**Overview**

A charter school is required to comply will all of the state financial and budget rules, regulations and financial reporting requirements pursuant to Section 22‑30.5‑112(7), C.R.S. This form is required pursuant to Section 22‑11‑206(4), C.R.S. when an authorizer does not provide assurances for the charter school(s) within the authorizer’s FORM AFA2018 or to support compliance monitoring by the authorizer. The assurance form must be submitted certifying substantial and good-faith compliance with the a) School District Budget Law, b) Financial Policies and Procedures Act, c) Public School Financial Transparency Act, and d) accounting and reporting. The Colorado Department of Education monitors compliance by reviewing finance data pipeline submissions, audited financial statements, financial transparency websites, and responses from management to inquiries related to those reviews. Good‑faith compliance is determined, in part, by the assurances provided below as certified by those charged with governance.

**Completion and submission**

1. Open header and select entity from the drop down. Schools are ordered by authorizer numeric code then by school name.
2. Select the appropriate response for each assurance. Note: select “N/A” when item is not applicable.
3. Complete an Attachment A for each “No” response.
4. Scan to PDF the completed and signed CHARTER FORM AFA2018 with, if applicable, an Attachment A for each “No” response.
5. Forms executed by a charter school should be submitted to the authorizer. Forms executed by an authorizer should be submitted to CDE with the following items as PDF files via email attachments to: [schoolfinance@cde.state.co.us](mailto:schoolfinance@cde.state.co.us)
   1. FORM AFA2018 for the authorizer
   2. Audited financial statements for year ended June 30, 2018 (including audit reports for charter schools, if applicable)
   3. Grant Revenue Reconciliation Report from data pipeline with responses for all differences in column 9
   4. Finance December Error Detail Report ‑ Rollup from data pipeline with confirmation or responses for all warning edits

**PART 1 – Assurances for Article 44 Budget Policy and Procedures required pursuant to Section 22‑11‑206(4)(a)(I), C.R.S.**

| **Ref.** | **Description** | **C.R.S. Section** | **Assurance** | **Response** |
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| 44‑1 | Adopt budget and an appropriation resolution | 22‑44‑103(1)  22-44-107 | The board of education adopted a budget and an appropriation resolution prior to June 30, 2017. If no, please address compliance with Section 22‑44‑104, C.R.S., in an Attachment A. *Note*: the appropriation resolution may by reference incorporate the budget as adopted. | Select One |
| 44‑2 | Detail of budget | 22‑44‑105(1)(c) | The budget for fiscal year 2017‑18 itemizes expenditures by fund and by pupil. | Select One |
| 44‑3 | TABOR | 22‑44‑105(1)(c.5) | The three percent emergency reserve required by TABOR has been properly reported using a) unrestricted general funds, b) cash fund emergency reserves, or c) a statutorily approved alternative. | Select One |
| 44‑4 | Uniform summary sheet | 22‑44‑105(1)(d.5) | The budget for fiscal year 2017‑18 includes a uniform summary sheet for each fund. | Select One |
| 44‑5 | Use of beginning fund balance | 22‑44‑105(1.5)(a)&(c) | For budgets that include the use of beginning fund balance, a resolution was adopted by the board specifically authorizing this use and stating the district’s plan to ensure that use will not lead to an ongoing deficit. | Select One |
| 44‑6 | Contingency reserve – operating reserve | 22‑44‑106(2) | If applicable, the board of education adopted a board resolution committing fund balance, which is limited to 15% of total general fund budgeted expenditures, considered as a beginning general fund balance for the 2018-19 fiscal year and thereby unavailable for appropriation during the 2017-18 fiscal year. | Select One |
| 44‑7 | Preparation of budget | 22‑44‑108(1)(c) | A proposed budget for fiscal year 2017‑18 was submitted to the board by May 31, 2017. | Select One |
| 44‑8 | Notice of proposed budget | 22‑44‑109 | Notice was made in accordance with law that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. | Select One |
| 44‑9 | Adoption of budget | 22‑44‑110(4) | The budget for fiscal year 2017‑18 was adopted by the board by June 30, 2017. | Select One |
| 44‑10 | Supplemental budget | 22‑44‑110(5) | Modifications to the budget after January 31, 2018, were made through adoption of a supplemental budget by the board. | Select One |
| 44‑11 | Interfund borrowing | 22‑44‑113(1) | Interfund borrowings were repaid within 3 months of the fiscal year end. | Select One |
| 44‑12 | Spending in excess of appropriations | 22‑44‑115(1) | Spending did not exceed amounts appropriated for each fund. | Select One |
| 44‑13 | Use of handbook and chart of accounts | 22‑44‑204(3) | The financial policies and procedures handbook and chart of accounts were used for budget development, maintaining financial records, and periodic presentation of financial information to the board. | Select One |
| 44‑14 | Financial transparency | 22‑44‑304 | Information required by the Public School Financial Transparency Act was made available on‑line in a downloadable format. *Note*: Check the organization’s website to ensure all required documents are posted and current. | Select One |

**PART 2 ‑ Assurances for Article 45 Accounting and Reporting required pursuant to Section 22‑11‑206(4)(a)(II), C.R.S.**

| **Ref.** | **Description** | **C.R.S. Section** | **Assurance** | **Response** |
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| 45‑1 | Enterprise fund accounting | 22‑45‑102(1)(a) | The full accrual basis of accounting was used for budgeting and accounting for enterprise funds. | Select One |
| 45‑2 | Generally Accepted Accounting Principles | 22‑45‑102(1)(a) | Financial records are kept in accordance with generally accepted principles of governmental accounting. | Select One |
| 45‑3 | Board review of financial condition | 22‑45‑102(1)(a) & (b) | The board required the preparation of financial reports that included at a minimum the information required by state law. The board reviewed the financial condition of the entity at least quarterly during the fiscal year. | Select One |
| 45‑4 | Financial records | 22‑45‑102(2) | All financial records are maintained at the principal administrative offices and general ledger accounts are posted and reconciled at least monthly. | Select One |

**PART 3 ‑ Optional disclosures**

Accounting general ledger software information:

Company/vendor name: ***Replace with name***

Company/vendor contact: Name: ***Replace with name*** Email: ***Replace with email***

**PART 4 ‑ Certification of assurances**

**I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the assurances provided in Parts 1 and 2 are true and correct. I further certify that all information provided with Attachment A(s), if applicable, is true and correct.**

Chief Financial Officer/Business Manager (signature) (printed name)

Date:

Superintendent/Executive Director (signature) (printed name)

Date:

**I certify that the board reviewed the assurances and approved the related responses.**

President of the Board (signature) (printed name)

Date: