

MATCH Community Day Charter Public School

Founders and Proposed Board of Trustees

This is prepared by the founding group of the proposed

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Michael Goldstein founded the MATCH High School in 2000. He created the MATCH Corps tutoring program (2004), co-founded the MATCH Middle School (2008), and created the MATCH Teacher Residency Program (2008). Michael is on or has served on advisory boards including: transition teams for the past two Massachusetts governors, National Council for Teacher Quality, Lee Academy Pilot School, Harvard's Futures of School Reform, and Boston Schoolchildren's Consortium.

Alan Safran has been MATCH's Executive Director since 2002. He co-founded the MATCH Middle School and supported the initiation of the MATCH Corps and MATCH Teacher Residency programs. Prior to that, he worked for nine years at the Massachusetts Department of Education as deputy commissioner and in other roles. He serves on the advisory board of Massachusetts 2020, focused on Expanded Learning Time, with former Governor Michael Dukakis and state teachers union, district, and school leaders.

Kate Carpenter Bernier, in addition to previously noted experience, was a Boston Principal Fellow and completed her residency at the district's Tobin K-8 School in Roxbury, a largely Latino school with a K-5 SEI strand. At the Tobin, Kate focused on the primary grades and managed a family engagement program focused on sight word acquisition for 1st graders. As a principal fellow, she earned a master of educational administration that included coursework on assessment, instruction, data, special education, ESL, family engagement, and supervision. Kate was an ELA teacher at the BPS Edwards Middle School where she also managed the Expanded Learning Time (ELT) initiative in its first phase. In her earlier nonprofit management life, she directed the national network for Citizen Schools and worked for Massachusetts 2020 launching the ELT initiative with BPS middle schools. She serves on the board of ESAC, a Boston nonprofit that leads foreclosure prevention efforts.

Sheila Balboni has been The Community Group's Executive Director for more than 30 years. She is the founder of several nonprofit education programs, including preschool, after-school, and workforce development initiatives, and the founder and director of Community Day Charter Public School. Sheila has served on numerous state-level task forces and planning committees concerning policies and programs in support of families. She is a member of the Massachusetts Cultural Council Board, and founder and past President of the Massachusetts Charter Public Schools Association and the Massachusetts Association of Child Care Agencies.

Note: the MATCH Board of Trustees will add two members to it from CDCPS if MATCH Community Day is approved.

- A. Sheila Balboni, founder and executive director of CDCPS.
- B. A second CDCPS board member, to be determined.

The MATCH Board of Trustees includes:

1. Stig Leschly is our board chair. He is the founder and former director of the Newark Charter School Fund, a \$20 million effort financed by national philanthropies to support public school reform in Newark, New Jersey at all grade levels, preK to 12. Prior to that, he taught at Harvard Business School, writing case studies of various aspects of charter growth with KIPP and other organizations. He is an authority on the specific pitfalls and tensions involved in charter school growth. Stig holds a JD from Harvard Law School, and an MBA from Harvard Business School. In 2009 and 2010, Stig has led a strategic examination of the performance and growth needs of the MATCH leadership team.
2. Ann Sagan is a former Board of Education Member in Montclair, New Jersey, where she served as chair of the finance and budget committee. As a founding board member, she led our 2001 effort to acquire and finance a permanent home for MATCH high school, and then volunteered full-time at our school as a math curriculum specialist for 8 years. She has a degree in early education from Bank Street College and an MBA from the University of Chicago. More recently, she helped to explore the Community Day partnership described in this application to see if it was a good fit for MATCH.
3. Reverend Ray Hammond is founder and pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston. In this capacity, he has a long history of involvement with youth and community activities for children ages birth to 18. He is former Board Chair of The Boston Foundation, a Member of the Executive Committee of the Black Ministerial Alliance, and one of the founders of the Ten Point Coalition, an ecumenical organization working for Black and Latino youth in Boston. Ray has helped MATCH to build a closer relationship with the City of Boston. As evidence that this relationship is indeed growing (and unusual for a charter-district), see the letter of support from the Chief Operating Officer of the Boston Public Schools (Appendix).
4. Michael Duffy was a founding Board member at MATCH and is now on the MATCH Foundation (501c3) board. For 4 years through 2010, he served as the Director of the Charter School office for the New York City Department of Education. He provides expertise on charter growth from watching the trials and tribulations of various growth efforts in New York City (where the city's charter sector grew rapidly during his tenure), both successful and unsuccessful. Prior to that he served as the Executive Director of City On A Hill Charter School in Boston, helping that school to acquire a permanent facility and to overhaul its leadership team.
5. Jamie Goldstein is a partner at North Bridge Venture Partners. As an early phase venture capitalist, his expertise is in the growth of small organizations into medium-sized ones – precisely the sort of journey that MATCH hopes to undertake. Jamie is a graduate of M.I.T. and Harvard Business School. In 2007, Jamie (no relation to MATCH founder Michael Goldstein) led the board review that resulted in the significant expansion of our back office team (described in our application).