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## VIA PREMIER SUPPORT SERVICE

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### PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County Administration Building 130 West Congress Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Tucson, Arizona 85701

Re:

The Industrial Development Authority of the County of Pima – Notice of Intention to Issue Bonds – Education Revenue Refunding Bonds (Center for Academic Success Project), Series 2019 – In an Amount Not to Exceed \$8,500,000

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

As part of its program for financing Arizona charter schools, at a special meeting to be held on June 14, 2019, The Industrial Development Authority of the County of Pima (the "Authority") will consider granting its final approval to a resolution authorizing the issuance of its Education Revenue Refunding Bonds (Center for Academic Success Project), Series 2019 (the "2019 Bonds"), in one or more series and in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,500,000, the proceeds of which will be loaned to Center for Academic Success (the "Borrower"), an Arizona nonprofit corporation which is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Borrower operates five charter schools pursuant to a charter from the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools dated June 20, 1996, as renewed on June 23, 2011.

As always, the issuance of bonds by the Authority is subject to the approval of the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Therefore, the Authority respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the Board of Supervisors' regular meeting Agenda scheduled for June 18, 2019, for the purpose of having the Board of Supervisors approve the action of the Authority. Enclosed herewith are the following:

- 1. Fact Summary; and
- 2. Resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

In the opinion of bond counsel, no public hearing is required to be held pursuant to the Code and federal income tax regulations for the issuance of the 2019 Bonds.

The proceeds of the 2019 Bonds will be loaned to the Borrower to (i) finance or refinance the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping, improving and operating, as applicable, land and buildings used by the Borrower in connection with its charter school operations, including facilities located at 900 Carmelita Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona, and (a) 919 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, (b) 510 G Avenue, and (c) 1415 F Avenue, all in Douglas, Arizona, including a refunding of the 2007 Bonds (the "*Project*"); (ii) fund a debt service reserve fund for the 2019 Bonds; and (iii) pay costs of issuing the 2019 Bonds.

The 2019 Bonds are to be issued in accordance with Title 35, Chapter 5, of the Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended (the "Act"). The Underwriter intends to obtain a rating on the 2019 Bonds; if the rating is investment grade, the authorized denominations will be \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof; if the rating is not investment grade, the authorized denominations will be \$25,000 and integral multiples of \$5,000 in excess thereof, subject to an investor letter. The 2019 Bonds will be sold through an offering document from Piper Jaffray & Co., the Underwriter selected by the Borrower. The 2019 Bonds will not be part of any pool bond issue.

As always, the 2019 Bonds will be special limited obligations of the Authority and will be payable solely from payments made by the Borrower pursuant to a loan agreement and secured by a deed of trust on certain of the Borrower's property, and pledged to the bondholders pursuant to an indenture of trust between the Authority and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee. Neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Authority or Pima County or any other political subdivision thereof will be pledged to the payment of the 2019 Bonds. The Authority has no taxing power.

I will be available prior to the meeting to answer any questions you may have, or to meet with you at your convenience. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

RUSSO, RUSSO & SLANIA, P.C.

Michael A. Slania

Attorney for the Authority

MAS/at Enclosures

c: Julie Castañeda, Clerk (w/enclosures)
Regina Nassen, Esq., Counsel to the Board
Charles Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator
Jan Lesher, Deputy Pima County Administrator
Patrick Cavanaugh, Economic Development Office

# FACT SUMMARY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF PIMA EDUCATION REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS (CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROJECT), SERIES 2019

The following is a brief Fact Summary of the proposed bond issue:

The 2019 Bonds	As part of its program for financing Arizona charter schools, the Authority will issue its Education Revenue Refunding Bonds (Center for Academic Success Project), Series 2019 (the "2019 Bonds") in an original principal amount not to exceed \$8,500,000 and a maturity date not to exceed 35 years. The 2019 Bonds will bear interest at a fixed rate. The average interest rate on the 2019 Bonds shall not be greater than 12 percent per annum. The 2019 Bonds may be redeemed at the option of the Borrower with the consent of the Authority and, under certain circumstances, must be redeemed prior to their stated maturity date.
Sale	The 2019 Bonds will be sold by Piper Jaffray & Co. pursuant to an offering document. The 2019 Bonds will not be part of a charter school pool issue.
Rating	A rating on the 2019 Bonds will be applied for by the Borrower and Underwriter. If the rating received is investment grade, the authorized denominations will be \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof; if the rating is not investment grade, the authorized denominations will be \$25,000 and \$5,000 integral multiples thereof and the 2019 Bonds will be sold only to "Qualified Institutional Buyers" within the meaning of Rule 144A of the rules adopted pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or "Accredited Investors" within the meaning of Rule 501 of the rules governing the limited offering and sale of securities without registration adopted pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as evidenced by an investor letter.
The Borrower	Center for Academic Success, an Arizona nonprofit corporation, has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. The Borrower owns the real property, equipment and improvements to be financed with proceeds of the 2019 Bonds.
The 2007 Bonds	In 2007, the Authority previously issued its Education Facility Revenue Bonds (Center for Academic Success Project), Series 2007 in the original previous amount of \$9,000,000 to benefit the Borrower. The proceeds of the 2007 Bonds were used to finance the 2007 Project (defined below).

The 2007 Project .....

The 2007 Project consisted of acquiring, constructing, equipping, improving and operating, as applicable, land and buildings used or to be used by the Borrower in connection with its charter school operations, including locations at 900 Carmelita Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona, and (a) 510 G Avenue, and (b) 1415 F Avenue, all in Douglas, Arizona. In addition, a portion of the proceeds of the 2007 Bonds were used to fund an operating reserve fund and/or a debt service reserve fund for the 2007 Bonds, pay capitalized interest on the 2007 Bonds, and pay costs of issuing the 2007 Bonds.

The 2019 Project

The 2019 Bonds will be used to finance or refinance, as applicable, the 2019 Project, which will consist of acquiring, constructing, equipping, improving and operating, as applicable, land and buildings used or to be used by the Borrower in connection with its charter school operations, located at 900 Carmelita Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona, and (a) 919 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, (b) 510 G Avenue, and (c) 1415 F Avenue, all in Douglas, Arizona, including the refunding of the 2007 Bonds. In addition, a portion of the proceeds of the 2019 Bonds will be used to fund a debt service reserve fund for the 2019 Bonds and pay costs of issuing the 2019 Bonds.

Documentation

Pursuant to a Loan Agreement between the Authority and the Borrower, the Borrower has agreed to make payments to the Authority sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the 2019 Bonds when due. The Borrower's obligations under the Loan Agreement will be secured by a Deed of Trust, which will be recorded on the Borrower's property, at 900 Carmelita Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Security for the 2019 Bonds

The loan to the Borrower will be secured by (i) a mortgage lien and security interest in certain of the Borrower's land, buildings, fixtures and equipment, and (ii) an assignment of the leases, rents and all other revenues of the Borrower (including certain State revenues due to the Borrower).

The Authority has no taxing power. The 2019 Bonds and the interest thereon are not a general obligation of the Authority and are not an indebtedness of the Authority, Pima County, the State of Arizona, or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any Arizona constitutional or statutory provision whatsoever. Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the 2019 Bonds are payable solely out of the revenues derived from the Loan Agreement (other than to the extent payable out of proceeds of the 2019 Bonds or income from the temporary investment thereof). Neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power, if any, of the Authority, Pima County, the State of Arizona, or any political subdivision thereof, is pledged to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the 2019 Bonds.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019 -**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA APPROVING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF PIMA REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF ITS NOT TO EXCEED \$8,500,000 EDUCATION REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS (CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROJECT) SERIES 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, The Industrial Development Authority of the County of Pima (the "Authority") pursuant to the Industrial Development Financing Act, Title 35, Chapter 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), is authorized to issue and sell its Education Revenue Refunding Bonds (Center for Academic Success Project), Series 2019, in one or more series (the "Bonds"), the proceeds of which are to be loaned to Center for Academic Success (the "Borrower"), an Arizona nonprofit corporation, to (i) finance or refinance the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping, improving and operating, as applicable, land and buildings used by the Borrower in connection with its charter school operations, located at 900 Carmelita Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona and (a) 919 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, (b) 510 G Avenue, and (c) 1415 F Avenue, all in Douglas, Arizona; (ii) fund a debt service reserve fund for the Bonds; and (iii) pay costs of issuing the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2019, the Authority resolved to issue the Bonds in one or more series and in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$8,500,000 (the "Authority's Resolution"), such issuance being conditioned upon, among other things, the granting of approval to the issuance of the Bonds by the Pima County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Resolution has been made available to the Pima County Board of Supervisors, and the Authority's Resolution has been duly considered this date; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Resolution authorizes, among other things, the issuance of the Bonds, the execution and delivery of (i) an Indenture of Trust, dated as of the first day of the month in which the Bonds are issued, between the Authority and U.S. Bank National Association (the "Trust Indenture"), (ii) a Loan Agreement, dated as of the first day of the month in which the Bonds are issued (the "Loan Agreement"), between the Authority and the Borrower, and (iii) such other documents as required for the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the terms, maturities, provisions for redemption, security and sources of payment for the Bonds are set forth in the Trust Indenture, the Loan Agreement and the form of Bonds themselves; and

WHEREAS, copies of said documents have been made available to the Pima County Board of Supervisors, together with the Authority's Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Board of Supervisors has been informed that said

documents have been reviewed by competent Bond Counsel, Engleman Berger, P.C., and said Bond Counsel has determined that said documents adequately meet the requirements of the Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 35-721.B of the Act, the proceedings of the Authority under which the Bonds are to be issued require the approval of the Board of Supervisors of the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, this Board has presented to it information regarding the Bonds and is further informed and advised with regard to the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to the Act, the Board of Supervisors, as the governing body of the Authority, hereby approves the Bonds and the proceedings under which the Bonds are to be issued by the Authority, including specifically the Authority's Resolution, the Trust Indenture, the Loan Agreement, and all other related or appropriate documents;
- 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law, and any provisions of any previous resolutions in conflict with the provisions herein are hereby superseded;
- 3. The appropriate officers of the Pima County Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized and directed to do all such things and to execute and deliver all such documents on behalf of Pima County as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the intent of this Resolution and the Authority's Resolution in connection with the issuance of the Bonds; and
- 4. It is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the County that this resolution becomes immediately effective, and, accordingly, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND Al Arizona this day of, 2	PPROVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, 2019.
	Richard Elias, Chair PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ATTEST:	
Julie Castañeda, Clerk PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERV	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
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