PG-5.002: CODE OF ETHICS AND FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

SEC. 1. MISSION STATEMENT.

Our mission is to foster intellectual development and academic achievement by providing a school centered around challenging and interactive learning experiences that consistently bridge traditional disciplines. Essential to the achievement of this mission is the establishment of a community of learning—a community built upon the values of personal responsibility, consideration for others, respect for the environment, academic integrity, and perseverance.

SEC. 2. BOARD STEWARDSHIP.

It is the policy of **Treetops School** to advocate for and issue financial decisions and practices that both further the mission of **MID-CITIES LEARNING CENTER**, as described above, and that are made in the interest of the charter holder in compliance with its fiduciary duty owed to **Treetops School** students.

As such, the Board of Directors ("Board") shall make financial decisions with integrity, fairness, objectivity, and that maximize benefits while minimizing the cost of goods and services to **MID-CITIES LEARNING CENTER**.

The Board shall, as a body corporate and as individual members, explore and develop fiscal stewardship through training and other means of educating Board members in the understanding of legal and other requirements pertaining to financial management of **MID-CITIES LEARNING CENTER** and **Treetops School**.

Such training and education shall consider, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the development of management controls and monitoring of business activities, addressing possible fraud and irregularities through special audits and investigations and referrals to oversight agencies and law enforcement, as well as the General Ethical Standards (page 93) in Module 3 of the *Texas Financial Accountability System Resource Guide* (Version 15.0).