RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLANS ("ECLP") AND APPROVAL OF CHARTER CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Grand Blanc Academy (the "Academy")

A regular meeting of the Academy Board of Directors was held on the 16th day of September, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Board Member Angelo Powell:

Present: J. Kotwicki, J. McCann, A. Powell, A. Stewart

Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Board Member <u>Jennifer Kotwicki</u> and supported by Board Member <u>Alyssa Stewart:</u>

BACKGROUND

On August 20, 2020, in response to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic affecting our state, Governor Whitmer signed into law certain amendments to the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended, MCL 388.1601 *et seq.* ("Back to School Laws"). The Back to School Laws include additional requirements for all Michigan schools as they plan for a return of preK-12 education for the 2020-2021 school year. Under the Back to School Laws, a public school academy must provide for instruction under an extended COVID-19 learning plan ("ECLP") that is approved by its authorizing body ("Authorizer"). ECLPs include many of the same subject matters addressed in a public school academy's charter contract, including measurable educational goals to be achieved by all subgroups in the school, measurement of those educational goals by one or more benchmark assessments, a description of how the educational program, including instruction, will be delivered, a description of the school's curricula and specific reporting requirements for the 2020-2021 school year. Under the Back to School Laws, schools retain the flexibility to tailor and adjust their ECLPs to meet the needs of their students and the community they serve.

The Back to School Laws require, among other things, that each public school academy do the following:

- (1) Establish educational goals required to be included in the ECLP no later than September 15, 2020.
- (2) Approve an ECLP and submit it to their respective Authorizer for approval by October 1, 2020. If approved by the Authorizer, the ECLP is transmitted by the Authorizer to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Treasurer.
- (3) Make an ECLP accessible through the transparency reporting link on the school's website by October 1, 2020.

- authorized to make any revisions to the ECLP required by the Authorizer to obtain Authorizer approval of the ECLP.
- 2. The attached Contract amendment, incorporating the ECLP into the Contract, is approved. See Exhibit 2. The Board President is authorized to sign and submit the Contract amendment to the Authorizer for approval.
- 3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.
- 4. The Academy will deliver from time to time such information regarding the implementation of the Academy's ECLP as the Authorizer or Michigan Department of Education may reasonably request.
- 5. Any Board policies or provision of Board policies that prohibit or impede the Academy's compliance with ECLP are temporarily waived, suspended or altered.
- 6. This Resolution shall take immediate effect and continue through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. If the Back to School Laws are amended, and such amendments requires additional Board action relative to the ECLP, the Board may take such action to comply with existing law.

Ayes:4

Nays: <u>0</u>

Resolution declared adopted.

JoAnne McCann

Secretary, Academy Boar



Grand Blanc Academy Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan

Address of School District: 5135 East Hill Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

District Code Number: 25903

Building Code Number(s): 08705

District Contact Person: Patty Wood

District Contact Person Email Address: pwood@grandblancacademy.org

Local Public Health Department: Genesee County Health Department

Local Public Health Department Contact Person Email Address: info@gchd.us

Name of Intermediate School District: Genesee Intermediate School District

Name of Authorizing Body: Eastern Michigan University

Date of Adoption by Board of Directors: September 16, 2020



Assurances

- The Academy will administer an approved benchmark assessment, or local benchmark assessment, or any combination thereof, to all pupils in grades K to 8 to measure proficiency in reading and mathematics within the first nine weeks of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Within thirty days after the approval of its Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan, and every 30 days thereafter, the Academy, at a meeting of its board of directors, will reconfirm how instruction is delivered during the 2020-2021 school year and will solicit public comment, at a public meeting, from the parents or legal guardians enrolled in the Academy.
- If delivering pupil instruction virtually, the Academy will expose each pupil to the academic standards that apply for each pupil's grade level or courses in the same scope and sequence as the Academy had planned for that exposure to occur for in-person instruction.
- If delivering pupil instruction virtually, the Academy will provide pupils with equitable access to technology and the internet necessary to participate in instruction.
- The Academy will ensure that students with disabilities will be provided with equitable access to instruction and accommodation in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations.
- The Academy, in consultation with a local health department, and district employees, will develop guidelines concerning appropriate methods for delivering pupil instruction for the 2020-2021 school year that are based on local data that are based on key metrics. A determination concerning the method for delivering pupil instruction shall remain at the Academy Board's discretion. Key metrics that the Academy will consider shall include at least all of the following:
 - o COVID-19 Cases or Positive COVID-19 tests
 - Hospitalizations due to COVID-19
 - o Number of deaths resulting from COVID-19 over a 14-day period
 - o COVID-19 cases for each day for each 1 million individuals
 - o The percentage of positive COVID-19 tests over a 4-week period
 - Health capacity strength
 - o Testing, tracing, and containment infrastructure with regard to COVID-19
- If the Academy determines that it is safe to provide in-person pupil instruction to pupils, the Academy will prioritize providing in-person pupil instruction to pupils in grades PK to 5 who are enrolled in the Academy.
- The Academy will ensure that two (2), 2-way interactions occur between a pupil enrolled in the Academy and the pupil's teacher or at least one (1) of the pupil's teachers during each week of the school year for at least 75% of the pupils enrolled in the Academy. The Academy will publicly announce its weekly interaction rates at each Academy Board meeting where it will reconfirm how instruction is being delivered, beginning 30 days after approval of its Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan, and every 30 days thereafter. The Academy will make those rates



available through the transparency reporting link located on the Academy website each month for the 2020-2021 school year.

■ The Academy will create and make available on its transparency reporting link located on the Academy's website, a report concerning the progress made in meeting the educational goals contained in its Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan not later than February 1, 2021, for goals its expected would be achieved by the middle of the school year and not later than the last day of school of the 2020-2021 school year for goals the Academy expected would be achieved by the end of the school year.

President of the Board of Directors

October 1, 2020

Date



Introduction and Overview

Grand Blanc Academy (GBA) is a public charter school and has been authorized by Eastern Michigan University since 1999. Grand Blanc Academy is a Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade building and holds a partnership with the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) for pre-kindergarten and a partnership with Genesee County Community Action Resource Development (GCCARD) housing an Early Headstart classroom for 6-month-old to 3 year old children.

Grand Blanc Academy provides educational opportunities to service the whole child. The staff at GBA feels strongly that students' emotional wellbeing is a direct reflection of academic success. Grand Blanc Academy is afforded the status of Schoolwide Title I. Although Grand Blanc Academy is located in Grand Blanc, Michigan, 85% of our students are Flint residents and have been suffering from the Flint water crisis since 2014. Due to this crisis, GBA has seen a rise in social emotional trauma and academic failure due to the long-term effects of lead in the brain. Although immediate lead poisoning can be treated, the long-term effects are irreversible. We have seen a rise in academic struggles with our students residing in Flint. There is evidence to support that short-term memory is affected. Teachers have reported that students will master key reading and math skills by the end of the day and have no recollection of that learning the next day. This affects the early stages of reading development. The Engage NY math curriculum teaches students by spiraling the information. If students are not retaining the key concepts, gaps form in their learning of the next concept.

It is for the above reasons that Grand Blanc Academy has a need to apply for the extended COVID-19 learning plan.

Educational Goals

- The median Student Growth Percentile for students in grades 2nd through 8th grade will be at or above the 50th percentile on NWEA's Measure of Academic Progress for fall-to-winter and fall-to-spring testing periods indicating a minimum of average growth. As our charter contract states grades 2-8 will be measured in both reading and math, we will be using the same measure for grades K and 1.
- The Northwest Evaluation Association Measure of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP), a nationally normed and computer-adaptive test, will be administered to all grade K-8 students three times in the 2020-21 school year, in the fall (within the first nine weeks of the start of school), the winter, and in the spring to determine whether students are making meaningful progress toward mastery of the standards in both reading and math.
- The NWEA MAP is aligned to the Common Core Standards and listed by the Michigan Department of Education as an approved testing tool.
- Grand Blanc Academy will make available on its transparency reporting link located on the Academy's website, a report concerning the progress made in meeting the education goals not later than February 1, 2021 for fall-to-winter goal and not later than the last day of school of the 2020-21 school year for the winter-to-spring goal.

Instructional Delivery & Exposure to Core Content

• Grand Blanc Academy plans to use SeeSaw in grades PreK-2 and Google Classroom for grades 3-8 for remote learning. Through the first month, students will take part in both synchronous and asynchronous learning, with a heavy emphasis of synchronous to ensure meaningful classroom discussions and learning opportunities. The virtual learning will continue on a month-by-month



- basis depending on direction from the Genesee County Health Department. Although our goal is to return either hybrid or face to face, we will continue to follow these guidelines.
- The following schedule will be set for regular subject area check-in times every week. Schedule is subject to change. The schedules listed below set forth the pace to expose the students to the academic standards that apply to each grade level.

AM WITH TEACHER	PM WITH TEACHER
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday	Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday
9:00-10:00 – Math (with teacher)	9:00-9:30 - Raz-Kids
10:00-10:10 – Break	9:30-9:55 – Imagine Language & Literacy
10:10-10:40 – Math Intervention (with teacher)	9:55-10:05 – Break
10:40-10:45 – Bathroom Break	10:05-10:30 – Imagine Math
10:45-11:45 – Reading (with teacher)	10:30-10:45 – Imagine Math Facts
11:45-12:15 – Writing (with teacher)	10:45-11:15 – Gym
12:15-1:00 – Lunch	11:15-12:15 – Homework Completion
1:00-1:30 - Raz-Kids	12:15-1:00 – Lunch
1:30-1:55 – Imagine Language & Literacy	1:00-2:00 – Math (with teacher)
1:55-2:05 – Break	2:00-2:10 – Break
2:05-2:30 – Imagine Math	2:10-2:40 – Math Intervention (with teacher)
2:30-2:45 – Imagine Math Facts	2:40-2:45 – Bathroom Break
2:45-3:15 – Gym	2:45-3:45 – Reading (with teacher)
3:15-4:15 – Homework Completion	3:45-4:15 – Writing (with teacher)
Wednesday	Wednesday
9:00-9:45 – Science (with teacher)	9:00-9:45 – Science (with teacher)
9:45-10:30 – Social Studies (with teacher)	9:45-10:30 – Social Studies (with teacher)
10:30-10:40 – Break	10:30-10:40 – Break
10:40-11:00 - Focus on Social Emotional Learning (with	10:40-11:00 – Focus on Social Emotional Learning (with
teacher)	teacher)
11:00-12:00 – Homework Assistance (with teacher)	11:00-12:00 – Homework Assistance (with teacher)
12:00-12:45 – Lunch	12:00-12:45 – Lunch
12:45-1:15 – Imagine Language & Literacy	12:45-1:15 – Imagine Language & Literacy
1:15-3:30 – Homework Completion	1:15-3:30 – Homework Completion

	Raz-Kids	Imagine Language & Literacy	Reading Plus	Imagine Math	Imagine Math Facts	Gym
Kindergarten	1 hour & 30 minutes	1 hour & 50 minutes	N/A	1 hour & 20 minutes	1 hour	2 hours

^{*}This is the weekly expectation for each student.



First and Second Grade

AM WITH TEACHER

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

9:00-10:00 – Math (with teacher)

10:00-10:10 - Break

10:10-10:40 - Math Intervention (with teacher)

10:40-10:45 – Bathroom Break

10:45-11:45 – Reading (with teacher)

11:45-12:15 – Writing (with teacher)

12:15-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-1:30 - Raz-Kids

1:30-2:00 - Imagine Language & Literacy

2:00-2:10 - Break

2:10-2:40 - Imagine Math

2:40-2:55 - Imagine Math Facts

2:55-3:25 - Gym

3:25-4:15 – Homework Completion

Wednesday

9:00-9:45 – Science (with teacher)

9:45-10:30 - Social Studies (with teacher)

10:30-10:40 - Break

10:40-11:00 – Focus on Social Emotional Learning (with

teacher)

11:00-12:00 – Homework Assistance (with teacher)

12:00-12:45 - Lunch

12:45-1:15 – Imagine Language & Literacy

1:15-3:30 – Homework Completion

PM WITH TEACHER

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

9:00-9:30 - Raz-Kids

9:30-10:00 - Imagine Language & Literacy

10:00-10:10 - Break

10:10-10:40 - Imagine Math

10:40-10:55 - Imagine Math Facts

10:55-11:25 - Gym

11:25-12:15 - Homework Completion

12:15-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-2:00 - Math (with teacher)

2:00-2:10 - Break

2:10-2:40 - Math Intervention (with teacher)

2:40-2:45 - Bathroom Break

2:45-3:45 – Reading (with teacher)

3:45-4:15 – Writing (with teacher)

Wednesday

9:00-9:45 – Science (with teacher)

9:45-10:30 - Social Studies (with teacher)

10:30-10:40 - Break

10:40-11:00 - Focus on Social Emotional Learning (with

teacher)

11:00-12:00 - Homework Assistance (with teacher)

12:00-12:45 - Lunch

12:45-1:15 - Imagine Language & Literacy

1:15-3:30 – Homework Completion

	Raz-Kids	Imagine Language & Literacy	Reading Plus	Imagine Math	Imagine Math Facts	Gym
1st & 2nd	1 hour & 45 minutes	2 hours & 5 minutes	N/A	1 hour & 30 minutes	1 hour	2 hours

^{*}This is the weekly expectation for each student.



Third, Fourth, Fifth Grade

AM WITH TEACHER

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

9:00-10:00 – Math (with teacher)

10:00-10:10 - Break

10:10-10:40 - Math Intervention (with teacher)

10:40-10:45 – Bathroom Break

10:45-11:45 – Reading (with teacher)

11:45-12:15 – Writing (with teacher)

12:15-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-1:30 - Raz-Kids

1:30-2:00 - Imagine Language & Literacy

2:00-2:10 - Break

2:10-2:50 - Imagine Math

2:50-3:05 - Imagine Math Facts

3:05-3:35 - Gym

3:35-4:15 – Homework Completion

Wednesday

9:00-9:45 – Science (with teacher)

9:45-10:30 - Social Studies (with teacher)

10:30-10:40 - Break

10:40-11:00 – Focus on Social Emotional Learning (with

teacher)

11:00-12:00 – Homework Assistance (with teacher)

12:00-12:45 - Lunch

12:45-1:15 – Imagine Language & Literacy

1:15-3:30 – Homework Completion

PM WITH TEACHER

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

9:00-9:30 - Raz-Kids

9:30-10:00 - Imagine Language & Literacy

10:00-10:10 - Break

10:10-10:50 - Imagine Math

10:50-11:05 - Imagine Math Facts

11:05-11:35 - Gym

11:35-12:15 - Homework Completion

12:15-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-2:00 - Math (with teacher)

2:00-2:10 - Break

2:10-2:40 - Math Intervention (with teacher)

2:40-2:45 - Bathroom Break

2:45-3:45 – Reading (with teacher)

3:45-4:15 – Writing (with teacher)

Wednesday

9:00-9:45 – Science (with teacher)

9:45-10:30 - Social Studies (with teacher)

10:30-10:40 - Break

10:40-11:00 - Focus on Social Emotional Learning (with

teacher)

11:00-12:00 - Homework Assistance (with teacher)

12:00-12:45 - Lunch

12:45-1:15 - Imagine Language & Literacy

1:15-3:30 – Homework Completion

	Raz-Kids	Imagine Language & Literacy	Reading Plus	Imagine Math	Imagine Math Facts	Gym
3rd-5th	1 hour & 50 minutes	2 hours & 30 minutes	N/A	2 hour & 15 minutes	1 hour	2 hours

^{*}This is the weekly expectation for each student.



6th Grade

AM WITH TEACHER

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

9:00-10:00 – Math (with teacher)

10:00-10:10 - Break

10:10-10:40 - Math Intervention (with teacher)

10:40-10:45 – Bathroom Break

10:45-11:45 – Reading (with teacher)

11:45-12:15 – Writing (with teacher)

12:15-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-1:25 - Raz-Kids

1:25-2:05 - Reading Plus

2:05-2:15 - Break

2:15-2:55 – Imagine Math

2:55-3:10 - Imagine Math Facts

3:10-3:40 - Gym

3:40-4:15 – Homework Completion

Wednesday

9:00-9:45 – Science (with teacher)

9:45-10:30 - Social Studies (with teacher)

10:30-10:40 - Break

 $10{:}40{-}11{:}00-Focus\ on\ Social\ Emotional\ Learning\ (with$

teacher)

11:00-12:00 - Homework Assistance (with teacher)

12:00-12:45 - Lunch

12:45-1:30 - Reading Plus

1:30-2:15 – Imagine Math

2:15-2:30 – Imagine Math Facts

2:30-3:30 - Homework Completion

PM WITH TEACHER

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

9:00-9:25 - Raz-Kids

9:25-10:05 – Reading Plus

10:05-10:15 - Break

10:15-10:55 - Imagine Math

10:55-11:10 - Imagine Math Facts

11:10-11:40 - Gym

11:40-12:15 - Homework Completion

12:15-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-2:00 - Math (with teacher)

2:00-2:10 - Break

2:10-2:40 - Math Intervention (with teacher)

2:40-2:45 – Bathroom Break

2:45-3:45 – Reading (with teacher)

3:45-4:15 – Writing (with teacher)

Wednesday

9:00-9:45 – Science (with teacher)

9:45-10:30 - Social Studies (with teacher)

10:30-10:40 - Break

10:40-11:00 - Focus on Social Emotional Learning (with

teacher)

11:00-12:00 - Homework Assistance (with teacher)

12:00-12:45 - Lunch

12:45-1:30 - Reading Plus

1:30-2:15 – Imagine Math

2:15-2:30 – Imagine Math Facts

2:30-3:30 – Homework Completion

	Raz-Kids	Imagine Language & Literacy	Reading Plus	Imagine Math	Imagine Math Facts	Gym
6 th	1 hour & 30 minutes	N/A	3 hours	3 hours	1 hour & 15 minutes	2 hours

^{*}This is the weekly expectation for each student.



7th and 8th Grade

AM WITH TEACHER

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

9:00-9:45 – 1st hour (with teacher)

9:50-10:35 – 2nd hour (with teacher)

10:40-11:25 – 3rd hour (with teacher) 11:30-12:15 – 4th hour (with teacher)

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 $12{:}15\hbox{-}1{:}00-Lunch$

 $1{:}00\hbox{-}1{:}45-Reading\ Plus$

1:45-1:55 – Break

1:55-2:40 - Imagine Math

2:40-2:55 - Imagine Math Facts

2:55-3:25 - Gym

3:25-4:15 - Homework Completion

Wednesday

9:00-9:45-1st hour (with teacher)

 $9:50-10:35-2^{nd}$ hour (with teacher)

 $10:40-11:25 - 3^{rd}$ hour (with teacher) $11:30-12:15 - 4^{th}$ hour (with teacher)

12:15-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-1:45 – Reading Plus

1:45-2:30 – Imagine Math

2:30-2:45 – Imagine Math Facts

2:45-3:30 - Homework Completion

PM WITH TEACHER

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

9:00-9:45 - Reading Plus

9:45-9:55 - Break

9:55-10:40 - Imagine Math

10:40-10:55 – Imagine Math Facts

10:55-11:25 - Gym

11:25-12:15 - Homework Completion

12:15-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-1:45-1st hour (with teacher)

 $1:50-2:35-2^{\text{nd}}$ hour (with teacher)

 $2:40-3:25 - 3^{rd}$ hour (with teacher)

2:30-4:15-4th hour (with teacher)

Wednesday

9:00-9:45-1st hour (with teacher)

 $9:50-10:35 - 2^{nd}$ hour (with teacher)

 $10:40-11:25 - 3^{rd}$ hour (with teacher) $11:30-12:15 - 4^{th}$ hour (with teacher)

12:15-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-1:45 – Reading Plus

1:45-2:30 – Imagine Math

2:30-2:45 – Imagine Math Facts

2:45-3:30 – Homework Completion

Time Spent on Independent Programs (each week) *

	Raz-Kids	Imagine Language & Literacy	Reading Plus	Imagine Math	Imagine Math Facts	Gym
7 th & 8 th	N/A	N/A	3 hours & 15 minutes	3 hours and 15 minutes	1 hour & 15 minutes	2 hours

^{*}This is the weekly expectation for each student.

- Additional office hours are available for students by making appointments with teachers every week. Most support will occur in this format to allow for maximum flexibility and the best possible format to meet the diverse needs of all students.
- Progress toward the mastery for the mastery of the standards will be graded weekly and the progress will be reported to parents at least two times per month via progress reports.
- All students are expected to communicate and/or submit assignments on time.
- Content will be hosted on Google Classroom and SeeSaw. Teachers will be accessible
 for real-time interactions using Google Hangout, Zoom, etc., to answer questions,
 instructional delivery, and facilitate classroom discussions.

Equitable Access

All students will be provided with a school-issued Chromebook once they have enrolled at the
Academy. If students do not have internet access, Grand Blanc Academy will work to provide
internet and/or share free or low-cost internet options with families. Grand Blanc Academy will
continue to survey families through email and phone calls to identify technology needs.



- Other arrangements, such as paper-based assignments or material drop-off/pick-up, may be available on a case-by-case basis. Students with any technological issues, will contact their homeroom teacher for assistance. If necessary, proper arrangements will be made for device exchanges and repairs.
- Grand Blanc Academy is continuing to work with all normal timelines, procedures, and support related to students with IEPs and 504s. Updated contingency learning plans are also being put into place, as necessary.

EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN ("ECLP") CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Grand Blanc Academy

In accordance with Article IX of the Terms and Conditions, incorporated as part of the Contract to Charter a Public School Academy and Related Documents, issued by **THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY** ("University Board") and **GRAND BLANC ACADEMY** ("Academy") on July 1, 2019 ("Contract"), the parties agree to amend the Contract as follows:

- 1. The attached ECLP is incorporated into the Contract. Exhibit 1 [Attached ECLP approved by Authorizer]. The parties agree to suspend the following Contract provisions for the 2020-2021 school year to the extent that such Contract provisions are in conflict with the ECLP:
 - a. Schedule 7b: Educational Goals;
 - b. Schedule 7c: Educational Programs;
 - c. Schedule 7d: Curriculum; and
 - d. Schedule 7e: Method of Pupil Assessment.
- 2. Any revisions or changes to the ECLP, approved by the Academy Board, shall be added to this Contract amendment upon approval by the Eastern Michigan University Director of Charter Schools. The parties agree that amendments to the ECLP will be identified sequentially as "First Amendment to the ECLP Contract Amendment," "Second Amendment to the ECLP Contract Amendment," and so forth.
- 3. This Contract amendment shall remain in effect until the end of the 2020-2021 school year or termination by the parties, whichever occurs first.
- 4. In the event that is a perceived conflict between the ECLP and the Academy's Preparedness Plan, the parties agree to discuss implementation of both the ECLP and the Preparedness Plan to ensure that the Academy can meet all of its obligations under applicable law.

This Contract amendment is hereby approved by the University Board and the Academy through their authorized designees and shall have an effective date of the Academy's first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year.

By: Dr. Malverne C. Winborne, Ph.D. Director of Charter Schools Designee of the University Board	Dated: October 1, 2020
By: Angelo Powell, Board President	Dated: October 1, 2020

Grand Blanc Academy
Designee of the Academy Board