## Charter Renewal Application

Gary Middle College<br>GEO Academies

Submitted Fall 2022

## Renewal Application Overview

The applicant group's designated representative will serve as the contact for all communications, interviews, and notices from the ICSB regarding the submitted application.

## Charter School Name:



131 E. $5^{\text {th }}$ Ave. Gary, IN 46402

Designated Representative and Contact Information (Phone \& Email):

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Mission Statement:
Our mission is to provide a comprehensive educational experience to students in Gary, utilizing innovative methods of instruction designed to produce excellence in educational achievement.

School Leader/Principal:
Joe Arredondo

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## Grade Levels and Student Enrollment

Complete Tab 1 of either the Enrollment Plan for K-12 Schools or the Enrollment Plan for Adult High Schools, as applicable. Please ensure that you are completing the correct Enrollment Plan.

Identify ESP or partner organization (if applicable):

## Gary Middle College Renewal Application

Gary Middle College (GMC) is a blended high school serving both traditional aged and adult students that can earn a CORE 40 high school diploma from the State of Indiana and prepare for employment, certification programs, or earn a college degree. Students are able to transfer previously earned credits and ECA test scores from past high schools and will complete the remaining credit requirements and pass both ECA tests at Gary Middle College prior to graduation.

Gary Middle College operates Monday-Friday, from 8:00AM-8:00PM. Students choose two of three shifts that work for their schedule. Since students get credit for work experience, one of their shifts must be an academic shift and one must be a work shift. Students may choose any school shift-8AM-12PM, 12PM-4PM, 4PM-8PM, during GMC hours to attend school, thus allowing students the flexibility to take care of school, work and home responsibilities. Child care for GMC students is available at an off-site location, and students are responsible for dropping off and picking up their child from the facility.

We prepare our students with the skills and tools they'll need, to not only receive a high school diploma, but also to excel at the collegiate level or complete a job certification program. We implement successful teaching methods and technology in a modern classroom environment that promotes learning tailored to each individual student. By utilizing this approach, our students advance academically, socially, and personally, sometimes at a surprising pace. We build on each student's existing assets to reach the ultimate goal of full-time employment in a well-paid position to provide better for their families and the community of Gary, Indiana.

We make no excuses for our student population and we fully commit to ensuring that all students demonstrate growth in character, academics, life skills, the arts, and wellness using research-based instructional strategies tailored to each student's individual needs.

Gary Middle College serves the community of Gary by providing opportunities for individuals to drastically change their lives. We offer any adult of any age the chance to increase his or her earning potential by completing his or her high school diploma.

## Our Mission

For each and every student that walks through our doors, college is an expectation. From day one at Gary Middle College, students receive a tailored education to make this possible.

It's an education that fits.
We've established innovative partnerships, like tutoring and our Middle College program, to build the skills and knowledge to be successful in life and learning. You will graduate prepared.

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a comprehensive educational experience to students in Gary, utilizing innovative methods of instruction designed to produce excellence in educational achievement.

Our vision is to go beyond a typical college prep education and empower our students with college experience, workforce readiness, and community leadership so that they are prepared to compete, excel and lead in the 21st Century's global economy.

## Section I. Performance Review

Gary Middle College (GMC) is a unique approach to bridging the high school and college educational experience for students ages 16-65+. GMC is a first of its kind school that serves as both a high school and an adult high school per Indiana definitions. GMC provides students the chance to earn high school diplomas, post-secondary certifications, and college credits all in one program at no cost to students.

Per the Indiana Department of Education, all adult high schools in Indiana were given a "null" or "no grade" for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 school years due to the new ILEARN assessment and the COVID-19 pandemic (formal letter attached). Based on this occurrence, GMC will be addressing deficiencies in its 2018-19 ICSB Dashboard, as well as data in the attached Academic Performance Framework for the purposes of this renewal packet.

According to GMC's 2018-19 and 2022 ICSB's Accountability Dashboards (attached), GMC has earned a state and federal letter grade of C from the Indiana Department of Education A-F Accountability System and the Federal ESSA Accountability System. Per the current IDOE's INView portal (10/2022), GMC has a state letter grade of an A and a federal letter grade of Does Not Meet Expectations (https://inview.doe.in.gov/schools/1098854027/profile). These data, as well as internal data collected as part of the ICSB Academic Performance Framework, and internal GMC academic support processes were correlated as part of a root cause analysis process that began with GMC leadership in the summer of 2022 in preparation for the ICSB renewal process. This process included the GEO foundation leadership staff and the GMC leadership and staff. The goals and strategies shared in this section have been developed by this group in response to this process and are equally ambitious and attainable given the unique nature of the GMC program, as well as the unprecedented recovery efforts needed post the COVID-19 pandemic. GMC's goal is to ensure a level of excellence and quality in our innovative model as a way to become a national example of best practice in supporting students from 16-65+ recover academically.

Per the 2018-19 ICSB Dashboard, GMC earned the following scores:

## Gary Middle College West

Academic Success
Indiana Charter School Board
2018-19 Accountability System Dashboard

|  |  | 2018-19 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1.1. | The school meets standard according to Indiana's Alternative Accountability System (Alternative A-F Model for Adult High Schools). | Improvement Necessary |
| 1.2.a. | Students graduate from high school in 4 years (as defined by the state's four-year graduation rate). | Does Not Meet Standard |
| 1.2.b. | Students enrolled in grade 12 graduate within the school year being assessed. | Meets Standard |
| 1.3.a. | Student performance, dual-credit accumulation and/or industry certification reflects college and career readiness, based on the percentage of non-duplicated graduating students in the current school year achieving at least one of the following college and career readiness indicators outlined in the Accountability Plan. | Exceeds Standard |
| 1.4.a. | Students who graduate achieve proficiency on state assessments in English 10. | Does Not Meet Standard |
| 1.4.b. | Students who graduate achieve proficiency on state assessments in Algebra I. | Does Not Meet Standard |

Data Sources: IDOE Learning Connection; IDOE Accountability data; IDOE Compass.


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Per the ICSB 2022 Dashboard on GMC's academic performance is provided below. It is notable that GMC earned a score of ES during the COVID pandemic.


This accountability landscape and diverse set of accountability data has pushed GMC to provide additional context in order to provide a more robust and comprehensive picture for the ICSB to better understand our work and goals for future progress.

In addition to these data, GMC has also been working with the College Board to become a Level 2 testing site. 2021-2022 GMC was considered "status E" Excluded Status (or level 1). Status "E" meant we were only allowed to receive scores for our students and administrator the STATE required SAT ( $11^{\text {th }}$ grade). The chart below indicates that. "Status E" is based upon some type of
accreditation OR the school completing their College Board profile and becoming a testing site (considered level 2)


2022-Beyond GMC is now a level 2 which means GMC can proctor and receive scores, outside of the required state assessment. Below are the assessments currently scheduled but we will be adding an additional ASVAB in the spring.

| Gary Middle College |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PSAT 8/9 | 9 | September 26, 2022 |
| PSAT/NMSQT 10-11 | 10-11 | October 12, 2022 |
| SAT School Day | 12 | October 27, 2022 |
| WIDA | All Grades | January 9 - February 24, 2023 |
| SAT 11 | 11 | March 1 - March 3, 2023 |
| ACT | 11-12 | March 8-10, 2023 |
| PSAT | 8/9 | April 17 - May 12, 2023 |
| Biology ECA | 9* | April 17 - May 19, 2023 |
| SAT | 10 | May 11, 2023 |
| ASVAB | 11-12 | September 28, 2022 |

## Fiscal Accountability

Like many schools, GMC saw notable impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For GMC specifically, we saw a decrease in enrollment. This was not unusual for our population during

COVID. As the 2022 Dashboard depicts, GMC had been fiscally responsible over the years which is why the school was able to weather the enrollment storm brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. GMC leadership recognized this trend and took two major steps to ensure the fiscal security of the school: 1. Reduced staff and 2. Increased enrollment. These two moves have helped the school bounce back. GMC is on track to be back to its previous fiscal picture by Fall of 2023.


## Credit Attainment

Credit attainment is a critical piece of data for truly understanding the impact of GMC on our community. In the 2020-21 school year, GMC students earned 151 credits. In the 2021-22 school
year, GMC students earned 273 credits. In the 2022-23 school year, as of September 30th, 2022, GMC students had already earned 124 credits. The projected school year total is 450 credits earned.

## Specific Subcategory Responses

Based on the data and goals shared, GMC has the following responses to the subcategories in their 2018-19 Dashboard that were scored below Meets Standard:

Academic Success 1.1: Improvement Needed
Response: Our goals specifically address attendance, credit attainment, and assessments as a way to move from Improvement needed to Exceeds Standards.

Academic Success 1.2a.: Does Not Meet Standard
Response: Our goals specifically address attendance, credit attainment, and assessments as a way to move from Improvement needed to Exceeds Standards.

Academic Success 1.4a.: Does Not Meet Standard
Response: Our goals specifically address attendance, credit attainment in English, and assessments for English as a way to move from Improvement needed to Exceeds Standards.

Academic Success 1.4b.: Does Not Meet Standard
Response: Our goals specifically address attendance, credit attainment in Math, and assessments for Math as a way to move from Improvement needed to Exceeds Standards.

Organizational Compliance 3.2a.: Does Not Meet Standard
Response: We believe attendance in our model is critical, so it is the first and most ambitious goal we have set.

## Goals for Progress Moving Forward

Overall, GMC's goal is to be an A in the ICSB and IDOE Accountability System, as well as Exceeds Expectations federal rating. Based on the data provided, the following goals have been set in order to address the previous performance of GMC moving forward.

## Gary Middle College Goals

## Attendance

Goal: Increase student attendance rate to $45 \%$ through the implementation of an attendance plan designed to target chronic non-attendees by June 2022.

| YEAR | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | 2024 | $\mathbf{2 0 2 5}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Target | $45 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| Actual | $55.2 \%$ | $\mathbf{5 9 \%}$ | $57 \%$ |  |  |

Rationale \& Plan: GMC recognizes that attendance is an extremely important piece of academic achievement. If students are not in school, they cannot grow academically. In order to meet this goal, GMC will be tracking daily attendance for students. The school social worker and community liaison will be working with students when they are absent and tardy to ensure a supportive
environment. GMC staff will also be accountable for addressing attendance in their annual evaluations.

SAT
Goal: 95\% of identified students will complete the SAT in spring 2022.

| YEAR | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Target |  | 44 | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |
| Actual |  | $\mathbf{4 4 ~ 1 0 0 \%}$ |  |  |  |

Rationale \& Plan: The SAT has been a long standing assessment that provides valid and reliable data on a student's academic achievement and college readiness. This piece of data is helpful to staff for data driven decision-making to ensure that educators are intervening with the appropriate academic interventions. GMC will be a designated SAT testing site. The college and career counselors will make sure all students take the SAT. This goal directly affects academic outcomes in Eng 10 and Alg 1. Teachers will be evaluated on their use of SAT data in their academic decision-making for students as part of their annual evaluations.

## CORE 40 Credit Attainment

Goal: The credit attainment rate will increase by $10 \%$ of the previous year's average.

| YEAR | 2021 | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Target | N/A | 166 | 273 | 575 | 700 |
| Actual | 151 | $\mathbf{2 7 3}$ | 450 |  |  |

Rationale \& Plan: CORE 40 credit attainment is one of the primary facets of our blended traditional age adult high school models. Teachers and counselors will work together to track credit attainment by each student. This goal directly affects academic outcomes in Eng 10 and Alg 1. Teachers will have end of quarter meetings with students specific to credit attainment. Credit attainment will be included in teacher's annual evaluation process.

## College Credit Attainment 1

Goal: $20 \%$ of eligible students will earn at least 3 college credits from Ivy Tech by June 2022.

| YEAR | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 5}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Target | 33 | 33 | $16 / 87$ | $80 / 250$ | $100 / 325$ |
| Actual | 10 | $\mathbf{1 6 / 8 7}$ <br> credits | $40 / 200$ |  |  |

Rationale \& Plan: College credit attainment is one of the primary facets of our blended traditional age adult high school model. Teachers and counselors will work together to track credit attainment by each student. Teachers will have end of quarter meetings with students specific to credit attainment. Credit attainment will be included in teacher's annual evaluation process.

Post-Secondary Planning
Goal: $100 \%$ of student graduates will have a post-secondary plan.

| YEAR | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 4}$ | 2025 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Target |  | 9 | 20 | 85 | 115 |
| Actual |  | $\mathbf{9}$ | $20 / 100 \%$ |  |  |

Rationale \& Plan: The college and career readiness counselor will be working with students to develop and finalize their post-secondary plans in the equivalence of second semester their "freshman" year to ensure a supportive environment. GMC staff will also be accountable for addressing attendance in their annual evaluations.

Goal: $100 \%$ of students to complete Knowledge Assessment requirement.

| YEAR | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 5}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Target | 165 | 165 | 150 | 175 | 225 |
| Actual | $10 \quad 14 / 20$ | $\mathbf{2 0 / 3 2}$ | 50 |  |  |

Rationale \& Plan: The Knowledge Assessment has been a long standing assessment that provides valid and reliable data on a student's academic achievement and college readiness. This piece of data is helpful to staff for data driven decision-making to ensure that educators are intervening with the appropriate academic interventions. The college and career counselors will make sure all students take the Knowledge Assessment. This goal directly affects academic outcomes in Eng 10 and Alg 1. Teachers will be evaluated on their use of Knowledge Assessment data in their academic decisionmaking for students as part of their annual evaluations.

## College Credit Attainment 2

Goal: Increase college credits by $50 \%$.

| YEAR | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Target |  |  | 200 | 325 | 400 |
| Actual |  | $\mathbf{8 7}$ |  |  |  |

Rationale \& Plan: College credit attainment is one of the primary facets of our blended traditional age adult high school model. Teachers and counselors will work together to track credit attainment by each student. Teachers will have end of quarter meetings with students specific to credit attainment. Credit attainment will be included in teacher's annual evaluation process.

Graduation Rate
Goal: Increase HS graduates by $50 \%$.

| YEAR | 2021 | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Target |  |  | 20 | 50 | 75 |
| Actual |  | $\mathbf{9}$ |  |  |  |
| Rationale |  |  |  |  |  |

Rationale \& Plan: Graduation rates are a basic function of high school. All GMC staff will be evaluated on their an increase in high school graduation rates. This goal directly affects academic outcomes in Eng 10 and Alg 1.

GMC believes these goals and plans with these timelines will enable us to achieve our overall goal of earning a scores of Meets or Exceeds Standards in all ICSB categories moving forward.

## Section II. School Improvement

After completing the root cause analysis shared in section one, GMC began a comprehensive needs assessment to strategically identify best next steps to achieve the goals developed. This process involved the use of existing GMC staff and external consultants. The following activities were performed as part of the root cause analysis:

1. Building Walkthrus
2. Classroom Observations
3. Document Analysis
4. Student and Teacher Interviews
5. Recommendations for Next Steps

This process extended across two full weeks and resulted with team members submitting formal reports and recommendations. Based on these reports, as well as the data shared in section one, the following recommendations for change moving forward will be supported by these efforts until

GMC has developed a strategic plan for sustaining and continuing to build academic, organizational, and operational success over the next charter term. Explain how the school will build and achieve long-term sustainability and success in:
a. The governing board:

GMC has been lucky to have a local and engaged board from our inception. We have four original board members and two new ones. This consistent group will continue to support the school moving forward. We specifically added two board members with university experience to ensure a level of expertise with that piece of decision-making. GMC specifically wanted to add university expertise to our board, so we added to university based members, Purdue University NW VP of Community and Corporate Engagement Matt Wells, and Ivy Tech Lake County Chancellor Louis Gonzalez. Drs. Wells and Gonzalez have been critical in honing our university partnerships and college based practices.

## b. The leadership team;

In response to the comprehensive needs assessment, GEO has hired two new members to their leadership team to support GMC moving forward. Dr. Pete Morikis is from the Gary area with an extensive background in school turnaround. Dr. Morikis served as the emergency manager for Gary Community Schools after serving as superintendent of Griffith Public Schools for 14 years. Dr. Morikis is a well-respected expert in education in northern Indiana. His extensive experience in educational leadership made him the ideal choice for our Executive Director of GEO Northwest. He has begun providing direct oversight to GMC in recent months with a primary focus on supporting academic growth. His experience as a local northern Indiana educator and experience with school turnaround thru the DUAB work in Gary are key experiences that give GEO confidence that he is the perfect match for moving GMC to the next level. His resume has been attached as reference. Additionally, Dawn Clark formerly with the Indiana Commission of High Education also joined the GEO leadership team to support our efforts specifically with our university partnerships. The expertise of these two individuals will be critical to moving the needle at GMC over the next few years.
c. The teaching staff;

The current teaching staff at GMC will stay in place. Additional supports and resources will be provided to the GMC staff to ensure that necessary changes are made to implement the curriculum with fidelity on the ground moving forward. An internal review of staffing records shows that the overwhelming majority of our teachers are on charter or limited licenses. We see this as a critical piece of the puzzle. GEO Foundation has created a plan to ensure that $100 \%$ of the GMC teaching staff is highly qualified by 2025. More about this plan can be found in the identified challenges section.
d. Academic achievement.

GMC serves a unique need. Our students are navigating generational poverty and trying to break this cycle for themselves and their future generations of their families. Our students all have jobs, are already behind academically, and typically have no experience with college or career readiness options. After a thorough root cause analysis and comprehensive needs assessment, GMC has identified the importance of implementing the curriculum with fidelity as a major outcome necessary for academic improvement. The new leadership team will support the current school leader and teaching staff with these efforts. Additionally, moving from a Level 1 E-status per the College Board to a Level 2 will be a much needed asset to better understanding our students needs
via valid and reliable data. This will allow GMC staff to respond to student needs in a more timely and meaningful way.

## Identified Challenges

GMC has identified two major challenges to implementing our curriculum with fidelity: the teacher shortage in Gary and supporting first generation college students as they transition into college. The community of Gary has been economically devastated for generations. Due to this continual economic hardship, many of the university programs that produce highly qualified teachers in the northern region have dried up, leaving the area with only one local transition to teaching program. An internal review of the credentials of the current GEO teaching staff in Gary revealed an overwhelming number of teachers on limited licenses. Based on these two facts, GEO has chosen to work directly with the IDOE department of teacher licensing to officially offer a program to license teachers beginning in the fall of 2023. By working directly with IDOE to address the teacher shortage issue in northern Indiana, GEO will not only be supporting GMC, but all schools in the area by increasing the number of highly qualified state licensed teachers in the region. GEO will strive to ensure that $100 \%$ of it's teaching staff holds a highly qualified Indiana state teaching license by fall 2025.

Over the years, GMC has been at the forefront of blurring the lines between high school and college. We want to make the transition from high school to college as seamless as possible, because we know this means students will be more successful after high school. We want students to think bigger than just a high school diploma. We don't just want students to get a diploma, we want all of our students to get college credits, career certifications, and college degrees. In order to meet this call, we believe our students needed more exposure to college before going to college. In order to achieve this, we have embarked on new partnerships with Ivy Tech Lake County and Ivy Tech East Chicago. These partnerships move students directly on to the college campus, so they are immersed in the college classroom prior to going to college full time. We believe this new opportunity will be critical to supporting student success in the future.

## Additional Information

GMC is part of the GEO family of schools. GEO has a long history of serving students via innovative and choice based models in Indiana. GEO was one of the first charter holders in Indiana and has always stepped up to the call to lead in the school innovation space. GEO is getting ready to celebrate its $25^{\text {th }}$ anniversary. GEO has tremendous success at its schools in Baton Rouge, the Next Gen High Schools and our $21^{\text {st }}$ Century schools. We believe the strong history and infrastructure provided by the GEO network to GMC will be crucial to ensuring GMC's growth going forward. As additional information we share some of the successes of GEO schools in recent years and look forward to adding the future successes of GMC to our list of accomplishments as a school family.

GEO received the "Rev. Charles E Williams Excellence Award" from Indiana Black Expo this year. The press release for the award said the award is "given to those who have helped shape, contribute, or strengthen Indiana Black Expo's vision of promoting African American achievement in academics...The recipient must be a leader who has demonstrated courage, vision and dedication to diversity in the community." They produced this video and shared it with their sold out 1700 attendee corporate lunch on July 15.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop\&v=HLGTqr1ObRQ\&feature=youtu.be
In addition to this award, in June, 2021, the Indiana Department of Education awarded GEO a competitive award of $\$ 8.4$ million grant to help schools accelerate through the pandemic by placing high school students on college campuses to earn college credits, degrees and certifications.

And, while this isn't an award or grant, the American Enterprise Institute's Rick Hess featured our model in this AEI-published paper on our model in 2019.
https://www.aei.org/research-products/report/a-small-school-with-big-chances-the-21st-century-charter-school-at-gary/. In addition, the Center for Reinventing Public Education featured GEO schools in this 2019 report https:// crpe.org/schools-lead-the-way- but-the-system-must-change-rethinking-career-and-technical-education/.

Lastly, our Indianapolis based high school received a full "early college" endorsement from the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis, the only organization empowered to endorse Indiana high schools by the Higher Education Commission of Indiana. We are one of 40 schools to receive this endorsement in the state.

## Attachment 1: 5 Year Budget Worksheet

## Attachment 2: Budget Narrative

## Revenues

The Revenues for the Schools' 5 -year budgets have been conservatively estimated, with the following assumptions:

- Each individual School is financially self-sufficient and relies only on Revenues that it can reasonably confirm. (i.e., it does not rely on philanthropic funding, or aspirational grants.)
- The student Revenues provided by the State of Indiana for Gary Middle Colleges include both traditional school funding as well as Adult Education funding. Given the limitations of the spreadsheet in not allowing both forms of funding to display, the School has chosen to budget under the K-12 model spreadsheet and list the estimated Adult enrollment at a discounted FTE in order to financially estimate total revenues.
- Innovation Grant projections are based on Traditional Aged students only.

Federal grants such as Title II and Title IV are reflected in the Title I line, in accordance with Indiana DOE allowances.

## Expenses

_Expenses for the Schools are generously estimated to allow for unexpected increased costs, with the following assumptions:

- Each School operates financially independently, and does not impact the resources of the existing school.
- Should expenses exceed revenues, either through low enrollment or unanticipated expenses, the School has access to low-interest/flexible repayment operational loans through the Service Provider that have more beneficial repayment terms than what the School would have access to through traditional routes.
- Due to the design of the model and the partnerships, start-up costs are minimal. Although it is anticipated that the Schools will have access to Federal Charter Start Up Funding through
the State of Indiana, those dollars are not confirmed and thus are not reflected in the provided budgets. At this time, the Schools will begin with an operational loan from the Service Provider and the anticipated repayment expenses are reflected in the budgets.

Staffing
o Shared between each School's dual campus locations where appropriate.
o Focus is on certified teachers for content delivery and support, with some classroom assistant staff as needed.

- Given the School's alternative model, there are no expenses for athletic programs or significant extracurricular programming.
- College and career costs (tuition, transportation, supplies) are a significant program for the Schools. These costs are captured under "Enrichment Programs". Textbooks costs for this program are in the "Textbook" line item.
- Facilities costs:
o Lease costs for each School are reflected in the "Facility Lease" line item.
o Other Facility Operations costs not covered in the Leases are reflected according to historical values with an eye towards inflation in subsequent years.
- Technology Costs

Technology expenses are shown in their respective areas:
§ Administrative Costs - technology for staff, excluding software
§ Equipment - student technology, larger laptops for college students
§ Supplies - small student technology (i.e. Chromebooks); coded here per Indiana State Board of Accounts and Department of Education guidelines.

## Attachment 3: Assurances

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## Section III: Proposed Changes

GMC is not requesting any proposed changes at this time.

| Instructions for Renewal Budget Projections Workbook |  |
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| $\square$ = Information should be entered into light gray shaded cells. |  |
| Name of Charter School: Gary Middle College, Inc. |  |
|  | y Community School Corp |
| First Year of New Charter (Renewal Year): $2023-24$ SY |  |
| 1. Instructions | - All organizers submitting a Charter Renewal Application to the Indiana Charter School Board must complete worksheets 1 through 4 of the Renewal Budget Projections Workbook. No information is required to be entered into WHITE cells, they will autofill as information is entered into GREY cells. <br> - Column and Row references in these instructions are to the Excel spreadsheet Column or Row. |
| 2. Enrollment Projection | - Please complete the enrollment table for the school's current year, and provide enrollment projections for the next five (5) years beginning with the Renewal Year. |
| 3. Staffing Plan | - Please provide a list of administrative, instructional, and other staff along with estimates of proposed salaries and benefits. Please include both full and part-time employees and contractors. Projected salary and benefits should align with current and 5 -Year budgets. <br> - The estimated "average salary" for each position should include all taxable amounts (including taxable fringe benefits, stipends, bonuses, awards, and allowances). <br> - "Other Insurance" includes health care, long-term care, life, disability. <br> - "Other Benefits" are non-taxable benefits (e.g., educational assistance, dependent care assistance, transportation benefits, non-taxable fringe benefits, etc.). |
| 4. 5 -Year Budget | - Please provide budget projections for the Current Year and the next 5 years. Note that the information provided in Tab 3 must align with the personnel expenses provided in Tab 4 or Tab 4 will throw an ERROR. |
| Notes: | - Applicants proposing to operate a network of schools should add a worksheet or attach a separate file reflecting the consolidated network's 5Year pro-forma budget, reflecting all components - including the regional back office/central office - of the Indiana network. <br> - This template is not intended to be exhaustive. If it is unclear to which line a particular item of revenue or expense belongs, add it to the closest approximation or to one of the "other" categories and make a note in the budget narrative. |
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## Portfolio Summary

Please complete a row for each school currently or formerly operated by the organizer or proposed education service provider. Insert additional rows as needed

| School Name | Location | Opening Year | Year Closed (if applicable) | Grade Levels | $\begin{gathered} \text { Current } \\ \text { Enrollment } \end{gathered}$ | FRL \% | Special Education \% | Minority \% | ELL \% | School Type | ESP (if applicable) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 21st Century Charter School | Gary, Indiana | 05-06 | NA | K-12 | 1346 | 74.07\% | 13.30\% | 99.85\% | 0.30\% | charter |  |
| GEO Next Generation High Schoc | Indianapolis, Indiana | 20-21 | NA | 9-12 | 163 | 32.52\% | 7.36\% | 93.25\% | 35.58\% | charter |  |
| GEO Prep Academy | Baton Rouge, Louisiana | 15-16 | NA | K-8 | 758 | 41.42\% | 4.75\% | 99.34\% | 4.49\% | charter |  |
| GEO Prep MidCity | Baton Rouge, Louisiana | 17-18 | NA | K-8 | 679 | 60.38\% | 2.80\% | 100\% | 0\% | charter |  |
| GEO Next Generation High Schoc | Baton Rouge, Louisiana | 19-20 | NA | 9-12 | 397 | 45.84\% | 7.81\% | 99.75\% | 2.02\% | charter |  |
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| Academic Performance: Comparable Schools |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Provide the three (3) most recent years of academic data for each school currently operated by the organizer or education service provider that has a similar grade-span and serves a similar demographic to the proposed charter school, even if the proposed charter school is not a replication of an existing school. Copy additional Tabs and insert additional Rows as necessary. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| School Year 1: | School Name: Gary Middle College $^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }^{2021-2022}$ | Grade Level | ELA Proficiency | ELA Growth (VA) | Math Proficiency | Math Growth (VA) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Instrument/ } \\ \text { Assessment Used } \end{gathered}$ | College/Career Credential \% | 4-Year Grad Rate | 3rd Grade Reading Pass Rate | Attendance Rate |
|  |  | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | N |  |
|  |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | N |  |
|  |  | 11 | 5\% |  | 0\% |  | SAT |  |  | N |  |
|  |  | 12 | 24\% |  | \% |  | ISTEP+ |  |  | N |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9.20\% |  |  |
| School Year 2: | ${ }^{2020-2021}$ | Grade Level | ELA Proficiency | ELA Growth (VA) | Math Proficiency | Math Growth (VA) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Instrument/ } \\ \text { Assessment Used } \end{gathered}$ | College/Career Credential \% | 4-Year Grad Rate | 3rd Grade Reading Pass Rate | Attendance Rate |
|  |  | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | N |  |
|  |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | N |  |
|  |  | 11 | 22\% |  | 0\% |  | ISTEP+ |  |  | N |  |
|  |  | 12 | 13\% |  | \% |  | ISTEP+ |  |  | N |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9.38\% |  |  |
| School Year 3: | 2019-2020 | Grade Level | ELA Proficiency | ELA Growth (VA) | Math Proficiency | Math Growth (VA) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Instrument/ } \\ \text { Assessment Used } \end{gathered}$ | College/Career Credential \% | 4-Year Grad Rate | 3rd Grade Reading Pass Rate | Attendance Rate |
|  |  | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | N |  |
|  |  | 10 | Waved |  | Waved |  | ISTEP+ |  |  | N |  |
|  |  | 11 | 12\% |  | 0\% |  | ISTEP+ |  |  | N |  |
|  |  | 12 | 7\% |  | 0\% |  | ISTEP+ |  |  | N |  |
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Enrollment Plan for Adult High Schools Authorized by the Indiana Charter School Board

1. Please complete all appropriate grey cells. The first seven (7) lines are required
2. The Enrollment Plan Approval Date on line 13 is the date the initital Enrollment Plan was approved as part of a Charter Application.
3. Enrollment Plan Amendments list the amendments, effective year, and approval date of those amendments to the school's Enrollment Plan that are approved pursuant to ICSB's Enrollment Plan Amendment Policy.


| Yearly Enrollment By Grade Level |  |  |  |  |  |  | Approved Amendments (Completed by ICSB) |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Amendment Notes |
| Grade Level | $\text { Year } 1$ | $\text { Year } 2$ | Year 3 <br> 2025-26 | $\text { Year } 4$ 2026-27 | $\frac{\text { Year } 5}{2027-28}$ | Maximum |  | en | me |  |  |
| 9 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 55 | 65 | 70 | 75 | 80 | 150 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | 100 | 110 | 120 | 130 | 135 | 150 |  |  |  |  |  |
| AHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Enrollment (School): | 205 | 235 | 260 | 285 | 305 | 400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |




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