

Form **990**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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2021
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A For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2021, and ending 06-30-2022

- B** Check if applicable:
- Address change
 - Name change
 - Initial return
 - Final return/terminated
 - Amended return
 - Application pending

C Name of organization
HOPE EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH CENTER

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
858 NORTH MASON ROAD

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
ST LOUIS, MO 63141

D Employer identification number
23-7240338

E Telephone number
(314) 469-0100

G Gross receipts \$ 46,807,656

F Name and address of principal officer:
MARK SIGMORELLI
858 N MASON ROAD
ST LOUIS, MO 63141

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.HOPEACADEMY.COM

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: 1973

M State of legal domicile:
MO

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN FROM INFANCY THROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THROUGH THIS, INSTILL A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETENT, RESPONSIBLE, AND ADAPTIVE CITIZENS WHO ARE EFFECTIVE PROBLEM-SOLVERS AND LIFE-LONG LEARNERS.

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	4
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	3
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2021 (Part V, line 2a)	490
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	0
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	3,092,018
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	3,091,018

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	27,375	0
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	9,723,966	12,595,410
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	34,105,693	-1,425,206
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,525,304	1,531,339
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	45,382,338	12,701,543
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	227,163	268,712
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	12,154,416	12,685,629
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	6,179,909	6,591,969
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	18,561,488	19,546,310
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	26,820,850	-6,844,767
	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	196,443,117	189,329,073
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,361,743	1,617,057
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	195,081,374	187,712,016

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer
Date 2022-12-19

MARK SIGMORELLI PRESIDENT
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date 2022-12-04	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00560435
Firm's name ▶ UHY ADVISORS MO INC	Firm's EIN ▶ 43-1305800			
Firm's address ▶ 15 SUNNEN DRIVE SUITE 100 ST LOUIS, MO 631433819	Phone no. (314) 615-1200			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

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

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 14,956,439 including grants of \$ 268,712) (Revenue \$ 12,491,979)
See Additional Data

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 775,772 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 103,431)
See Additional Data

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

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 15,732,211

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21, covering various organizational requirements and reporting obligations.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 main columns: Question/Description, Yes, No. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding grants, compensation, tax-exempt bonds, excess benefit transactions, and related party transactions.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

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

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

Table with 4 columns: Question/Section, Input field, Yes/No, and a third column. Rows include questions 2a through 17, covering topics like employee reporting, federal employment tax returns, business gross income, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, charitable contributions, and various organizational requirements.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI



Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (4), 1b (3), 2 (Yes), 3 (No), 4 (No), 5 (No), 6 (No), 7a (No), 7b (No), 8a (Yes), 8b (No), 9 (No).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a (No), 10b, 11a (Yes), 11b, 12a (Yes), 12b (Yes), 12c (Yes), 13 (No), 14 (Yes), 15a (Yes), 15b (Yes), 16a (No), 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: MR BRAD LEMASTERS 858 NORTH MASON ROAD ST LOUIS, MO 63141 (314) 469-0100

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) MARK SIGNORELLI CHAIRMAN & CEO	40.00	X		X			456,492	0	24,986	
(2) LOUIS HELMSING SECRETARY	2.00	X		X			2,000	0	0	
(3) JOHN LOUGHLIN VICE-PRESIDENT	1.00	X		X			2,000	0	0	
(4) TIM DOLAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					2,000	0	0	
(5) BRAD LEMASTERS TREASURER & CFO	40.00			X			238,112	0	23,005	
(6) DAN SIGNORELLI VP-REAL ESTATE	40.00				X		253,333	0	23,467	
(7) JAIME DODD DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS	40.00				X		248,588	0	9,982	

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)										
(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							1,202,525	0	81,440	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ **4**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ **0**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

Table with columns: (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514. Rows include Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts; Program Service Revenue; and Other Revenue.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	268,712	268,712		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,208,061	267,956	940,105	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	9,470,253	8,677,012	793,241	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	1,258,124	1,067,008	191,116	
10 Payroll taxes	749,191	656,260	92,931	
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	16,935	15,730	1,205	
b Legal	23,244		23,244	
c Accounting	67,829		67,829	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	252,328		252,328	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion	48,101	48,101		
13 Office expenses	817,000	766,929	50,071	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	415,779	382,583	33,196	
17 Travel	32,402	32,402		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	10,845	10,526	319	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,700,769	1,569,017	131,752	
23 Insurance	479,660	394,952	84,708	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a FEDERAL INCOME TAX	649,780		649,780	
b FOOD	863,920	863,606	314	
c REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	458,369	356,173	102,196	
d DONATIONS	314,461		314,461	
e All other expenses	440,547	355,244	85,303	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	19,546,310	15,732,211	3,814,099	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	879,677	1	624,288
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,472,194	2	982,552
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	47,955	4	44,084
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	47,107	7	29,843
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	99,429	9	114,264
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 65,215,270		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 32,048,064	34,428,224	10c 33,167,206
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	55,303,833	11	59,364,882
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	101,093,526	12	92,493,422
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets	1,528,447	14	1,528,447
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	1,542,725	15	980,085
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	196,443,117	16	189,329,073	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,083,160	17	1,298,764
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	278,583	19	318,293
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,361,743	26	1,617,057
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	195,081,374	27	187,712,016
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
32 Total net assets or fund balances	195,081,374	32	187,712,016	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	196,443,117	33	189,329,073	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	12,701,543
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	19,546,310
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-6,844,767
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	195,081,374
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	-524,591
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	187,712,016

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b	Yes	
2c		No
3a		No
3b		

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 23-7240338

Name: HOPE EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH CENTER

Form 990 (2021)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

WE SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE HOPE EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH CENTER NETWORK OF SCHOOLS SERVES MORE THAN 2000 MISSOURI CHILDREN EVERY YEAR. OUR FAMILIES HAVE THE OPTION OF SELECTING EITHER A MONTESSORI-BASED APPROACH OR A TRADITIONAL APPROACH TO EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN. BOTH ALTERNATIVES AFFORD CHILDREN THE BENEFIT OF LEARNING IN STATE-OF-THE-ART, EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND BOTH ALTERNATIVES AFFORD CHILDREN THE BENEFIT OF LEARNING FROM FULLY TRAINED AND CERTIFIED FACULTY AND STAFF. IN ADDITION, HOPE EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH CENTER PROVIDES OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT OF ITS CONTROLLED AFFILIATE, HOPE MONTESSORI ACADEMY (HMA). HMA OPERATES 8 MONTESSORI SCHOOLS IN COLORADO SERVING APROXIMATELY 2000 CHILDREN. HMA FILES A SEPARATE FORM 990. HOPE EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH CENTER IS THE SOLE CORPORATE MEMBER OF HMA. OUR SCHOOLS ARE CHARACTERIZED BY A HIGHLY DIVERSIFIED STUDENT BODY AS RELATES TO RACE, RELIGION, ETHNICITY AND NATIONALITY. THE BREADTH OF OUR DIVERSITY IS UNMATCHED BY ANY OTHER SCHOOL OR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN THE GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA. THIS IS A UNIQUE ADVANTAGE THAT SERVES TO PROMOTE COLLABORATION, UNDERSTANDING AND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY WITHIN THE STUDENT BODY AND AMONG THE FAMILIES WE SERVE. WE MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS TO WHICH WE HOLD OUR ORGANIZATION, OUR FACULTY AND OUR STAFF ROUTINELY EXCEED ANY STATE GUIDELINES OR MANDATES, ESPECIALLY AS RELATES TO STUDENT-TEACHER RATIOS, CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, CPR TRAINING, FIRST AID TRAINING, ETC. AS A DEMONSTRATION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO UPHOLDING THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, WE SUSPEND ALL SCHOOL OPERATIONS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF FEBRUARY EACH YEAR IN ORDER TO HOST AN ORGANIZATION-WIDE PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE DESIGNED TO SERVE THE CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF OUR FACULTY AND STAFF. THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF OUR EMPLOYEES GUIDE THE FOCUS OF OUR CONFERENCE EACH YEAR. AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THIS EVENT, OUR SCHOOLS HOST VARIOUS WORKSHOPS, LECTURES AND OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO INSURE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR FACULTY AND STAFF TO ACQUIRE THE TRAINING THEY NEED TO PERFORM AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS. OUR FACULTY AND STAFF ARE RECOGNIZED FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT. OUR FACULTY AND STAFF MAKE MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS EACH YEAR. THEY ARE ROUTINELY RECOGNIZED BY INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL AND ACCREDITING BODIES FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION. AWARDS PREVIOUSLY CONFERRED ON OUR FACULTY AND STAFF INCLUDE THE TEACHER OF DISTINCTION AWARD BY THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF ST. LOUIS (ISSL), THE EMERSON ELECTRIC COMPANY'S EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD, THE CREVE COEUR OLIVETTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S BUSINESSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD (FOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE CHAMBER'S EDUCATION COMMITTEE), AMONG MANY OTHERS. IN ADDITION, OUR FACULTY MEMBERS CONDUCT CLASSES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND LECTURES AT OUR OWN SCHOOLS, AT COMPETITOR SCHOOLS, AT REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND AT LOCAL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. PRESENTATIONS HAVE INCLUDED VENUES SUCH AS WEBSTER UNIVERSITY, MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, ST. LOUIS CHILD DAY CARE ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES, AMONG MANY OTHER TRAINING CENTER PROGRAMS. WE SUPPORT THE EDUCATIONAL ASPIRATIONS OF OUR FACULTY AND STAFF. AS A DEMONSTRATION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR FACULTY AND STAFF, WE OFFER EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AS A WAY TO ENCOURAGE EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT WITHIN THE RANKS OF OUR ORGANIZATION. THE HOPE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WHO ARE WORKING THEIR WAY THROUGH AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE. THE HOPE MONTESSORI ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYEES INTERESTED IN PURSUING MONTESSORI CERTIFICATION. WE ARE COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN THE EDUCATION AND CARE OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR FAMILIES, OUR FACULTY AND STAFF IS WHAT SEPARATES US FROM ANY OTHER PRIVATE SCHOOL IN GREATER ST. LOUIS AND THE CENTRAL MISSOURI REGION.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

HOPE EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH CENTER OFFERS MONTESSORI TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION FOR ADULTS SEEKING TO BECOME PROFESSIONAL MONTESSORI TEACHERS AT THE INFANT-TODDLER (0-3 YRS. OF AGE) LEVEL AND AT THE EARLY CHILDHOOD (3-6 YRS. OF AGE) LEVEL. THE HMEI EDUCATION COURSE PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE PREPARATION FOR ADULTS INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN MULTI-AGE GROUPINGS, USING THE MONTESSORI METHOD. THE EDUCATION COURSES ARE DESIGNED TO PREPARE AND TRANSFORM ADULT STUDENTS INTO MONTESSORI EDUCATORS. THIS IS A CERTIFICATE COURSE, APPROXIMATELY TWELVE MONTHS IN DURATION, WITH DISCRETE PERIODS OF STUDY DESIGNED TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY AND WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. IN ADDITION TO THE PERIODS OF STUDY, ADVANCED SEMINARS ARE REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION. THE ACADEMIC AND PRACTICUM HOURS REQUIRED FOR HMEI COURSE COMPLETION MEET AND EXCEED THE MINIMUM STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE AMS. THE HMEI MONTESSORI TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM ADHERES TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. HMEI IS:- AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY (AMS), - ACCREDITED BY THE MONTESSORI ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (MACTE) AND- CERTIFIED BY THE STATE OF MISSOURI AS A SCHOOL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION GROWING INTEREST IN MONTESSORI EDUCATION WITHIN THE ST. LOUIS AREA, THROUGHOUT THE MIDWEST, THE U.S., AND AROUND THE WORLD, HAS FUELED A SURGE IN DEMAND FOR QUALIFIED MONTESSORI EDUCATORS. IN RESPONSE TO THIS DEMAND, AND IN ORDER TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF FUTURE HOPE FAMILIES AND THE MONTESSORI COMMUNITY AT LARGE, THE MISSION OF THE HOPE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE A NEW OBJECTIVE - THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MONTESSORI TEACHERS. HOPE MONTESSORI EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE (HMEI) WAS LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER 2011 TO FULFILL THIS OBJECTIVE. THE SUMMER OF 2012 MARKS THE BEGINNING OF ITS INAUGURAL YEAR. EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION IS THE HALLMARK OF THE HOPE ORGANIZATION. OVER THE PAST FOUR DECADES THE HOPE MONTESSORI ACADEMIES HAVE EARNED RESPECT AND RECOGNITION WITHIN THE MONTESSORI COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, AS A SUPERIOR SOURCE FOR PRIVATE, MONTESSORI EDUCATION. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE ORGANIZATION TO CARRY THIS TRADITION FORWARD INTO THE HOPE MONTESSORI EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE AS A WAY TO FURTHER PROMOTE QUALITY MONTESSORI EDUCATION IN THE U.S. AND AROUND THE GLOBE. MISSION STATEMENT OF HMEI: IT IS THE MISSION OF THE HOPE MONTESSORI EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE TO INSURE THE TRANSMISSION OF QUALITY MONTESSORI EDUCATION THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS THAT NURTURE CREATIVITY, CURIOSITY, COMPASSION, RESPECT AND A JOYFULNESS FOR LIFE. OUR OBJECTIVE EXTENDS BEYOND EDUCATING ADULT LEARNERS IN THE TECHNICAL AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUIRING MONTESSORI CERTIFICATION. AT HMEI, CERTIFICATION IS A BYPRODUCT OF OUR MISSION TO IGNITE OUR STUDENTS' PASSION FOR THE PROCESS OF LEARNING, TO INSPIRE THEM TO EXPLORE AND CREATE NEW, INNOVATIVE WAYS IN WHICH TO EXTEND AND EXPAND THEIR OWN LEARNING AND THAT OF THE YOUNG STUDENTS FOR WHOM THEY WILL SOON BE RESPONSIBLE. BY PREPARING OUR TEACHER EDUCATION STUDENTS FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE GLOBAL MONTESSORI COMMUNITY, WE WILL ENABLE THEM TO CARRY THE SPIRIT OF DR. MONTESSORI'S WORK INTO THE FUTURE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF GENERATIONS TO COME. THROUGH THIS AND THROUGH THE PROMOTION AND ADVANCEMENT OF QUALITY MONTESSORI EDUCATION, WE HOPE TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO A MORE HARMONIOUS AND PEACEFUL WORLD. VISION STATEMENT OF THE HOPE MONTESSORI EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE (HMEI): HMEI IS DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE, TO ADVANCEMENT AND TO THE PROMOTION OF QUALITY MONTESSORI TEACHER EDUCATION AROUND THE WORLD. WE STRIVE TO SUPPORT THIS VISION BY:- FIRST UNDERSTANDING AND THEN SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS WE SERVE; - MAKING QUALITY MONTESSORI EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE BY EXPANDING OUR TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS DOMESTICALLY AND AROUND THE GLOBE; - EMBRACING AND SUPPORTING RESEARCH THAT WILL EXTEND AND EXPAND OUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT LEARNING AND EDUCATION IN GENERAL, AND ABOUT THE APPLICATION OF MONTESSORI THEORY AND PHILOSOPHY, IN PARTICULAR; - INVESTING IN TECHNOLOGY AND HARNESSING ITS POWER WITHIN OUR TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT NOT ONLY OUR STUDENTS, BUT ULTIMATELY THE CHILDREN THEY WILL SERVE - TOMORROW'S LEADERS. BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HOPE ORGANIZATION: THE HOPE ORGANIZATION BEGAN MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO, ORIGINATING IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WHERE IT HAS EARNED WIDESPREAD RESPECT AND RECOGNITION AS A PROVEN LEADER IN THE GREATER MONTESSORI COMMUNITY. MOST COMMONLY KNOWN FOR OUR QUALITY MONTESSORI PRESCHOOLS, WE NOW CARRY FORWARD THIS SAME TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE INTO MONTESSORI TEACHER EDUCATION. THE HOPE ORGANIZATION OPERATES THE HOPE MONTESSORI INFANT AND TODDLER COMMUNITY, THE HOPE MONTESSORI ACADEMIES, AND THE ANDREWS ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. MORE THAN 2000 CHILDREN ARE EDUCATED IN THE CLASSROOMS, HALLS AND ON THE GROUNDS OF THESE SCHOOLS EVERY YEAR. ALTHOUGH THE ORGANIZATION OFFERS BOTH MONTESSORI AND TRADITIONAL ALTERNATIVES IN EDUCATION, IT IS MOST WIDELY KNOWN FOR THE MONTESSORI PRESCHOOLS FROM WHICH IT ORIGINATED. HOPE HAS BECOME A LEADER IN MONTESSORI EDUCATION, EVOLVING FROM A SINGLE CAMPUS IN THE HEART OF CREVE COEUR, MISSOURI, A SUBURB OF WEST ST. LOUIS COUNTY. OVER THE COURSE OF ITS 40+ YEARS OF OPERATION, THE HOPE ORGANIZATION HAS EXPANDED TO COMPRISE A NETWORK OF 16 SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE GREATER MIDWEST.

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization HOPE EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH CENTER	Employer identification number 23-7240338
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations _____
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III.
 If the organization failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf. . . .						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . .						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4. . .						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources. . . .						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . .						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.). . .						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15 Public support percentage for 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2021. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►		(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .						
2	Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3	Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf. . .						
5	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b	Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
c	Add lines 7a and 7b.						
8	Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►		(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
9	Amounts from line 6.						
10a	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources. . .						
b	Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
c	Add lines 10a and 10b.						
11	Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
12	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13	Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2021 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16	Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for 2021 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18	Investment income percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2021. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

		Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b	A family member of a person described on 11a above?		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the officers, directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):		
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions)		
2	Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.		
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
b	Did the activities described on line 2a, above constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.		
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)		

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

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (<i>prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI</i>)	5	
6 Other distributions (<i>describe in Part VI</i>). See instructions	6	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions	8	
9 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6	9	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2021	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2021
1 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2021 (reasonable cause required-- <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2021:			
a From 2016.			
b From 2017.			
c From 2018.			
d From 2019.			
e From 2020.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2016 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2021 from Section D, line 7:			
\$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2021, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2021. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2022. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2017.			
b Excess from 2018.			
c Excess from 2019.			
d Excess from 2020.			
e Excess from 2021.			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
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Name of the organization
HOPE EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH CENTER

Employer identification number
23-7240338

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

Part II Conservation Easements.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . . **Yes** **No**

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? **Yes** **No**

- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- c** Beginning balance
 - d** Additions during the year
 - e** Distributions during the year
 - f** Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? . . . **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
- b** Permanent endowment ▶
- c** Term endowment ▶

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i)** Unrelated organizations
- (ii)** Related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

- b** If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	6,130,858	8,495,705		14,626,563
b Buildings		38,111,842	22,163,372	15,948,470
c Leasehold improvements		5,928,342	4,243,952	1,684,390
d Equipment		6,515,013	5,618,268	896,745
e Other		33,510	22,472	11,038
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				33,167,206

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A) INVESTMENT IN LTD PARTNERSHIPS	92,493,422	C
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	92,493,422	

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	12,181,178
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	12,181,178
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	252,328
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	268,037
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	520,365
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	12,701,543

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	19,025,946
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	19,025,946
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	252,328
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	268,037
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	520,365
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	19,546,311

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 23-7240338

Name: HOPE EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH CENTER

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	RECLASS TUITION ASSISTANCE 253,576. RECLASS DONATION 14,461.

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	RECLASS TUITION ASSISTANCE 253,576. RECLASS DONATION 14,461.

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990)

Schools

OMB No. 1545-0047

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
HOPE EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH CENTER

Employer identification number
23-7240338

Part I

	YES	NO
1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	Yes	
2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	Yes	
3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy on its primary publicly accessible Internet homepage at all times during its taxable year in a manner reasonably expected to be noticed by visitors to the homepage, or through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe. If "No," please explain. If you need more space use Part II.	Yes	
4 Does the organization maintain the following?		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	Yes	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?		No
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	Yes	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.		No
5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges?		No
b Admissions policies?		No
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?		No
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?		No
e Educational policies?		No
f Use of facilities?		No
g Athletic programs?		No
h Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.		No
6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?		No
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II.		No
7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Part II.	Yes	

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

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE E, PART I, LINE 3	STATEMENT ON NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY PUBLISHED IN BROCHURES AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS AND ON WEBSITE.
SCHEDULE E, PART I, LINE 4	4(B) AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY COLLECTS FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICANTS AND MAKES THE DETERMINATION OF QUALIFICATION FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE BASED UPON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. 4(D) CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT SOLICITED THUS THIS QUESTION IS NOT APPLICABLE.

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Schedule I (Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

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Name of the organization HOPE EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH CENTER

Employer identification number 23-7240338

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance...
2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000.

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC section (if applicable), (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other), (g) Description of noncash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance. Rows 1-12.

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table.
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table.

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1) TUITION ASSISTANCE	50	268,712			
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2:	AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY COLLECTS FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICANTS AND MAKES THE DETERMINATION OF QUALIFICATION FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. AMOUNTS ARE NOT PAID OUT TO GRANT RECIPIENTS, BUT RATHER ARE REDUCTIONS TO AMOUNTS GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR TUITION.

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

OMB No. 1545-0047

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
 ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
 ▶ Attach to Form 990.
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2, 1099-MISC compensation, and/or 1099-NEC			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 MARK SIGNORELLI CHAIRMAN & CEO	(i)	435,000	4,000	17,492	0	24,986	481,478	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 DAN SIGNORELLI VP-REAL ESTATE	(i)	230,000	4,000	19,333	0	23,467	276,800	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 BRAD LEMASTERS TREASURER & CFO	(i)	216,300	4,000	17,812	0	23,005	261,117	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 JAIME DODD DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS	(i)	230,000	4,000	14,588	0	9,982	258,570	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Employer identification number

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2	MARK SIGNORELLI (PRESIDENT) AND DAN SIGNORELLI (VICE-PRESIDENT) ARE BROTHERS.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY SUB-COMMITTEES. ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION IS DISCUSSED BY THE ENTIRE BOARD DURING THE BOARD'S SCHEDULED MEETINGS.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE CEO AND CFO REVIEW THE 990 IN DETAIL. EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS RECEIVES A COPY OF THE 990 TO REVIEW AND THE CEO AND CFO DISCUSS IT WITH THEM AT THE BOARD MEETING AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	AT YEAR END, A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ALL KNOWN PERSONAL AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS IS CIRCULATED AMONG KEY EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD. THIS LIST IS DISCUSSED WITH THE ENTIRE BOARD AND UPDATED AS NECESSARY. DURING THE YEAR, THE CFO MONITORS THE CONFLICT STATEMENTS AND BRINGS TO THE ATTENTION OF MANAGEMENT AND THE BOARD IF A CONFLICT ARISES. IF A CONFLICT WOULD AFFECT A VOTE, THE DIRECTOR EXCUSES HIMSELF OR HERSELF FROM THE MEETING FOR THIS ITEM.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION STUDY WAS DONE BY AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT AND THIS INFORMATION WAS USED TO HELP THEM IN SETTING OFFICERS' COMPENSATION. THE FULL BOARD, NOT INCLUDING THE OFFICERS INVOLVED, DISCUSSED AND APPROVED THE OFFICERS' COMPENSATION.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES THIS RETURN AVAILABLE UPON DIRECT REQUEST AS WELL AS THROUGH GUIDESTAR.ORG, A THIRD PARTY WEBSITE.

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) HOPE MONTESSORI ACADEMY 858 N MASON STLOUIS, MO 63141 81-0572844	EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION	MO	501(C)(3)	170(B)(1)(A)(VI)	HOPE EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH CENTER		No

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

	Yes	No
1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?		
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	Yes	
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)		No
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	Yes	
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)		No
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		No
f Dividends from related organization(s)		No
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)		No
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		No
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		No
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	Yes	
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)		No
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)		No
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)		No
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)		No
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	Yes	
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses		No
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses		No
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)		No
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)		No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) HOPE MONTESSORI ACADEMY	J	1,501,740	
(2) HOPE MONTESSORI ACADEMY	O	160,000	
(3) HOPE MONTESSORI ACADEMY	A	1,501,740	

Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

Return Reference	Explanation