Definitions.

1. “**Educational Materials**” means all curriculum, print and electronic textbooks, instructional materials, lesson plans, teacher guides, workbooks, tests, and other curriculum-related materials licensed, developed or otherwise owned by the School or PrepNet.

2. “**Confidential Information**” means any confidential and non-public trade, technical or business knowledge, information and materials regarding the School or PrepNet (or their respective affiliates), which is given by one party to the other, or any of their respective representatives, in any form, whether printed, written, oral, visual, electronic or in any other media or manner. Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to, research, operations and procedures, financial projections, pricing, sales, expansion plans and strategies, services data, trade secrets and other intellectual property, or the results of any mediation or private adjudication, as well as information with respect to each party’s or its affiliates’ plans for market expansion, except for information which a party can show by contemporaneous written records was developed or formulated independently of work or services performed for, or in connection with performance of, this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the disclosure of the other party’s Confidential Information as required to be disclosed by law, rule or regulation or by reason of subpoena, court order or government action shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement; however, in such event the party required to disclose such information will reasonably cooperate with the party whose information is required to be disclosed in order to obtain a protective order applicable to such disclosure. All Confidential Information will remain the sole property of the party disclosing such information or data.

B. School Materials. The School shall own all right, title and interest in and to Educational Materials that are: (i) licensed or owned by the School as of the Effective Date; or (ii) licensed, developed, characterized, conceived, derived, generated, identified, or otherwise made by the School during the Term, provided such materials do not reference the PrepNet Materials (as defined below), or incorporate any Confidential Information of PrepNet (collectively, the “**School Materials**”). The School Materials shall include all intellectual property rights associated therewith.

C. PrepNet Materials. PrepNet shall own all right, title and interest in and to Educational Materials that are: (i) licensed or owned by PrepNet as of the Effective Date; (ii) licensed, developed, characterized, conceived, derived, generated, identified, or otherwise made by PrepNet during the Term, provided such materials do not reference School Materials or incorporate any Confidential Information of the School; and (iii) any and all Educational Materials



and non-curriculum materials provided to the School by PrepNet relating to the Educational Program, including all changes and derivatives thereof (collectively, the “**PrepNet Materials**”).

D. Derivative Works. The Parties acknowledge that to the extent any Educational Materials created by the School are derivative of the PrepNet Materials, use of such derivative materials during the Term is subject to the license granted herein, and the license to use such derivative materials shall cease as of the date of expiration or termination of this Agreement.

E. No Transfer or Sale. The School acknowledges and agrees that PrepNet is not transferring or selling, and the School is not receiving, purchasing or acquiring, any intellectual property or proprietary rights in or to the PrepNet Materials.

F. Licenses. PrepNet hereby grants the School a non-exclusive, non-transferable license (without the right to sublicense) to use the PrepNet Materials, and any Educational Materials created by the School which are derivative of the PrepNet Materials, solely in furtherance of the Educational Program during the Term, including without limitation, the right to reproduce, publicly display, distribute and create derivative works of the same, in hard copy format or electronically, within the United States. The School represents and warrants that during the Term, and following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, the School will not exploit or assist any third party to exploit any of the PrepNet Materials for commercial purposes. Subject to applicable law, the School grants PrepNet a non-exclusive, non-transferable license (without the right to sublicense) to use the School Materials, solely in furtherance of the Educational Program during the Term, including without limitation, the right to reproduce, publicly display, distribute and create derivative works of the same, in hard copy format or electronically, within the United States.

G. PrepNet Marks. During the Term, PrepNet grants the School a non-exclusive, revocable, non-transferable license (without the right to sublicense) to use PrepNet’s trade name(s) and PrepNet’s trademark(s) (the “**PrepNet Marks**”) solely for the purposes of promoting and advertising the School. PrepNet shall have the opportunity to review and approve all artwork, copy or other materials utilizing the PrepNet Marks prior to any production or distribution thereof. All uses of the PrepNet Marks require PrepNet’s prior written permission. The School shall acquire no rights in or to the PrepNet Marks, and all goodwill associated with the PrepNet Marks shall inure to the benefit of and remain with PrepNet. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, the School shall immediately discontinue use of the PrepNet Marks and shall remove the PrepNet Marks from its locations, vehicles, websites, telephone directory listings and all other written or electronic promotional materials.

H. Assignment. Each party shall, and hereby does assign to the other, with full title guarantee and without additional compensation, such right, title and interest in and to any intellectual property as is necessary to fully affect the ownership provisions set out herein, and any accrued rights of action in respect thereof. Each party shall, if so requested by the other, execute all such documents and do all such other acts and things as may be reasonably required to comply with this Agreement to vest in the appropriate party all rights in the relevant intellectual property and shall procure execution by any named inventor of all such documents as may reasonably be required by the other party in connection with any related patent application.

## ARTICLE VI

### SOLICITATION AND USE OF PRIVATE FUNDS

PrepNet shall seek the Board's approval prior to soliciting any non-governmental grants, donations or contributions on behalf of the School. Any such funds received shall be used solely in accordance with the purpose for which they were solicited, applicable donor restrictions, or as otherwise approved by the Board. Subject to applicable donor restrictions, the Board shall determine the allocation of any such funds subject to this Article that remain unexpended following completion of the project or purpose for which they were originally designated.

## ARTICLE VII

### FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

A. Revenues. Except as provided herein, all monies received by the School shall be deposited in the School's depository account within three (3) business days with a financial institution acceptable to the Board; provided, however, that upon receipt of a notice from PrepNet, the School shall pay all such funds owing under this Agreement directly to the account or party specified in such notice. The signatories on the School depository account shall solely be Board members. Interest income earned on the School's depository account shall accrue to the School. Except as specifically excluded by this Agreement, the term "**Revenues**" shall include all funds received by or on behalf of the School, including but not limited to:

1. Funding for public school students enrolled at the School.
2. Special education funding provided by the federal and/or state government that is directly allocable to special education students enrolled at the School.
3. Gifted and talented funding provided by the federal and/or state government that is directly allocable to gifted and talented students enrolled at the School.
4. At-risk funding provided by the federal and/or state government that is directly allocable to at-risk students enrolled at the School.
5. Funding provided by the federal and/or state government that is directly allocable to students enrolled at the School with limited English proficiency.
6. All other federal and/or state grant sources, including, but not limited to, Title I and any start-up funding allocable to the School.
7. Grants and donations received by the School to support or carry out programs at the School (except to the extent PrepNet is not required or

involved in soliciting, administering or managing the contribution and/or donation, in which case such funds shall be deposited in the Board Spending Account (as defined below)).

8. Fees charged to students as permitted by law for extra services provided by PrepNet as approved by the Board.

The expenditure of any Revenues received from governmental entities shall be consistent with all applicable regulations and policies. The expenditure of any Revenues received from non-governmental grants, contributions and donations shall be made consistent with the provisions of Article VI.

B. Budget. PrepNet shall provide the Board with an annual proposed Budget prepared and maintained in accordance with the Charter, the Michigan Budgeting and Accounting Act, and applicable law (the “**Budget**”). The Budget shall include all of the School’s projected revenues and expenses at the object level as described in the Michigan Department of Education’s Michigan School Accounting Manual. For the School’s first school year, the Budget shall be submitted prior to the beginning of the school year. Thereafter, the Budget shall be submitted to the Board prior to June 1 for the next school year.

C. Review and Approval of Budget. The Board shall be responsible for reviewing and approving the Budget in accordance with the Charter and applicable law. At the direction of either PrepNet or the Board, with the approval of the Board, the Budget shall be amended from time to time as necessary.

D. Board Spending Account. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, each school year during the Term, PrepNet shall allocate to an account controlled by the Board an amount equal to the lesser of: (i) 2% of state per pupil aid reflected in the Budget for that respective school year, or (ii) \$35,000 (the “**Board Spending Account**”). The aforesaid amount shall be deposited by PrepNet into the Board Spending Account pro-rata during the course of the School’s school year as Revenues are received. All funds in the Board Spending Account are the property of the School and may be used by the School at the discretion of the Board. Funds in the Board Spending Account that are not spent by the School during the school year shall carryover annually. Items purchased by PrepNet for the School and paid for by the School with funds from the Board Spending Account, such as non-proprietary instructional and/or curriculum materials, books, supplies and equipment, shall be the property of the School. The property of the School excludes items leased, financed or purchased by PrepNet with the Fee (as defined below). PrepNet agrees not to add any fees or charges to the cost of equipment, materials or supplies purchased by PrepNet at the request of or on behalf of the School with funds from the Board Spending Account. PrepNet, in making such purchases for the School pursuant to this subsection, shall comply with applicable law, as if the School were making such purchases itself from a third party, and shall provide the Board, upon request, available documentation evidencing the costs associated with such purchases. PrepNet shall maintain a listing of all assets owned by the School and shall provide the list to the Board annually upon request.

E. Fee. PrepNet shall receive all Revenues as its services fee (the “**Fee**”), from which it shall pay all operating costs of the School as detailed in the Budget. PrepNet and the Board

acknowledge that operating costs includes an administrative fee payable to the Authorizer as set forth in the Charter. Payment of the Fee shall be made on the same frequency that the School receives its Revenues. PrepNet shall be entitled to retain as compensation for the Services the difference, if any, between the Fee and the amount actually expended by PrepNet in operation and/or management of the School during the School's fiscal year. PrepNet agrees not to add any fees or charges to the cost of equipment, materials or supplies purchased by PrepNet at the request of or on behalf of the School.

F. No Loans. PrepNet shall not make or extend loans to the Board.

G. Other Schools. The School acknowledges that PrepNet has entered into similar services agreements with other schools. PrepNet shall maintain separate accounts for expenses incurred in the operation of the School and other schools assisted by PrepNet, and shall reflect in the School's financial records only those expenses incurred in the operation of the School. If PrepNet incurs expenses that are for both the benefit of the School and other schools assisted by PrepNet, then PrepNet shall allocate, to the extent permitted by law, such expenses among all such affected schools, including the School, on a prorated basis based upon the number of enrolled students, the number of classrooms, or the number of teachers at the affected schools, or on such other equitable basis as is reasonably determined by PrepNet. In no event shall marketing and development costs incurred solely for the benefit of PrepNet (and not the School) be allocated to the School.

H. Financial Reporting. PrepNet shall provide the Board with:

1. At least annually, the Budget as required by this Agreement.
2. Monthly, financial statements no more than forty-five (45) days in arrears and at least one week prior to each Board meeting. These financial statements will include a Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance at object level detail with a comparison of budget to actual revenue and expenditures and explanations of variances.
3. Quarterly, or as reasonably requested by the Board, a report on School operations and student performance.
4. As reasonably requested, other information to enable the Board to: (i) evaluate the quality of the Services; and (ii) timely provide all reports and information that are required by the Charter and applicable law.

I. Access to Financial Records. PrepNet shall keep accurate financial records pertaining to its operation of the School, together with all School financial records prepared by or in possession of PrepNet, and shall retain all of the aforereferenced records according to the Charter and applicable law to which such books, accounts, and records relate. PrepNet and the Board shall maintain the proper confidentiality

of personnel, students, and other records as required by law. All records shall be kept in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements.

J. Accounting Standards; Annual Audit.

1. The School shall at all times comply with generally accepted public sector accounting principles, accounting system requirements of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended, applicable Michigan Department of Education rules, and applicable law.
2. The Board shall select and retain an independent auditor to conduct an annual audit of the School's financial matters in accordance with the Charter and applicable law.
3. Subject to applicable law, all records in the possession or control of PrepNet that relate to the School, including but not limited to, financial records, shall be made available to the School and the School's independent auditor. The expense of the annual audit shall be included in the Budget.

K. Start-up Funds; Contributions; Repayment.

1. PrepNet shall provide start-up funds for: (i) the development of curriculum, a technology system and a school operations plan; (ii) recruiting, selecting and training of staff members; and (iii) to the extent necessary as reasonably determined by PrepNet, cleaning, renovating and equipping of the School facility (the "**Start-Up Funds**").
2. PrepNet shall make contributions to the School in the event School expenses for the Services exceed Revenues (the "**Contributions**"). The Contributions, if any, shall be in amounts acceptable to the Parties and, once made, shall be included in the Budget.
3. The School shall not be legally obligated to repay PrepNet for the Start-Up Funds or the Contributions. PrepNet's agreement to make such Contributions shall not be deemed to negate or mitigate the need for the School to apply for or solicit state or federal start-up funds, grants or sub-grants which the School, as a public school, may be eligible to receive.

## ARTICLE VIII

### PERSONNEL & TRAINING

A. Qualified Personnel. PrepNet shall select and hire qualified personnel to perform the Services. PrepNet shall have the responsibility and authority, subject to this Article, to select, hire, evaluate, assign, discipline, transfer, and terminate personnel consistent with the Budget, the Charter and applicable law. Personnel working at the School shall be employees of PrepNet unless otherwise expressly agreed by PrepNet and the Board. PrepNet and the Board each shall be

responsible for their respective employees. However, the compensation of all employees working at the School shall be included in the Budget. Upon Board request, PrepNet shall disclose to the Board the level of compensation and fringe benefits provided by PrepNet to PrepNet employees working at the School. A criminal background check and unprofessional conduct search in compliance with applicable law shall be conditions for the hiring of or services provided by any person assigned by PrepNet under this Agreement to regularly and continuously work in any of the School's facilities or at program sites where the School delivers Services. PrepNet shall pay all salaries, wages, benefits, payroll and other taxes to or on account of its employees. The Academy shall not be liable for the payment of any such salaries, wages, benefits, payroll or taxes thereon for or on behalf of any PrepNet employee, contractor or agent. PrepNet acknowledges and agrees that it is the sole and exclusive responsibility of PrepNet to make the requisite tax filings, deductions and payments to the appropriate federal, state and local tax authorities for and on behalf of all persons employed or engaged by PrepNet to provide Services under this Agreement. As applicable, PrepNet shall conduct employee evaluations consistent with Section 1249 and 1250 of the Code.

B. School Administrator. The School administrator (the "**Administrator**") shall be an employee of PrepNet and not the Board. The duties and terms of the Administrator's employment shall be determined by PrepNet. The Administrator shall work with PrepNet in the operation and management of the School. The Administrator shall attend meetings of the Board and shall provide reports to the Board. The accountability of PrepNet to the School is an essential foundation of this Agreement. PrepNet shall have the authority, consistent with this Article, to select, hire, evaluate, assign, discipline, transfer and terminate the Administrator, and to hold the Administrator accountable for the performance of the School. Without limiting the foregoing, PrepNet shall consult with the Board prior to the placement and/or removal of the Administrator. Absent compelling circumstances, the consultation shall commence at least ninety (90) days prior to PrepNet placing and/or removing the Administrator. PrepNet shall give due consideration to the input of the Board or the Board's designated representative prior to making a final decision regarding placement and/or removal of the Administrator. PrepNet shall remove the Administrator if the Board is reasonably dissatisfied with the Administrator's performance. Absent compelling circumstances, however, the Board shall give PrepNet and the Administrator six (6) months to correct the basis for the Board's reasonable dissatisfaction. The parties agree that the purpose of the above provisions is not to deny the Administrator the opportunity for growth and/or promotion within PrepNet. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the placement of the initial Administrator for the School in its first year of operation shall be made by PrepNet.

As the employer, PrepNet shall be solely responsible for the performance evaluation of the Administrator. PrepNet shall seek feedback from the Board prior to completing an annual Administrator performance evaluation.

C. Teachers. PrepNet shall, consistent with this Article, assign to perform Services at the School, teachers qualified to teach their assigned subjects and grade level. The curriculum taught by the teachers shall be consistent with the Educational Program. The teachers may, at the discretion of PrepNet, be assigned to work at the School on a full or part time basis. If assigned to work at the School on a part time basis, the teacher(s) may also be assigned to work at other schools for which PrepNet provides services. The cost for such teacher(s) shall be shared proportionately among the schools at which PrepNet has assigned the teacher(s) to work. Each

teacher assigned to work at the School shall hold a valid teaching certificate issued by the state board of education or applicable state agency to the extent required by the Authorizing Law.

D. Support Staff. PrepNet shall, consistent with this Article, assign to perform Services at the School, qualified support staff as needed for PrepNet to operate the School in an efficient manner. The support staff may, at the discretion of PrepNet, be assigned to work at the School on a full or part time basis. If assigned to work at the School on a part time basis, the support staff may be assigned to work at other schools for which PrepNet provides services. The cost for such support staff shall be shared proportionately among the schools at which PrepNet has assigned the support staff to work. An individual assigned to work at the School that is not teaching, but for which a license is required under applicable law, shall have the appropriate license.

E. Training. PrepNet shall provide or procure training in its methods, curriculum, program, and technology to all teaching personnel on a regular basis. Instructional personnel shall be required to obtain at least the minimum hours of professional development as required by applicable law. Non-instructional personnel shall receive training as PrepNet determines reasonable and necessary under the circumstances.

F. Background Checks and Qualifications. PrepNet shall comply with applicable law regarding background checks, unprofessional conduct searches and certification/licensure, as applicable, for all persons working in the School, the costs of which shall be included in the Budget.

G. Terms of Employment. No member of the staff at the School shall be subject to any covenant not to compete or other employment restriction as part of the terms of his or her employment with PrepNet for the Services.

H. Limitations on Discretion. All decisions made by PrepNet, and any discretion exercised by PrepNet, in its selection, hiring, evaluation, assignment, discipline, transfer, and termination of personnel, shall be consistent with the Budget, the Charter, the parameters adopted and included in the Educational Program, and applicable law.

## ARTICLE IX

### INDEMNIFICATION

A. Indemnification of Parties. To the extent not prohibited by the Charter or applicable law, the Parties hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold the other (the “**Indemnified Party**”), harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, actions, damages, expenses, losses or awards which arise out of (i) the negligence or intentional misconduct of the indemnifying party, (ii) any action taken or not taken by the indemnifying party, or (iii) any noncompliance or breach by the indemnifying party of any of the terms, conditions, warranties, representations, or undertakings contained in or made pursuant to this Agreement. As used herein, Indemnified Party shall include the party’s trustees, directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and attorneys. The Parties may purchase general liability, property, or other insurance policies. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Board shall not be precluded by

the terms of this Agreement from asserting or declining to assert a claim of governmental immunity.

B. Indemnification of Authorizer. The parties acknowledge and agree that the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees, Grand Valley State University and its members, officers, employees, agents or representatives are deemed to be third party beneficiaries for purposes of this Agreement. As third party beneficiaries, the parties hereby promise to indemnify and hold harmless Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees, Grand Valley State University and its members, officers, employees, agents or representatives from all claims, demands, or liability, including attorney fees, and related expenses, on account of injury, loss or damage, including, without limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage or any other losses of any kind whatsoever and not caused by the sole negligence of Grand Valley State University, which arise out of or are in any manner connected with Grand Valley State University Board's approval of the School application, the University Board's consideration of or issuance of a Contract, the Academy's preparation for and operation of a public school, or which are incurred as a result of the reliance by Grand Valley State University and its Board of Trustees members, officers, employees, agents or representatives upon information supplied by the Academy or the ESP, or which arise out of the failure of the Academy to perform its obligations under the Contract issued to the Academy by Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees. The parties expressly acknowledge and agree that Grand Valley State University and its Board of Trustee members, officers, employees, agents or representatives may commence legal action against either party to enforce its rights as set forth in this Agreement.”

## **ARTICLE X**

### **INSURANCE**

A. Insurance Coverage. PrepNet shall maintain such policies of insurance as required by the Charter, the Authorizers insurance carrier recommendations, and applicable law. Each party shall, upon request, present evidence to the other that it maintains the requisite insurance in compliance with the provisions of this Article. In the event that the Authorizer's insurance carrier recommends any change in coverage, PrepNet agrees to comply with any change in the type and amount of coverage as requested by the Authorizer's insurance carrier within thirty (30) days after notice of the insurance coverage change is provided to PrepNet. Each party shall comply with any information or reporting requirements required by the other party's insurer(s), to the extent reasonably practicable.

B. Workers' Compensation Insurance. Each party shall maintain workers' compensation insurance as required by law, covering their respective employees.

## **ARTICLE XI**



## **REPRESENTATIONS & WARRANTIES**

A. Board and School. The Board represents and warrants, for itself and on behalf of the School, that: (i) it is legally vested with all power and authority necessary to operate a charter school under the Authorizing Law; (ii) it is legally vested with all power and authority necessary to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement, including without limitation, the power and authority to contract with a private entity for the provision of educational, business administration and management services; (iii) its actions have been duly and validly authorized, and it has adopted any and all resolutions or expenditure approvals required for the execution of this Agreement; and (iv) there are no pending actions, claims, suits or proceedings, or, to its knowledge, threatened or reasonably anticipated against or affecting either the Board or the School, which if adversely determined, would have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform under this Agreement.

B. PrepNet. PrepNet represents and warrants that: (i) it is a corporation in good standing and is authorized to conduct business in the State of Michigan; (ii) it is legally vested with all power and authority necessary to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement; (iii) there are no pending actions, claims, suits or proceedings, or, to its knowledge, threatened or reasonably anticipated against or affecting PrepNet, which if adversely determined, would have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement; and (iv) it will comply with all registration and licensing requirements relating to conducting business under this Agreement, which the Board agrees to assist PrepNet in applying for such licenses and permits and in obtaining such approvals and consents.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

A. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and any attachments hereto shall constitute the entire agreement of the Parties on the subject matter set forth herein. This Agreement supersedes and replaces any and all prior agreements and understandings regarding the subject matter set forth herein between the School and PrepNet.

B. Force Majeure. Except for payment obligations, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, neither party shall be liable for any delay in performance or inability to perform due to acts of God, war, riot, embargo, fire, explosion, sabotage, flood, accident, labor strike, or other acts beyond its reasonable control; provided either party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with provisions contained herein if sufficient grounds exist as provided in the Article governing termination.

C. State Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial. This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, governed and enforced pursuant to the laws of the State of Michigan, without regard to its conflict-of-laws principles. The Parties hereby waive the right to a jury trial in any action, proceeding or counterclaim brought by either PrepNet or the School against the other.

D. Notices. All notices and other communications required by this Agreement shall be in writing and sent to the Parties at the facsimile number or address set forth below. Notice may be given by: (i) facsimile with written evidence of confirmed receipt by the receiving party

of the entire notice; (ii) certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested; or (iii) personal delivery. Notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of transmittal if given by facsimile, upon the date of postmark if sent by certified or registered mail, or upon the date of delivery if given by personal delivery. For purposes of the foregoing, "personal delivery" shall include delivery by nationally recognized overnight courier (such as FedEx), if signed for by the recipient or a delegate thereof. Notices to the School shall be sent to the current address of the then current Board President, with a copy to the then current Board attorney. The addresses of the Parties for the purposes aforesaid, including the address of the initial Board President, are as follows:

The School:                                  Canton Preparatory High School  
Attn: President, Board of Directors  
46610 Cherry Hill Road  
Canton, Michigan 48188  
Telephone: (734) 862-8600

WITH A COPY TO:  
Joseph Urban  
Clark Hill  
151 S. Old Woodward Avenue  
Suite 200  
Birmingham, MI 48009  
(248) 988-1829

PrepNet:    PrepNet, LLC  
Attn: Chief Financial Officer  
3755 36<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Suite 250  
Grand Rapids, MI 49512  
Telephone: (616) 726-8900  
Facsimile: (616) 726-8901

WITH A COPY TO:  
  
McShane & Bowie  
Attn: John R. Grant  
1100 Campau Square Plaza  
99 Monroe Ave., NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49501  
Telephone: (616) 732-5013  
Facsimile: (616) 732-5099

E. Assignment. PrepNet may assign this Agreement with the prior written approval of the Board and in a manner consistent with the Authorizer's policies.

F. Amendment. This Agreement shall not be altered, amended, modified or supplemented except by memorandum approved by the Board and signed by both an authorized officer of the School and PrepNet and in manner consistent with the Authorizer's policies.

G. Waiver. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any other provision. Nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver unless otherwise expressly stated.

H. Costs and Expenses. If any Party commences an action against another Party as a result of a breach or alleged breach of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing Party reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit.

I. Severability. If any term or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms and provisions set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated, and the Parties shall use their best efforts to find and employ an alternative means to achieve the same or substantially the same result as that contemplated by such term or provision.

J. Delegation of Authority. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as delegating to PrepNet powers or authority of the Board which are not subject to delegation by the Board under the Charter or applicable law.

K. Compliance with Law. Each party will comply with the Charter and laws applicable to the performance of such party's obligations hereunder.


L. Time of Essence. The Parties understand and agree that time is of the essence in performing their respective responsibilities under this Agreement.

[Signatures on Following Page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

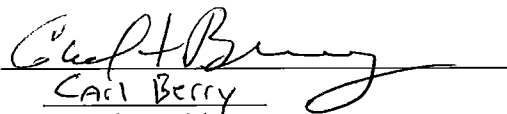
**PrepNet:**

PrepNet, LLC  
a Michigan limited liability corporation

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Pater  
Its: President

**SCHOOL:**

Canton Preparatory High School  
a Michigan public school academy

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Carl Berry  
Its: Board President