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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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Signed July 21, 2025

United States Bankruptcy Judge

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION**

In re:	§	
	§	Chapter 11
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Higher Ground Education, Inc., <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	§	Case No.: 25-80121-11 (MVL)
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Debtor.	§	(Jointly Administered)

**FINAL ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING  
DEBTORS TO (A) CONTINUE TO OPERATE  
THEIR CASH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, (B) HONOR  
CERTAIN PREPETITION OBLIGATIONS RELATED THERETO,  
(C) MAINTAIN EXISTING BUSINESS FORMS, AND (D) CONTINUE CERTAIN  
INTERCOMPANY TRANSACTIONS, AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal identification number, are: Higher Ground Education Inc. (7265); Guidepost A LLC (8540); Prepared Montessorian LLC (6181); Terra Firma Services LLC (6999); Guidepost Birmingham LLC (2397); Guidepost Bradley Hills LLC (2058); Guidepost Branchburg LLC (0494); Guidepost Carmel LLC (4060); Guidepost FIC B LLC (8609); Guidepost FIC C LLC (1518); Guidepost Goodyear LLC (1363); Guidepost Las Colinas LLC (9767); Guidepost Leawood LLC (3453); Guidepost Muirfield Village LLC (1889); Guidepost Richardson LLC (7111); Guidepost South Riding LLC (2403); Guidepost St Robert LLC (5136); Guidepost The Woodlands LLC (6101); Guidepost Walled Lake LLC (9118); HGE FIC D LLC (6499); HGE FIC E LLC (0056); HGE FIC F LLC (8861); HGE FIC G LLC (5500); HGE FIC H LLC (8817); HGE FIC I LLC (1138); HGE FIC K LLC (8558); HGE FIC L LLC (2052); HGE FIC M LLC (8912); HGE FIC N LLC (6774); HGE FIC O LLC (4678); HGE FIC P LLC (1477); HGE FIC Q LLC (3122); HGE FIC R LLC (9661); LePort Emeryville LLC (7324); AltSchool II LLC (0403). The Debtors' mailing address is 1321 Upland Dr. PMB 20442, Houston, Texas 77043.



Upon the motion (the “**Motion**”)<sup>2</sup> filed by Higher Ground Education, Inc. (“**HGE**”) and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) for entry of an order (this “**Final Order**”): (i) authorizing the Debtors to (a) continue to operate their Cash Management System, (b) pay any prepetition or postpetition amounts outstanding on account of the Bank Fees, (c) maintain existing Business Forms in the ordinary course of business, and (d) continue to perform Intercompany Transactions consistent with historical practice and granting administrative expense priority to postpetition intercompany balances, and (ii) granting related relief all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors’ estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that, under the circumstances, the Debtors’ notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the “**Hearing**”); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion is granted on a final basis as set forth herein.

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<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to (a) continue operating the Cash Management System as described in the Motion in the ordinary course of business and consistent with the Debtors' historical practice; (b) honor their prepetition obligations related thereto, consistent with historical practice, including Bank Fees, and (c) continue to perform Intercompany Transactions consistent with historical practice; *provided* that the Debtors shall continue to maintain records with respect to all transfers of cash or property (including pursuant to such transactions) so that all Intercompany Transactions may be readily ascertained, traced, and recorded.

3. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to: (a) designate, maintain, close, and continue to use their existing Bank Accounts, including, but not limited to, the Bank Accounts identified in the Motion, in the names and with the account numbers existing immediately before the Petition Date; (b) deposit funds in, and withdraw funds from, the Bank Accounts by all usual means, including checks, wire transfers, ACH transfers, and other debits; (c) pay any ordinary course Bank Fees incurred in connection with the Bank Accounts; and (d) open new debtor in possession bank accounts at banks that have executed a Uniform Depository Agreement with the U.S. Trustee or banks that are willing to immediately execute one; *provided, however*, that the Debtors shall give ten (10) days' notice to the U.S. Trustee and counsel for the Official Unsecured Creditors' Committee (the "**Committee**") prior to opening or closing such a bank account. The Debtors shall provide further notice to all such parties within ten (10) days after any such bank account is opened or closed, and such parties will have ten (10) days from receipt of such notice to file any objection with regard to the opening or closing of a bank account, or such later date as may be extended by the Court or agreed to by the Debtors.

4. The Cash Management Bank is authorized and directed to continue to maintain, service, and administer the Bank Accounts in accordance with prepetition practices as accounts of the Debtors as debtors in possession, without interruption and in the ordinary course of business and to receive, process, honor, and pay, to the extent of available funds, any and all checks, drafts, wires, credit card payments, and ACH transfers issued and drawn on the Bank Accounts by the holders or makers thereof, as the case may be, (i) on or after the Petition Date, or (ii) prior to the Petition Date only as authorized by this Court.

5. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed to, continue to use their existing Business Forms. The Debtors shall further immediately advise the Cash Management Bank to restyle the Bank Accounts as a “Debtor-in-Possession” account.

6. To the extent any of the Debtors’ Bank Accounts are not in compliance with 11 U.S.C. § 345(b) or any of the U.S. Trustee’s requirements or guidelines, the Debtors shall have a period of 30 days from the date of entry of this Final Order (or such additional time to which the U.S. Trustee may agree) to either bring such Bank Accounts into compliance with section 345(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or to make such other arrangements as are agreed to by the U.S. Trustee or approved by the Court; *provided* that nothing in the foregoing shall prevent the Debtors or the U.S. Trustee from seeking further relief from the Court to the extent such an arrangement cannot be reached within that time period (or such other period as agreed to by the Debtors and the U.S. Trustee). The Debtors may obtain a further extension of the 30-day period referenced above by written stipulation with the U.S. Trustee and filing such stipulation on the Court’s docket without the need for further Court order.

7. Subject to the terms hereof, the Debtors are authorized to open any new Bank Accounts or close any existing Bank Accounts and enter into any ancillary agreements, related to

the foregoing, as they may deem necessary and appropriate; *provided, however*, that opening such new Bank Accounts are subject to the conditions in paragraph 3 of this Final Order.

8. The relief granted in this Final Order is extended to any new bank account opened by the Debtors after the date hereof, which account shall be deemed a Bank Account, and to the bank at which such account is opened, which bank shall be deemed a Cash Management Bank.

9. The Debtors are authorized to promptly place stop payments on any unauthorized prepetition checks or ACH payments that should not be honored by the Bank. Upon receiving notice of this Final Order, the Cash Management Bank shall not honor or pay any bank payments drawn on any listed Bank Accounts or otherwise issued before the Petition Date for which the Debtors specifically issue stop payment orders in accordance with the documents governing such Bank Accounts.

10. The Cash Management Bank may rely on the representations of the Debtors with respect to whether any check, item, or other payment order drawn or issued by the Debtors prior to the Petition Date should be honored pursuant to this or any other order of this Court, and the Cash Management Bank shall not have any liability to any party for relying on such representations by the Debtors as provided for herein.

11. The Debtors' Cash Management Bank is authorized to debit the Debtors' Bank Accounts in the ordinary course of business without the need for further order of this Court for: (a) all checks drawn on the Debtors' Bank Accounts which are cashed at the Cash Management Bank's counters or exchanged for cashier's checks by the payees thereof prior to the Petition Date or after the Petition Date; (b) all checks or other items deposited in one of Debtors' Bank Accounts with the Cash Management Bank prior to the Petition Date or after the Petition Date which have been dishonored or returned unpaid for any reason, together with any fees and costs in connection

therewith, to the same extent the Debtors were responsible for such items prior to the Petition Date; and (c) all undisputed prepetition and postpetition amounts outstanding as of the date hereof, if any, owed to the Cash Management Bank as service charges for the maintenance of the Cash Management System; *provided, however*, that no checks issued against the Debtors prior to the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases shall be honored except as otherwise authorized by order of this Court and directed by the Debtors.

12. The Cash Management Bank is authorized to charge back to the appropriate accounts of the Debtors any amounts resulting from returned checks or other returned items, including returned items that result from ACH transactions, wire transfers, or other electronic transfers of any kind, and the Debtors are authorized to pay any fees and expenses owed to the Cash Management Bank related thereto, regardless of whether such returned items were deposited or transferred prepetition or post-petition and regardless of whether the returned items relate to prepetition or post-petition items or transfers.

13. Any existing deposit agreements between the Debtors and the Cash Management Bank shall continue to govern the post-petition cash management relationship between the Debtors and the Cash Management Bank, and all of the provisions of such agreements, including, without limitation, the termination and fee provisions, shall remain in full force and effect; *provided, however*, that either the Debtors or the Cash Management Bank may, without further Order of this Court, implement changes to the Cash Management System and procedures in the ordinary course of business pursuant to terms of those certain existing deposit agreements, including, without limitation, the opening and closing of bank accounts; *provided, further*, that Cash Management Bank may not implement any changes to the Cash Management System or procedure without the

written consent of the Debtors. The Debtors shall give ten (10) days' notice to the U.S. Trustee and counsel for the Committee prior to any change referenced above.

14. Subject to the terms set forth herein, any bank, including the Bank, may rely upon the representations of the Debtors with respect to whether any check, draft, wire, or other transfer drawn or issued by the Debtors prior to, on, or subsequent to the Petition Date should be honored pursuant to any order of this Court, and no bank that honors a prepetition or postpetition check or other item drawn on any account that is the subject of this Final Order (a) at the direction of the Debtors, (b) in a good faith belief that this Court has authorized such prepetition or postpetition check or item to be honored, or (c) as a result of a mistake made despite the implementation of reasonable, customary handling procedures, shall be deemed to be nor shall be liable to the Debtors, their estates, or any other party on account of such prepetition or postpetition check or other item being honored post-petition, or otherwise deemed to be in violation of this Final Order.

15. Any bank, including the Cash Management Bank, is further authorized to honor the Debtors' directions with respect to the opening and closing of any Bank Account and accept and hold the Debtors' funds in accordance with the Debtors' instructions; *provided* that the Cash Management Bank shall not have any liability to any party for relying on such representations to the extent such reliance otherwise complies with applicable law.

16. Nothing contained in the Motion, or this Final Order shall be construed to (a) create or perfect, in favor of any person or entity, any interest in cash of a Debtor that did not exist as of the Petition Date or (b) alter or impair the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any security interest or lien, in favor of any person or entity, that existed as of the Petition Date.

17. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Final Order and any actions taken pursuant to such relief, nothing in this Final Order shall be deemed: (a) an admission as to the

amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against a Debtor entity under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in this Final Order or the Motion or a finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim or other priority claim; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any prepetition agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; (g) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; or (h) a concession by the Debtors that any liens (contractual, common law, statutory, or otherwise) that may be satisfied pursuant to the Motion are valid, and the rights of all parties in interest are expressly reserved to contest the extent, validity, or perfection or seek avoidance of all such liens.

18. Subject to paragraph 11 herein, the banks and financial institutions on which checks were drawn or electronic payment requests made in payment of the prepetition obligations approved herein are authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay all such checks and electronic payment requests when presented for payment, whether such checks or other requests were submitted prior to, or after, the Petition Date, and all such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved by this Final Order.

19. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to issue post-petition checks or to effect post-petition fund transfer requests in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests



that are dishonored as a consequence of these Chapter 11 Cases with respect to prepetition amounts that are authorized to be paid in connection with the relief granted herein.

20. The contents of the Motion satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b).

21. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

22. Notwithstanding any Bankruptcy Rule to the contrary, the terms and conditions of this Final Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

23. The Debtors are authorized to take all reasonable actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Final Order in accordance with the Motion.

24. As soon as practicable after entry of this Final Order, the Debtors shall serve a copy of this Final Order on the Cash Management Bank.

25. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Final Order.

**###END OF ORDER###**

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