

## ATTACHMENT D

### **Overview of FAFA Operations**

#### A Day at Five-Acre Farm

The following represents a day on campus during a cohort's second-year.

**3:00** Faculty arrive by personal cars. FAFA will have two faculty members.

**3:45** Fifteen or fewer students arrive by yellow school bus provided and regulated by PCSD. Faculty meet students as they exit bus and escort them away from the road; the bus leaves and returns again for pickup at 7:00 p.m.

**3:45-4:00** Recess in fenced yard at north-east corner of property or on lawn south of the studio classroom.

**4:00 to 4:10** Community gathering: stretching while students and faculty catch up and check in, followed by daily vocabulary and character-building exercises. On south lawn.

**4:10-4:55** Latin III (intro to the subjunctive), snack. In studio classroom.

**5:00 to 5:55** Selected Topic: Anthropology (Incan cosmology). In cottage classroom.

**5:55 to 6:10** Break: Snack, daily geography bee, passing of donation box to support local charities. In cottage classroom.

**6:10-6:55** Students do homework and hone study skills with faculty support, free reading time. In either studio or cottage classroom.

**7:00** Faculty escort students onto bus back to Poughkeepsie.

**7:00-7:30** Faculty cleans up and departs.

#### What a Week Looks Like

The following shows the slow buildup to full daily use of the campus and what that use will look like for any given week. Year 1 is the first year of the program (2022-23 school year), Year 2 is the second year of the program (2023-24), etc. New cohorts are formed every-other year.\* Cohorts are groups of 15 kids selected from the highest-performing PCSD students in that year's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.\* Students continue with the program through graduation from high school.

Year 1: Cohort A is at the farm on Mondays & Wednesdays.

Year 2: Cohort A is at the farm on Mondays & Wednesdays;

new cohort B is at the farm Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Year 3: Cohort A on M & W; Cohort B on M & W.

Year 4: Cohort A moves to Fridays only; Cohort B is at the farm Tuesdays & Thursdays. New Cohort C is at the farm Mondays & Wednesdays.

The 5-day-a-week pattern established in Year 4 will continue into future years. FAFA will operate according to the public school calendar.

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### Organization of FAFA

FAFA is a Not for Profit Corporation#. We will file for 501 (c)(3) status ahead of accepting contributions from foundations and individuals.

Marcia DeVoe is the Director; Eric Alexander is COO. Our advisory board consists of veteran educators & education administrators.

We enjoy the support of PCSD, but are fully independent as an organization.

We have engaged a grant writer and will fund FAFA largely through grants but also with donations and fundraisers.

FAFA will hire two full-time teaching faculty. Other staffing requirements, such as cleaning, grounds maintenance, etc., will be contracted out.

FAFA will be fully insured. All though we are not a SACC and it is not a requirement, we plan to follow NYS regulations for school-aged child care centers as best practices where possible and practicable.

### Use of Physical Campus

Our campus has three zones: educational buildings; student-accessible outdoor space; inaccessible outdoor space & outbuildings.

Our two educational buildings are the current cottage and art studio. The cottage (1058 sq. ft.) will house a large classroom and part of the library collection downstairs, while the upper level will house the administrative and faculty offices. The art studio (492 sq. ft.) will be a classroom and function as the main library. These existing spaces will require little for conversion to classrooms; it will be a matter of furnishings rather than construction.

Student-accessible outdoor spaces are those areas on campus where students are allowed to be, with supervision, either for recreation or for study. This includes the front, side, and rear lawns adjacent to the two classrooms and the fenced yard at the north-east corner of the property, including the garden.

Inaccessible outdoor space includes fenced animal pens and out buildings and any wooded areas. Permission for supervised entry to these spaces will be required, if allowed at all. We may (or may not) have chickens, sheep, and rabbits housed on the property. Any animals will be pets only; Five-Acre Farm does not operate as a farming venture nor does it have an agricultural exemption.