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

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

**NOTICE OF FILING OF REVISED PROPOSED ORDER
(I) CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT;
(II) SCHEDULING A COMBINED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT APPROVAL
AND PLAN CONFIRMATION HEARING; (III) ESTABLISHING A PLAN AND
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OBJECTION DEADLINE AND RELATED
PROCEDURES; (IV) APPROVING THE SOLICITATION AND NOTICE
PROCEDURES; AND (V) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 27, 2025, Higher Ground Education, Inc. (“HGE”) and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”), filed *Debtors’ Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Conditionally Approving the Disclosure Statement; (II) Scheduling a Combined Disclosure Statement Approval and Plan Confirmation Hearing; (III) Establishing a Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline and Related Procedures; (IV) Approving the Solicitation and Notice Procedures; and (V) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 98] (the “**Solicitation Motion**”).

¹ 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.



PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on October 13, 2025, the Debtors filed a proposed order to the Solicitation Motion, the *Order (I) Conditionally Approving the Disclosure Statement; (II) Scheduling a Combined Disclosure Statement Approval and Plan Confirmation Hearing; (III) Establishing a Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline and Related Procedures; (IV) Approving the Solicitation and Notice Procedures; and (V) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 558] (the “**Proposed Order**”), which attached (1) the Debtors’ proposed Solicitation Procedures, as Exhibit 1 to the Proposed Order (the “**Proposed Solicitation Procedures**”); (2) the Debtors’ proposed Combined Notice, as Exhibit 2 to the Proposed Order (the “**Proposed Combined Notice**”); (3) the Debtors’ proposed Publication Notice, as Exhibit 3 to the Proposed Order (the “**Proposed Publication Notice**”); (4) the Debtors’ proposed Form of Ballot, as Exhibit 4 to the Proposed Order (the “**Proposed Form of Ballot**”); and (5) the Debtors’ proposed Notice of Non-Voting Status, as Exhibit 5 to the Proposed Order (the “**Proposed Notice of Non-Voting Status**”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that annexed hereto as Exhibit A is the Debtors’ revised version of the Proposed Order (the “**Revised Proposed Order**”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that annexed hereto as Exhibit B is a redline of the Debtors’ Revised Proposed Order against the Proposed Order.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that annexed hereto as Exhibit C is the Debtors’ Proposed Solicitation Procedures (the “**Proposed Solicitation Procedures**”).²

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that annexed hereto as Exhibit D is the Debtors’ revised version of the Proposed Combined Notice (the “**Revised Proposed Combined Notice**”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that annexed hereto as Exhibit E is a redline of the Debtors’ Revised Proposed Combined Notice against the Proposed Combined Notice.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that annexed hereto as Exhibit F is the Debtors’ revised version of the Proposed Publication Notice (the “**Revised Proposed Publication Notice**”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that annexed hereto as Exhibit G is a redline of the Debtors’ Revised Proposed Publication Notice against the Proposed Publication Notice.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that annexed hereto as Exhibit H is the Debtors’ revised version of the Proposed Form of Ballot (the “**Revised Proposed Form of Ballot**”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that annexed hereto as Exhibit I is a redline of the Debtors’ Revised Proposed Form of Ballot against the Proposed Form of Ballot.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that annexed hereto as Exhibit J is the Debtors’ revised version of the Proposed Notice of Non-Voting Status (the “**Revised Proposed Notice of Non-Voting Status**”).

² There were no changes to the Proposed Solicitation Procedures filed at Docket No. 558-1.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that annexed hereto as **Exhibit K** is a redline of the Debtors' Revised Proposed Notice of Non-Voting Status against the Proposed Notice of Non-Voting Status.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Revised Proposed Order has been reviewed by the Office of the United States Trustee, who does not have any objections.

DATED: October 14, 2025

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Holland N. O'Neil

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 14, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served electronically by the Court's PACER system.

/s/ Nora J. McGuffey

Nora J. McGuffey

Exhibit A

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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Upon consideration of the motion (the “**Motion**”)² of Higher Ground Education, Inc. (“**HGE**”) and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”) for entry of an order (a) conditionally approving the Second Amended Disclosure Statement for the *Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* (the “**Disclosure Statement**”); (b) scheduling a combined Disclosure Statement approval and Plan confirmation hearing; (c) establishing the Plan Objection Deadline and related procedures; (d) approving the Solicitation Procedures; (e) approving the Combined Notice; and (f) granting related relief, as more fully set forth in the Motion; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and the Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and the Court having found that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and the 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 the Court having found that the Debtors’ notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and the Court having reviewed the Motion, and all objections, if any, to the Motion having been withdrawn, resolved, or overruled; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and the record of any hearing on the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and good cause appearing therefor, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.

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

2. The Confirmation Schedule is approved (subject to modification as necessary) as follows:

| Event | Date |
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| Voting Record Date³ | September 1, 2025 |
| Publication Deadline | On or before the date that is three (3) Business Days after entry of this Scheduling Order, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter. |
| Commence Solicitation | On or before the date that is three (3) Business Days after entry of this Scheduling Order, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter. |
| Plan Supplement Deadline | No later than November 10, 2025 |
| Voting Deadline | November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) |
| Objection Deadline | November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) |
| Deadline to File Briefs in Support of Approval of Disclosure Statement and Confirmation of Plan | November 21, 2025 |
| Combined Hearing | November 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) |

3. The Disclosure Statement is approved on a conditional basis as containing adequate information within the meaning of section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Debtors are authorized to distribute the Solicitation Package in order to solicit votes from Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes. Any objections to the adequacy of the information contained in the Disclosure Statement Supplement are reserved for consideration at the Combined Hearing.

4. The Combined Hearing, at which the Court will consider, among other things, final approval of the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement and confirmation of the *Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the*

³ The “**Voting Record Date**” is the date as of which a Holder of record entitled to vote on the Plan must have held such Claim or Interest to cast a vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (as may modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “**Plan**”), shall be held on **November 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)**, subject to Court availability.

5. Any objections to the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement and confirmation of the Plan must be filed on or before **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)**. Any objections not satisfying the requirements of this Order shall not be considered and shall be overruled. Any objections to the Disclosure Statement or confirmation of the Plan must: (a) be in writing; (b) comply with the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules; (c) state the name of the objecting party and the amount and nature of the Claim or Interest beneficially owned by such entity; (d) state with particularity the legal and factual basis for such objections, and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objections; and (e) be filed with the Court so as to be actually received on or before the Objection Deadline.

6. For the avoidance of doubt, the U.S. Trustee reserves all rights to object to the Disclosure Statement under 11 U.S.C. § 1125 and the Plan under 11 U.S.C. § 1129.

7. The form of the Publication Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**, complies with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, and Local Rules, and is approved. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002(1), to give notice of the Combined Hearing and Objection Deadline (in a form substantially similar to the Combined Hearing Notice) by publishing the Publication Notice in the national edition of the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, or a similar national publication, and any additional publication the Debtors and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (collectively, the “**Proponents**”) deem necessary. The Publication Notice, if timely provided pursuant to the Confirmation Schedule, shall constitute good and sufficient notice of the Combined

Hearing and the Objection Deadline (and related procedures) to persons who do not receive notice of the Combined Hearing by mail.

8. The Solicitation Procedures set forth in the Motion and substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** satisfy the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules, and any other applicable rules, laws, and regulations, and are approved. The procedures used for tabulations of votes to accept or reject the Plan and the number of executed Opt-Out Forms, as set forth in the Motion and Solicitation Procedures, are approved. For purposes of serving the Solicitation Packages, the Debtors are authorized to rely on the address information (for voting and non-voting parties alike) maintained by the Debtors and provided by the Debtors to the Claims and Noticing Agent as of the Voting Record Date. Any obligation for the Debtors or the Claims and Noticing Agent to conduct any additional research for updated addresses based on undeliverable Solicitation Packages and/or Non-Voting Status Packages is waived.

9. The form of the Combined Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, complies with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, and Local Rules, and is approved.

10. The form of Ballot, including the Opt-Out Form, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**, complies with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and is approved.

11. The form of Notice of Non-Voting Status, including the Opt-Out Form, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**, complies with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, and Local Rules, and is approved.

12. The Proponents are authorized to make non-substantive changes to the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Solicitation Packages, the Notice of Non-Voting Status Packages, the

Combined Notice, the Ballots, and any related documents without further order of the Court, including changes to correct typographical and grammatical errors, if any.

13. The requirement of service by mail under Bankruptcy Rule 2002(b) is hereby waived as set forth herein, and the Debtors may provide the Solicitation Packages and/or Notice of Non-Voting Status Packages to Holders of Claims or Interest for whom they have a valid and confirmed e-mail address in an electronic manner.

14. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to provide the Disclosure Statement, Plan, and this Order (without attachments, except the Solicitation Procedures) in electronic format (on a USB flash drive) instead of printed hard copies. If the Debtors determine to use a flash drive, the solicitation materials shall clearly describe and identify the flash drive as such and shall specify that the flash drive contains the Disclosure Statement, Plan, and this Order (without attachments, except the Solicitation Procedures). Only the Ballots and Combined Hearing Notice, and such other materials as the Court may order included with the Solicitation Packages, will be provided in paper format. Moreover, the Plan and the Disclosure Statement shall be available for review and download at no charge through the Debtors' restructuring website maintained by the Claims and Noticing Agent at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround. If online access or service by USB flash drive imposes a hardship for any party entitled to receive a copy of the Plan and the Disclosure Statement, such party may request a paper copy of the Plan, Disclosure Statement, and this Order (without attachments, except the Solicitation Procedures) by contacting the Claims and Noticing Agent by: (a) calling (888) 733-1431 (U.S./Canada) (toll-free), +1 (310) 751-2632 (International), (b) writing to Higher Ground Education, Inc., et al. Ballot Processing, c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245 (if by first-class mail, hand delivery or overnight mail), or (c) submitting an inquiry to www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry (with

“HGE Solicitation Inquiry” in the subject line). Upon receipt of such request, the Debtors shall provide such party with a paper copy of the Plan and the Disclosure Statement free of charge.

15. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Order shall be deemed or construed as an admission as to the validity or priority of any claim or lien against the Debtors or any other party or as a waiver of such parties’ rights to dispute any claim or lien.

16. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

17. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion, and the requirements of the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

18. The terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

19. The Proponents are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

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

###END OF ORDER###

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provided pursuant to the Confirmation Schedule, shall constitute good and sufficient notice of the Combined Hearing and the Objection Deadline (and related procedures) to persons who do not receive notice of the Combined Hearing by mail.

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9. The form of the Combined Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, complies with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, and Local Rules, and is approved.

10. The form of Ballot, including the Opt-Out Form, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**, complies with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and is approved.

11. The form of Notice of Non-Voting Status, including the Opt-Out Form, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**, complies with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, and Local Rules, and is approved.

12. The Proponents are authorized to make non-substantive changes to the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Solicitation Packages, the Notice of Non-Voting Status Packages, the Combined Notice, the Ballots, and any related documents without further order of the Court, including changes to correct typographical and grammatical errors, if any.

13. The requirement of service by mail under Bankruptcy Rule 2002(b) is hereby waived as set forth herein, and the Debtors may provide the Solicitation Packages and/or Notice of Non-Voting Status Packages to Holders of Claims or Interest for whom they have a valid and confirmed e-mail address in an electronic manner.

14. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to provide the Disclosure Statement, Plan, and this Order (without attachments, except the Solicitation Procedures) in electronic format (on a USB flash drive) instead of printed hard copies. If the Debtors determine to use a flash drive, the solicitation materials shall clearly describe and identify the flash drive as such and shall specify that the flash drive contains the Disclosure Statement, Plan, and this Order (without attachments, except the Solicitation Procedures). Only the Ballots and Combined Hearing Notice, and such other materials as the Court may order included with the Solicitation Packages, will be provided in paper format. Moreover, the Plan and the Disclosure Statement shall be available for review and download at no charge through the Debtors' restructuring website maintained by the Claims and Noticing Agent at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround. If online access or service by USB flash drive imposes a hardship for any party entitled to receive a copy of the Plan and the Disclosure Statement, such party may request a paper copy of the Plan, Disclosure Statement, and this Order (without attachments, except the Solicitation Procedures) by contacting the Claims and Noticing Agent by: (a) calling (888) 733-1431 (U.S./Canada) (toll-free), +1 (310) 751-2632 (International), (b) writing to Higher Ground Education, Inc., et al.

Ballot Processing, c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245 (if by first-class mail, hand delivery or overnight mail), or (c) submitting an inquiry to www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry (with “HGE Solicitation Inquiry” in the subject line). Upon receipt of such request, the Debtors shall provide such party with a paper copy of the Plan and the Disclosure Statement free of charge.

15. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Order shall be deemed or construed as an admission as to the validity or priority of any claim or lien against the Debtors or any other party or as a waiver of such parties’ rights to dispute any claim or lien.

16. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

17. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion, and the requirements of the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

18. The terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

19. The Proponents are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

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

###END OF ORDER###

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SOLICITATION PROCEDURES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on [●], 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “**Court**”) entered an order [Docket No. ●] (the “**Solicitation Order**”): (a) authorizing Higher Ground Education, Inc. (“**HGE**”) and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) to solicit acceptances for the *Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* (as may modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “**Plan**”); (b) conditionally approving the *Second Amended Disclosure Statement for the Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* (as may modified, amended, or

¹ 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.

supplemented from time to time, the “**Disclosure Statement**”)² as containing “adequate information” pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the Solicitation Package (defined below); and (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan (these “**Solicitation Procedures**”).

A. The Voting Record Date

The Court has approved **September 1, 2025**, as the record date for purposes of determining which Holders of Claims in the Classes of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 (the “**Voting Classes**”) are entitled to vote on the Plan (the “**Voting Record Date**”).

B. The Voting Deadline

The Court has approved **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (CT)** as the voting deadline (the “**Voting Deadline**”) for the Plan. The Debtors and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Proponents**”) may extend the Voting Deadline, in their joint discretion, without further order of the Court. To be counted as votes to accept or reject the Plan, all ballots (“**Ballots**”) must be properly executed, completed, and delivered to the Claims and Noticing Agent (as defined below) as directed on the applicable Ballot. For the avoidance of doubt, the Voting Deadline includes the deadline by which Opt-Out Forms must be executed, completed, and returned to the Claims and Noticing Agent.

C. Form, Content, and Manner of Notice

1. The Solicitation Package

The following materials shall constitute the solicitation package (the “**Solicitation Package**”):

- (a) the Disclosure Statement (including the Plan and all other exhibits thereto);
- (b) a copy of the Solicitation Order with the attached Solicitation Procedures;
- (c) the Combined Notice;
- (d) a conformed and appropriate Ballot, which provides the opportunity to opt out of the consensual Third-Party Releases (the “**Opt-Out Form**”) set forth in the Plan, substantially in the form attached to the Solicitation Order as **Exhibit 4**, together with detailed voting instructions and a pre-addressed, postage-prepaid return envelope; and

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Plan, Disclosure Statement, or *Debtors’ Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Conditionally Approving the Disclosure Statement; (II) Scheduling a Combined Disclosure Statement Approval and Plan Confirmation Hearing; (III) Establishing a Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline and Related Procedures; (IV) Approving the Solicitation and Notice Procedures; and (V) Granting Related Relief* (the “**Motion**”), as applicable.

- (e) any additional documents that the Court has ordered to be made available.

2. Distribution of the Solicitation Package.

The Solicitation Package shall provide the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the Solicitation Order (without exhibits except the Solicitation Procedures) in electronic format (*i.e.*, as PDFs on a USB flash drive or through the restructuring information at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround), and all other contents of the Solicitation Package, including Ballots, shall be provided in paper format. Any party that receives the materials in electronic format but would prefer paper format may contact Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC d/b/a Verita Global (“Verita”), the Debtors’ noticing, claims, and balloting agent (the “**Claims and Noticing Agent**”) by: (a) writing to Higher Ground Claims Processing Center, Verita Global, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, California 90245 (if by first-class mail, hand delivery or overnight mail); (b) calling (888) 733-1431 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or (310) 751-2632 (international) and requesting to speak with a member of the solicitation group; or (c) submitting an inquiry via online form at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry. Additionally, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the Solicitation Order (including exhibits) are also available for a fee via PACER at <https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov/> (a PACER account is required).

On or before the date that is three (3) Business Days after entry of the Scheduling Order, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (“**Solicitation Commencement Date**”), the Debtors shall mail, or cause to be mailed, the Solicitation Package to (a) all Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes who are entitled to vote, as described in Section D below, and (b) any Holder who would otherwise be entitled to vote in accordance with Section D below. In addition, the Debtors shall serve, or cause to be served, by hardcopy mail or by electronic mail, the Combined Notice containing all of the materials in the Solicitation Package (excluding the Ballot) in electronic format on the U.S. Trustee and all parties entitled to receive notice under Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

For purposes of serving the Solicitation Packages and Notice of Non-Voting Status Packages (defined below), the Debtors may rely on the address information for the Voting Classes and Non-Voting Classes as compiled, updated, and maintained by the Claims and Noticing Agent as of the Voting Record Date. The Debtors and the Claims and Noticing Agent are not required to conduct any additional research for updated addresses based on undeliverable Solicitation Packages (including Ballots) or Notice of Non-Voting Status Packages.

To avoid duplication and reduce expenses, the Debtors will make every reasonable effort to ensure that any Holder of a Claim who has filed duplicative Claims against a Debtor (whether against the same or multiple Debtors) that are classified under the Plan in the same Voting Class receives no more than one Solicitation Package (and, therefore, one Ballot) on account of such Claim and with respect to that Class as against that Debtor.

3. Resolution of Disputed Claims for Voting Purposes; Resolution Event.

- (a) If a Claim in a Voting Class is subject to an objection that is filed with the Court on or prior to seven (7) days before the Voting Deadline: (i) the Debtors shall cause the applicable Holder to be served with a notice of such objection; and (ii) the applicable Holder shall not be entitled to vote to

accept or reject the Plan on account of such Claim unless a Resolution Event (as defined herein) occurs as provided herein.

- (b) If a Claim in the Voting Class is subject to an objection that is filed with the Court less than seven (7) days prior to the Voting Deadline, the applicable Claim shall be deemed temporarily allowed for voting purposes only, without further action by the Holder of such Claim and without further order of the Court, unless the Court orders otherwise.
- (c) A “**Resolution Event**” means the occurrence of one or more of the following events no later than two (2) Business Days prior to the Voting Deadline:
 - i. an order of the Court allowing such Claim pursuant to section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, after notice and a hearing;
 - ii. an order of the Court temporarily allowing such Claim for voting purposes only pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a), after notice and a hearing;
 - iii. a stipulation or other agreement is executed between the Holder of such Claim and the Debtors resolving the objection and allowing such Claim, which allowance may be for voting purposes only, in an agreed-upon amount and such agreement (or notice of such agreement) is conveyed by the Debtors to the Claims and Noticing Agent by electronic mail or otherwise; or
 - iv. the pending objection is voluntarily withdrawn by the objecting party.
- (d) No later than one (1) Business Day following the occurrence of a Resolution Event, the Debtors shall cause the Claims and Noticing Agent to distribute via email or overnight mail a Solicitation Package and a pre-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope to the relevant Holder to the extent such Holder has not already received a Solicitation Package.

4. Non-Voting Status Packages for Unimpaired Classes and Classes Deemed to Accept the Plan.

Certain Holders of Claims and Interests that are not classified in accordance with section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code or who are not entitled to vote because they are Unimpaired or otherwise presumed to accept the Plan under section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code (the “**Non-Voting Classes**”) will receive only the Combined Notice and a Notice of Non-Voting Status, including the Opt-Out Form (the “**Notice of Non-Voting Status Package**”), substantially in the form attached as **Exhibit 5** to the Solicitation Order. Among other things, the Notice of Non-Voting Status Package will instruct the Non-Voting Classes as to how they may obtain copies of the documents contained in the Solicitation Package (excluding Ballots) and will inform such Holders of the Voting Deadline with respect to the Opt-Out Form.

D. Voting and Tabulation Procedures.

1. Holders of Claims Entitled to Vote.

Only the following Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes, Holders of Claims in Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 shall be entitled to vote with regard to such Claims.

2. Establishing Claim Amounts for Voting Purposes.

In tabulating votes, the following hierarchy shall be used to determine the amount of the Claim associated with each claimant's vote:

- (a) the Claim amount: (i) settled and/or agreed upon by the Debtors, as reflected in a document filed with the Court, (ii) set forth in an order of the Court, or (iii) set forth in a document executed by the Debtors pursuant to authority granted by the Court;
- (b) the Claim amount Allowed (temporarily or otherwise) pursuant to a Resolution Event under the procedures set forth in the Solicitation Procedures;
- (c) the Claim amount contained in a timely filed Proof of Claim; *provided, however*, that Ballots cast by Holders of Claims who file a Proof of Claim in a contingent or wholly-unliquidated or unknown amount that is not the subject of an objection will count for satisfying the numerosity requirement of section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code and will count as Ballots for Claims in the amount of \$1.00 solely for the purposes of satisfying the dollar amount provisions of section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, and, if a Proof of Claim is filed as partially liquidated and partially unliquidated, such Claim will be Allowed for voting purposes only in the liquidated amount; *provided, further*, that to the extent the Claim amount contained in the Proof of Claim is different from the Claim amount set forth in a document filed with the Court as referenced in subparagraph (a) above, the Claim amount in the document filed with the Court shall supersede the Claim amount set forth on the respective Proof of Claim;
- (d) the Claim amount listed in the Debtors' Schedules of Assets and Liabilities, *provided* that such Claim is not scheduled as contingent, disputed, or unliquidated and/or has not been paid; and
- (e) in the absence of any of the foregoing, such Claim shall be disallowed for voting purposes unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

3. Voting and Tabulation Procedures.

The following voting procedures and standard assumptions shall be used in tabulating Ballots, subject to the Proponents' right to waive any of the below-specified requirements for completion

and submission of Ballots so long as such requirement is not otherwise required by the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, or Local Rules:

- (a) except as otherwise provided in the Solicitation Procedures, unless the Ballot being furnished is timely submitted on or prior to the Voting Deadline (as the same may be extended by the Proponents), the votes or elections transmitted in such Ballot may be counted only at the discretion of the Proponents in connection with confirmation of the Plan;
- (b) the Debtors will file with the Court no later than two (2) days prior to the Combined Hearing, a voting report (the “**Voting Report**”). The Voting Report shall, among other things, delineate every Ballot that does not conform to the voting instructions or that contains any form of irregularity including, but not limited to, those Ballots that are late or (in whole or in material part) illegible, unidentifiable, lacking signatures or lacking necessary information, received via facsimile or damaged (“**Irregular Ballots**”). The Voting Report shall indicate the Debtors’ intentions with regard to each Irregular Ballot;
- (c) the method of delivery of Ballots to be sent to the Claims and Noticing Agent is at the election and risk of each Holder, and except as otherwise provided, a Ballot will be deemed delivered only when the Claims and Noticing Agent actually receives the properly executed Ballot;
- (d) an executed Ballot is required to be submitted by the Entity submitting such Ballot. Delivery of a Ballot to the Claims and Noticing Agent by facsimile, electronic email, or any electronic means other than the Notice and Claim Agent’s online portal will not be valid;
- (e) no Ballot should be sent to the Debtors, the Debtors’ agents (other than the Claims and Noticing Agent), or to the Debtors’ financial or legal advisors, and if so sent, will not be counted;
- (f) if multiple Ballots are received from the same Holder with respect to the same Claim prior to the Voting Deadline, the last properly executed Ballot timely received will be deemed to reflect that voter’s intent and will supersede and revoke any prior received Ballot;
- (g) Holders must vote all of their Claims within a particular Class either to accept or reject the Plan and may not split any votes. A Ballot that partially rejects and partially accepts the Plan will not be counted. Further, to the extent there are multiple Claims within the same Class, the applicable Debtor may, in its discretion, aggregate the Claims of any particular Holder within a Class for the purpose of counting votes;
- (h) Holders of Claims and Interests that may be asserted against multiple Debtors must vote such Claims and Interests either to accept or reject the Plan at each such Debtor and may not vote any such Claim and Interests to

accept at one Debtor and reject at another Debtor. A Ballot that rejects the Plan for a Claim or Interest at one Debtor and accepts the Plan for the same Claim or Interest at another Debtor will not be counted;

- (i) a person signing a Ballot in its capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney in fact, officer of a corporation, or otherwise acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity of a Holder of Claims must indicate such capacity when signing and if requested by the Claims and Noticing Agent, the Debtors or the Court, must submit proper evidence of its authority to act;
- (j) the Proponents, subject to a contrary order of the Court, may waive any defects or irregularities as to any particular Irregular Ballot at any time, either before or after the close of voting, and any such waivers will be documented in the Voting Report or a supplemental voting report, as applicable;
- (k) neither the Debtors, nor any other Entity, will be under any duty to provide notification of defects or irregularities with respect to delivered Ballots other than as provided in the Voting Report, nor will any of them incur any liability for failure to provide such notification;
- (l) unless waived or as ordered by the Court, any defects or irregularities in connection with deliveries of Ballots must be cured prior to the Voting Deadline, or such Ballots will not be counted;
- (m) in the event a designation of lack of good faith is requested by a party in interest under section 1126(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Court will determine whether any vote to accept and/or reject the Plan cast with respect to that Claim will be counted for purposes of determining whether the Plan has been accepted and/or rejected;
- (n) subject to any order of the Court, the Proponents reserve the right to reject any and all Ballots not in proper form, the acceptance of which, in the opinion of the Proponents would not be in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules; **provided** that any such rejections will be documented in the Voting Report and subject to final determination by the Court;
- (o) if a Claim has been estimated or a Claim has otherwise been Allowed only for voting purposes by order of the Court, such Claim shall be temporarily Allowed in the amount so estimated or Allowed by the Court for voting purposes only, and not for purposes of allowance or distribution;
- (p) if an objection to a Claim is filed, such Claim shall be treated in accordance with the procedures set forth herein;

- (q) the following Ballots shall not be counted in determining the acceptance or rejection of the Plan: (i) any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the Holder of such Claim; (ii) any Ballot cast by any Entity that does not hold a Claim in the Voting Class; (iii) any Ballot cast for a Claim scheduled as unliquidated, contingent, or disputed for which no Proof of Claim was timely filed by the Voting Record Date (unless the applicable bar date has not yet passed, in which case such Claim shall be entitled to vote in the amount of \$1.00); (iv) any unsigned Ballot or Ballot lacking an original signature (for the avoidance of doubt, a Ballot cast via the online balloting portal will be deemed to contain an original signature); (v) any Ballot not marked to accept or reject the Plan or marked both to accept and reject the Plan; and (vi) any Ballot submitted by any Entity not entitled to vote pursuant to the procedures described herein;
- (r) after the Voting Deadline, no Ballot may be withdrawn or modified without the prior written consent of the Proponents or an order of the Court;
- (s) the Debtors are authorized to enter into stipulations with the Holder of any Claim agreeing to the amount of a Claim for voting purposes;
- (t) where any portion of a single Claim has been transferred to a transferee, all Holders of any portion of such single Claim will be (i) treated as a single creditor for purposes of the numerosity requirements in section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code (and for the other Solicitation Procedures set forth herein), and (ii) required to vote every portion of such Claim collectively to accept or reject the Plan. In the event that (i) a Ballot, (ii) a group of Ballots within a Voting Class received from a single creditor, or (iii) a group of Ballots received from the various Holders of multiple portions of a single Claim partially reject and partially accept the Plan, such Ballots shall not be counted;
- (u) for purposes of the numerosity requirement of section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, separate Claims held by a single creditor in a particular Class will be aggregated and treated as if such creditor held one Claim in such Class, and all votes related to such Claim will be treated as a single vote to accept or reject the Plan; **provided** that if separate affiliated entities hold Claims in a particular Class, these Claims will not be aggregated and will not be treated as if such creditor held one Claim in such Class, and the vote of each affiliated entity will be counted separately as a vote to accept or reject the Plan;
- (v) to the extent a Holder of a Claim files a Proof of Claim during the solicitation period that amends or supersedes a Claim for which a Solicitation Package was previously distributed to the same Holder, the Debtors are not obligated to cause the Notice and Claims Agent to distribute an additional Solicitation Package to such Holder;

- (w) That the Claim amount contained in a Proof of Claim that has been timely filed by the applicable Bar Date (or deemed timely filed by the Bankruptcy Court under applicable law) that is asserted in currency other than U.S. Dollars shall be automatically deemed converted to the equivalent U.S. Dollar value using the conversion rate for the applicable currency at prevailing market prices as of 11:59 p.m. UTC on the Petition Date. Such conversion shall be for voting tabulation purposes only and shall not be binding for any other purpose on the Debtors, including, without limitation, for purposes of allowance of, and distribution with respect to, Claims under the Plan;
- (x) That Holders of Claims for which Proofs of Claim were filed for \$0.00 or for which no value is asserted are not entitled to vote;
- (y) That Claims that have been paid, scheduled to be paid in the ordinary course, or otherwise satisfied are disallowed for voting purposes;
- (z) That to the extent a Proof of Claim is filed that is based solely on a Holder's equity Interests or the losses related thereto, such Holder will be classified as a Class 10 or 11 Holder and such Claim will be treated in accordance with Class 10 or 11 and not entitled to vote; and
- (aa) That notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Holder who has filed or purchased duplicate Claims within the same Voting Class, or that has filed Claims against multiple Debtors based upon the same underlying liability (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any duplicate of corresponding guarantee, co-obligor, or similar Claims), shall, to the extent possible, be provided with only one Solicitation Package (including one Ballot) for voting a single Claim in such Class, regardless of whether the Debtors have objected to such duplicate Claims.

E. Amendments by the Proponents.

The Proponents reserve the right to make non-substantive or immaterial changes to the Disclosure Statement, Plan, Ballots, Combined Notice, and related documents without further order of the Court, including, without limitation, changes to correct typographical and grammatical errors, if any, and to make conforming changes among the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and any other materials in the Solicitation Package before their distribution.

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**NOTICE OF (I) HEARING ON THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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OF REORGANIZATION OF THE DEBTORS AND THE COMMITTEE,
(II) DEADLINE TO CAST VOTES TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN,
AND (III) OBJECTION AND OPT OUT RIGHT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 13, 2025, Higher Ground Education, Inc. (“HGE”) and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”) filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “**Court**”) the *Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official*

¹ 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.

Committee of Unsecured Creditors [Docket No. 549] (as may modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “**Plan**”).

On October 13, 2025, the Debtors filed the *Second Amended Disclosure Statement for the Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. 551] (the “**Disclosure Statement**”) pursuant to sections 1125 and 1126(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”).

On [●], 2025, the Court entered (i) an order [Docket No. ●] which, *inter alia*, (a) conditionally approved the Disclosure Statement, (b) approved the forms of ballots and notices related to confirmation of the Plan, (c) scheduled dates and deadlines related to confirmation of the Plan, and (d) granted related relief (the “**Disclosure Statement Order**”).

Copies of the Plan, Disclosure Statement, Disclosure Statement Order, and any related pleadings in these Chapter 11 Cases and supporting papers are available on the Debtors’ at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround or on the Court’s website at <https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov/>. You can request any pleading you need from (i) the noticing agent at: c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245, (888) 733-1431 (U.S./Canada) (toll-free), +1 (310) 751-2632 (International) or (ii) counsel for the Debtors at: Foley & Lardner LLP, 1144 15th Street, Suite 2200, Denver, CO 80202, Attn: Tim Mohan (tmohan@foley.com), and Foley & Lardner LLP, 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Nora McGuffey (nora.mcguffey@foley.com) and Quynh-Nhu Truong (qtruong@foley.com).²

A hearing on confirmation of the Plan and the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement (the “**Combined Hearing**”) will be held before the Honorable Michelle V. Larson, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas:, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 1100 Commerce Street, 14th Floor, Courtroom No. 2, Dallas, TX 75242 OR via WEBEX on **November 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)**, to consider the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement, any objections to the Disclosure Statement, confirmation of the Plan, any objections thereto, and any other matter that may properly come before the Court.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you may participate in the Hearing in-person or via WEBEX (by video or telephone via the Court’s WebEx platform):

- **For WebEx Video Participation/Attendance:**
Link: <https://us-courts.webex.com/meet/larson>
- **For WebEx Telephonic Only Participation/Attendance:**
Dial-In: 1-650-479-3207; Access code: 2301 476 1957

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Plan, or the Disclosure Statement, as applicable. The statements contained herein are summaries of the provisions contained in the Plan and the Disclosure Statement and do not purport to be precise or complete statements of all the terms and provisions of the Plan or the documents referred therein. To the extent there is a discrepancy between the terms herein and the Plan or the Disclosure Statement, the Plan or the Disclosure Statement, as applicable, shall govern and control. For a more detailed description of the Plan, please refer to the Disclosure Statement.

A copy of Judge Larson's WebEx Hearing Instructions is attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Hearing will be conducted in a hybrid format: parties may make appearances in the courtroom or via WebEx; *provided, however*, parties who will be offering evidence or participating in examination must make appearances in person in Judge Larson's courtroom; *provided, further*, witnesses may appear remotely/virtually in accordance Judge Larson's WebEx Hearing Instructions. All parties attending the Hearing, whether in person or via WebEx, should sign in electronically on Judge Larson's webpage. The sign-in sheet may be found at the following: <https://www.txnb.uscourts.gov/electronic-appearances-0>.

Nothing herein will be deemed a waiver of any rights of the Debtors or any other parties in interest to contest any rights asserted by any person in such objections, and all such rights of the Debtors are expressly preserved.

Please be advised: the Combined Hearing may be continued from time to time by the Court or the Debtors **without further notice** other than by such adjournment being announced in open court or by a notice of adjournment filed with the Court and served on all parties entitled to notice.

CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING VOTING ON THE PLAN

Voting Record Date. The voting record date is **September 1, 2025**, except as otherwise provided in the Solicitation Procedures (the "**Voting Record Date**"), which is the date for determining which Holders of Claims in Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 are entitled to vote on the Plan (each, a "**Voting Class**," and collectively, the "**Voting Classes**").

Voting Deadline. The deadline for voting on the Plan is on **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** (the "**Voting Deadline**"). If you received a Solicitation Package, including a Ballot, and intend to vote on the Plan, you **must:** (a) follow the instructions carefully; (b) complete **all** of the required information on the Ballot; and (c) execute and return your completed Ballot according to and as set forth in detail in the voting instructions so that it is **actually received** by the Debtors' notice, claims and solicitation agent Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC d/b/a Verita Global (the "**Claims and Noticing Agent**"), on or before the Voting Deadline. For the avoidance of doubt, the Voting Deadline includes the deadline by which Opt-Out Forms be executed, completed, and returned to the Claims and Noticing Agent. **A failure to follow such instructions may disqualify your vote.**

**CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING RELEASE OPT-OUT OPTION AND
OBJECTING TO THE PLAN**

Article 10 of the Plan contains release, exculpation, injunction provisions, and Third-Party Releases. Thus, you are advised to review and consider the Plan carefully because your rights might be affected thereunder.

All Holders of Claims who vote to accept or reject the Plan and do not affirmatively elect to “opt out” being a Releasing Party under the Plan by timely completing and submitting the Opt-Out Form included in the Ballot before the Voting Deadline will be deemed to have expressly, unconditionally, generally, individually, and collectively consented to the Third-Party Releases and discharge of all Claims and Causes of Action against the Debtors and the Releasing Parties.

All Holders of Claims or Interests who are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and deemed to accept or reject the Plan may elect to “opt out” of the Third-Party Releases under the Plan by timely completing and submitting the Opt-Out Form before the Voting Deadline. Any such parties who complete and timely return the Opt-Out Form will not be deemed to have expressly, unconditionally, generally, individually, and collectively consented to the Third-Party Releases and discharge of all Claims and Causes of Action against the Debtors and the Releasing Parties.

Please be advised that your decision to opt out does not affect the amount of distribution you will receive under the Plan. Specifically, your recovery under the Plan will be the same if you opt out or opt in.

Article 10.2 of the Plan contains the following Debtor Releases:

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Plan or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, including the obligations of the Debtors under this Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties in facilitating the reorganization of the Debtors and implementation of the Plan, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released, waived, and discharged by and on behalf of each and all of the Debtors, their Estates, and if applicable, Reorganized HGE, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims, Interests, obligations, rights, suits, damages, and Causes of Action whatsoever (including any derivative claims and Avoidance Actions, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, the Liquidating Trustee, and the Debtors’ Estates), whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or herein-after arising, whether in law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such

Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor or other Entity, or that any holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, including without limitation, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, among other things, the Debtors or their Estates (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the Chapter 11 Cases, the RSA, Reorganized HGE (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and the Debtors' Estates, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in this Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the operations and financings in respect of the Debtors (whether before or after the Petition Date), the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, including all prior recapitalizations, restructurings, or refinancing efforts and transactions, any Securities issued by the Debtors and the ownership thereof, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, the decision to file the Chapter 11 Cases, any intercompany transactions, any related adversary proceedings, the formulation, documentation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, this Plan, the Plan Supplement, the RSA, the DIP Loans, DIP Financing Documents, or any Definitive Document, contract instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the DIP Loans, the DIP Documents, this Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of this Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to this Plan, or the distribution of property under this Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act, or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before, in respect of the foregoing clause, the Effective Date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Debtors do not, pursuant to the releases set forth above, release: (a) any Debtors' Retained Causes of Action or any Person or Entity that is the subject thereof; (b) any post-Effective Date obligations of any Person or Entity under this Plan, the Confirmation Order or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement this Plan or transactions thereunder; (c) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims to receive distributions under this Plan; or (d) the Non-Released D&Os.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the Debtor Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (a) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, the Released Parties' contribution to facilitating the transactions contemplated in the Plan and implementing this

Plan; (b) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims or Causes of Action released by the Debtor Release; (c) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (d) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (e) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (f) a bar to any of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

Article 10.3 of the Plan contains the following Third-Party Releases:

Notwithstanding anything contained herein or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, including the obligations of the Debtors under this Plan and the contributions and services of the Released Parties in facilitating the reorganization of the Debtors and implementation of the Plan, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party, is hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever, released, waived, and discharged by each and all of the Releasing Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all claims and Causes of Action whatsoever (including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates), obligations, rights, suits, or damages, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or herein after arising, whether in law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, including without limitation, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, among other things, the Debtors or their Estates (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Plan, the RSA, Reorganized HGE (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in this Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the operations and financings in respect of the Debtors (whether before or after the Petition Date), the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases including all prior recapitalizations, restructurings, or refinancing efforts and transactions, any Securities issued by the Debtors and the ownership thereof, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transactions, the decision to file the Chapter 11 Cases,

any related adversary proceedings, the formulation, documentation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, this Plan, the Plan Supplement, the RSA, the DIP Loans, DIP Financing Documents, or any Definitive Document, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of this Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to this Plan, or the distribution of property under this Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act, or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before, in respect of the foregoing clause, the Effective Date; provided that the provisions of this Third-Party Release shall not operate to waive, release, or otherwise impair any Causes of Action arising from willful misconduct, actual or criminal fraud, or gross negligence of such applicable Released Party as determined by the Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction.

In exchange for the foregoing Third-Party Release of the Settlement Parties, the Settlement Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any causes of action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, shall be deemed to have released, and shall be permanently enjoined from any prosecution or attempted prosecution of, any and all claims, causes of action, interests, damages, remedies, demands, rights, actions, suits, debts, sums of money, obligations, judgments, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, counterclaims, crossclaims, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties, and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, now existing or hereafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable, directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract, tort, law, equity, or otherwise, which any of them has or may have against the Releasing Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Settlement Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any causes of action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, shall be deemed to have released, and shall be permanently enjoined from any prosecution or attempted prosecution of, any and all claims, causes of action, interests, damages, remedies, demands, rights, actions, suits, debts, sums of money, obligations, judgments, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, counterclaims, crossclaims, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties, and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, now existing or hereafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable, directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract, tort, law, equity, or otherwise, which any of them has or may have against the other Settlement Parties.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Released Parties do not, pursuant to the releases set forth above, release: (a) any Debtors' Retained Causes of Action; (b) any post-Effective Date obligations of any Person or Entity under this Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement this Plan or transactions thereunder; or (c)

the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims or Interests to receive distributions under this Plan.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (a) consensual; (b) essential to the Confirmation of this Plan; (c) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the transactions contemplated in the Plan and implementing this Plan; (d) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (e) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (f) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (g) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

Article 10.4 of the Plan contains the following Exculpations:

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party will have or incur, and each Exculpated Party will be exculpated from, any Claim or Cause of Action arising from the Petition Date through the Effective Date in connection with or arising out of the administration of the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, documentation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, this Plan, the Plan Supplement, the RSA, the DIP Loans, DIP Financing Documents, or any Definitive Document, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the solicitation of votes for, or Confirmation or Consummation of, this Plan, the funding of this Plan, the occurrence of the Effective Date, the administration of this Plan or the property to be distributed under this Plan, the issuance of Securities under or in connection with this Plan, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized HGE, if applicable, in connection with this Plan or the transactions in furtherance of any of the foregoing, other than Claims or Causes of Action in each case arising out of or related to any act or omission of an Exculpated Party that is a criminal act or constitutes actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence as determined by a Final Order, but in all respects such Persons will be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to this Plan. The Exculpated Parties have acted in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the solicitation and distribution of Securities pursuant to this Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions will not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of this Plan or such distributions made pursuant to this Plan, including the issuance of Securities thereunder. The exculpation will be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable law or rules protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon Confirmation shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to this Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation

of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of this Plan or such distributions made pursuant to this Plan.

Solely with respect to the exculpation provisions, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, each of the Exculpated Parties and the 1125(e) Exculpation Parties shall not incur liability for any Cause of Action or Claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, in whole or in part, (a) the solicitation of acceptance or rejection of the Plan in good faith and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code or (b) the participation, in good faith and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, in the offer, issuance, sale, or purchase of a security, offered or sold under the Plan. No Entity or Person may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against any of the Exculpated Parties or 1125(e) Exculpation Parties that arose or arises from, in whole or in part, a Claim or Cause of Action subject to the terms of this paragraph, without this Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a colorable Claim for actual fraud, gross negligence, or willful misconduct against any such Exculpated Party or 1125(e) Exculpation Party and such party is not exculpated pursuant to this provision; and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity or Person to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Exculpated Party or 1125(e) Exculpation Party. The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Causes of Action.

Article 10.5 of the Plan contains the following Injunction:

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Plan or the Confirmation Order or for obligations or distributions issued or required to be paid pursuant to this Plan or the Confirmation Order, effective as of the Effective Date, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities that have been released, discharged, or are subject to exculpation are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, the Exculpated Parties, the 1125(e) Exculpation Parties, or the Released Parties: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any action, suit, or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities; (b) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities; (c) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action or liabilities; (d) asserting any right of setoff or subrogation, or recoupment, of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities or the Estates on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities unless such Holder has filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date or has filed a Proof of Claim or proof of Interest indicating that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (e) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests,

Causes of Action, or liabilities released, settled or subject to exculpation pursuant to this Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the injunction set forth above does not enjoin the enforcement of any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under this Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement this Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of this Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, as applicable, by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to this Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in this Article 10.5.

No Person or Entity may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action, as applicable, of any kind against the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, the Exculpated Parties, the 1125(e) Exculpation Parties, or the Released Parties, as applicable, that relates to or is reasonably likely to relate to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of a Claim or Cause of Action, as applicable, subject to Article 10.2, Article 10.3, Article 10.4, and Article 10.5 hereof, without the Bankruptcy Court (a) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action, as applicable, represents a colorable Claim of any kind, and (b) specifically authorizing such Person or Entity to bring such Claim or Cause of Action, as applicable, against any such Debtor, Reorganized HGE, Exculpated Party, 1125(e) Exculpation Party, or Released Party, as applicable. The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Causes of Action.

10.5.1 BY ACCEPTING DISTRIBUTIONS PURSUANT TO THE PLAN, EACH HOLDER OF AN ALLOWED CLAIM OR ALLOWED INTEREST EXTINGUISHED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AFFIRMATIVELY AND SPECIFICALLY CONSENTED TO BE BOUND BY THE PLAN, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE INJUNCTIONS SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE 10.5.

10.5.2 THE INJUNCTIONS IN THIS ARTICLE 10.5 SHALL EXTEND TO ANY SUCCESSORS OF THE DEBTORS, REORGANIZED HGE, THE RELEASED PARTIES, THE EXCULPATED PARTIES, AND THE 1125(E) EXCULPATED PARTIES, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE PROPERTY AND INTERESTS IN PROPERTY.

10.5.3 Violation of Injunctions. Any Person injured by any willful violation of such injunction may seek to recover actual damages, including costs and attorneys' fees and, in appropriate circumstances, may seek to recover punitive damages from the willful violator.

Article 1 of the Plan contains the following definitions:

“Consenting Creditors” means, collectively, the following, in each case in its capacity as such with each being a “Consenting Creditor”: (a) all Holders of Claims or Interests that vote to accept or are deemed to accept the Plan and who do not check the box on the applicable form to affirmatively opt out of the releases contained in Article 10.3; and (b) all Holders of Claims or Interests that abstain from voting on the Plan, vote to reject the Plan, or are deemed to reject the Plan and who do not (i) check the box on the applicable form to affirmatively opt out of the releases contained in Article 10.3 or (ii) object to the Plan in respect of the releases.

“1125(e) Exculpation Parties” means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each of the Exculpated Parties; (b) Reorganized HGE; (c) the Professional Persons retained in these Chapter 11 Cases; and (d) with respect to the foregoing parties, the Related Parties thereof to the extent permitted under section 1125(e) of the Bankruptcy Code.

“Exculpated Parties” means collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) the Independent Director; and (c) the Committee and each of its members.

“Related Parties” means, with respect to any Entity, in each case in its capacity as such with respect to such Entity, (a) such Entity’s current and former Affiliates and (b) such Entity’s and such Entity’s current and former Affiliates’ directors, managers, officers, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, successors, assigns (whether by operation of Law or otherwise), direct or indirect parent entities and/or subsidiaries, current, former, and future associated entities, managed or advised entities, accounts or funds, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, fiduciaries, employees, agents (including any disbursing agent), financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, consultants, investment bankers, representatives, and other professionals.

“Released Parties” means each of, and in each case in their capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) the Independent Director; (c) Reorganized HGE; (d) the Committee and its members; (e) the Liquidating Trustee; (f) the Settlement Parties; (g) each current and former Affiliate of each Person in clause (a) through the following clause (f), but only in their capacity as such; and (h) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through (f), but only in their capacity as such; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Released D&Os shall not be a Released Party under this Plan except as may be provided under a D&O Claim Resolution.

“Releasing Parties” means each of, and in each case in their capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) Reorganized HGE; (c) the Committee; (d) the Liquidating Trustee; (e) the Settlement Parties; (f) the Consenting Creditors; (g) current and former Affiliates of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (f) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliates to the releases contained in this Plan under applicable Law or that have otherwise received proper notice of this Plan; and (h) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through this clause (f) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in this Plan under applicable Law or that have otherwise received proper notice of this Plan; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Released D&Os shall not be a Releasing Party

under this Plan except as may be provided under a D&O Claim Resolution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and for the avoidance of doubt, no party shall be a Releasing Party to the extent that such party did not receive proper notice and service of a Third-Party Release opt-out form.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Plan Objection Deadline. The deadline for filing objections to final approval of the Disclosure Statement and confirmation of the Plan is **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** (the “**Objection Deadline**”). All objections to the relief sought at the Confirmation Hearing **must:** (a) be in writing; (b) comply with the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules; (c) state the name and address of the objecting party and the amount and nature of the Claim or Interest beneficially owned by such entity; (d) state with particularity the legal and factual basis for such objections, and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objections; and (e) be filed with the Court with proof of service thereof and served so as **actually to be received** on or before the Objection Deadline upon the Debtors and those parties who have filed a notice of appearance in these Chapter 11 Cases.

Assumption or Rejection of Executory Contracts. Under the terms of Article 9.1 of the Plan, on the Effective Date, except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or in any contract, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document entered into in connection with the Plan, all Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, including the Reorganized HGE Contracts or Leases and Transferred Executory Contracts / Unexpired Leases, to which any Debtor is a party and which are included in the Plan Supplement, shall be, and shall be deemed to be, assumed or assumed and assigned in accordance with the provisions and requirements of sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. All Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases not listed in the Plan Supplement, and not assumed or assumed and assigned prior to the Effective Date or otherwise the subject of a motion or notice to assume or assume and assign filed on or before the Effective Date, and that were not previously rejected, shall be rejected as of the Effective Date in accordance with the provisions and requirements of sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. Entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court shall constitute approval of such assumptions or assumptions and assignments and rejections pursuant to sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. Each Reorganized HGE Contract or Lease assumed or assumed and assigned pursuant to the Plan shall vest or re-vest in and be fully enforceable by Reorganized HGE in accordance with its terms, except as modified by the provisions of the Plan or any order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizing and providing for its assumption or assumption and assignment or applicable federal law. **Claims for rejection damages must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Article 9.7 of the Plan.**

Obtaining Solicitation Materials. If you would like to obtain a copy of the Disclosure Statement Order, the Plan and Disclosure Statement, the Solicitation Procedures, or related documents, such materials are available free of charge by: (a) accessing the Debtors’ restructuring at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround; (b) writing to c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (c) calling (888) 733-1431 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or (310) 751-2632 (international) and requesting to speak with a member of the solicitation group; or (d) submitting an inquiry via online form at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in the Chapter 11 Cases for a fee via PACER at <https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov/>.

The Plan Supplement. The Debtors will file the Plan Supplement (as defined in the Plan) on or before **November 10, 2025**. The Plan Supplement may be downloaded from the Debtors’

restructuring website at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround. You may also obtain copies of the Plan Supplement for a fee via PACER at <https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov>.

Binding Nature of the Plan:

If confirmed, the Plan shall bind all Holders of Claims and Interests to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, whether or not such Holder will receive or retain any property or interest in property under the Plan, has filed a Proof of Claim in the Chapter 11 Cases or failed to vote to accept or reject the Plan or voted to reject the Plan.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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DALLAS DIVISION**

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

**NOTICE OF (I) HEARING ON THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND CONFIRMATION OF THE JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN
OF REORGANIZATION OF THE DEBTORS AND THE COMMITTEE,
(II) DEADLINE TO CAST VOTES TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN,
AND (III) OBJECTION AND OPT OUT RIGHT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 6¹³, 2025, Higher Ground Education, Inc. (“HGE”) and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”) filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “Court”) the ~~First~~^{Second} Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the

¹ 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.

Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors [Docket No. [549](#)] (as may modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “**Plan**”).

On October [613](#), 2025, the Debtors filed the ~~First~~[Second](#) Amended Disclosure Statement for the ~~First~~[Second](#) Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors [Docket No. [551](#)] (the “**Disclosure Statement**”) pursuant to sections 1125 and 1126(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”).

On [\[●\]](#), 2025, the Court entered (i) an order [Docket No. [●](#)] which, *inter alia*, (a) conditionally approved the Disclosure Statement, (b) approved the forms of ballots and notices related to confirmation of the Plan, (c) scheduled dates and deadlines related to confirmation of the Plan, and (d) granted related relief (the “**Disclosure Statement Order**”).

Copies of the Plan, Disclosure Statement, Disclosure Statement Order, and any related pleadings in these Chapter 11 Cases and supporting papers are available on the Debtors’ at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround or on the Court’s website at <https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov/>. You can request any pleading you need from (i) the noticing agent at: c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245, (888) 733-1431 (U.S./Canada) (toll-free), +1 (310) 751-2632 (International) or (ii) counsel for the Debtors at: Foley & Lardner LLP, 1144 15th Street, Suite 2200, Denver, CO 80202, Attn: Tim Mohan (tmohan@foley.com), and Foley & Lardner LLP, 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Nora McGuffey (nora.mcguffey@foley.com) and Quynh-Nhu Truong (qtruong@foley.com).²

A hearing on confirmation of the Plan and the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement (the “**Combined Hearing**”) will be held before the Honorable Michelle V. Larson, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 1100 Commerce Street, 14th Floor, Courtroom No. 2, Dallas, TX 75242 OR via WEBEX on **November 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)**, to consider the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement, any objections to the Disclosure Statement, confirmation of the Plan, any objections thereto, and any other matter that may properly come before the Court.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you may participate in the Hearing in-person or via WEBEX (by video or telephone via the Court’s WebEx platform):

- **For WebEx Video Participation/Attendance:**
Link: <https://us-courts.webex.com/meet/larson>
- **For WebEx Telephonic Only Participation/Attendance:**
Dial-In: 1-650-479-3207; Access code: 2301 476 1957

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Plan, or the Disclosure Statement, as applicable. The statements contained herein are summaries of the provisions contained in the Plan and the Disclosure Statement and do not purport to be precise or complete statements of all the terms and provisions of the Plan or the documents referred therein. To the extent there is a discrepancy between the terms herein and the Plan or the Disclosure Statement, the Plan or the Disclosure Statement, as applicable, shall govern and control. For a more detailed description of the Plan, please refer to the Disclosure Statement.

A copy of Judge Larson's WebEx Hearing Instructions is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Hearing will be conducted in a hybrid format: parties may make appearances in the courtroom or via WebEx; *provided, however*, parties who will be offering evidence or participating in examination must make appearances in person in Judge Larson's courtroom; *provided, further*, witnesses may appear remotely/virtually in accordance Judge Larson's WebEx Hearing Instructions. All parties attending the Hearing, whether in person or via WebEx, should sign in electronically on Judge Larson's webpage. The sign-in sheet may be found at the following: <https://www.txnb.uscourts.gov/electronic-appearances-0>.

Nothing herein will be deemed a waiver of any rights of the Debtors or any other parties in interest to contest any rights asserted by any person in such objections, and all such rights of the Debtors are expressly preserved.

Please be advised: the Combined Hearing may be continued from time to time by the Court or the Debtors **without further notice** other than by such adjournment being announced in open court or by a notice of adjournment filed with the Court and served on all parties entitled to notice.

CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING VOTING ON THE PLAN

Voting Record Date. The voting record date is **September 1, 2025**, except as otherwise provided in the Solicitation Procedures (the "**Voting Record Date**"), which is the date for determining which Holders of Claims in Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 are entitled to vote on the Plan (each, a "**Voting Class**," and collectively, the "**Voting Classes**").

Voting Deadline. The deadline for voting on the Plan is on **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** (the "**Voting Deadline**"). If you received a Solicitation Package, including a Ballot, and intend to vote on the Plan, you **must**: (a) follow the instructions carefully; (b) complete **all** of the required information on the Ballot; and (c) execute and return your completed Ballot according to and as set forth in detail in the voting instructions so that it is **actually received** by the Debtors' notice, claims and solicitation agent Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC d/b/a Verita Global (the "**Claims and Noticing Agent**"), on or before the Voting Deadline. For the avoidance of doubt, the Voting Deadline includes the deadline by which Opt-Out Forms be executed, completed, and returned to the Claims and Noticing Agent. A failure to follow such instructions may disqualify your vote.

**CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING RELEASE OPT-OUT OPTION AND
OBJECTING TO THE PLAN**

Article 10 of the Plan contains release, exculpation, injunction provisions, and Third-Party Releases. Thus, you are advised to review and consider the Plan carefully because your rights might be affected thereunder.

All Holders of Claims who vote to accept or reject the Plan and do not affirmatively elect to “opt out” being a Releasing Party under the Plan by timely completing and submitting the Opt-Out Form included in the Ballot before the Voting Deadline will be deemed to have expressly, unconditionally, generally, individually, and collectively consented to the Third-Party Releases and discharge of all Claims and Causes of Action against the Debtors and the Releasing Parties.

All Holders of Claims or Interests who are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan and deemed to accept or reject the Plan may elect to “opt out” of the Third-Party Releases under the Plan by timely completing and submitting the Opt-Out Form before the Voting Deadline. Any such parties who complete and timely return the Opt-Out Form will not be deemed to have expressly, unconditionally, generally, individually, and collectively consented to the Third-Party Releases and discharge of all Claims and Causes of Action against the Debtors and the Releasing Parties.

Please be advised that your decision to opt out does not affect the amount of distribution you will receive under the Plan. Specifically, your recovery under the Plan will be the same if you opt out or opt in.

Article 10.2 of the Plan contains the following Debtor Releases:

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Plan or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, including the obligations of the Debtors under this Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties in facilitating the reorganization of the Debtors and implementation of the Plan, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released, waived, and discharged by and on behalf of each and all of the Debtors, their Estates, and if applicable, Reorganized HGE, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims, Interests, obligations, rights, suits, damages, and Causes of Action whatsoever (including any derivative claims and Avoidance Actions, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, the Liquidating Trustee, and the Debtors’ Estates), whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or herein-after arising, whether in law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract,

whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor or other Entity, or that any holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, including without limitation, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, among other things, the Debtors or their Estates (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the Chapter 11 Cases, the RSA, Reorganized HGE (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and the Debtors' Estates, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in this Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the operations and financings in respect of the Debtors (whether before or after the Petition Date), the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases, including all prior recapitalizations, restructurings, or refinancing efforts and transactions, any Securities issued by the Debtors and the ownership thereof, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, the decision to file the Chapter 11 Cases, any intercompany transactions, any related adversary proceedings, the formulation, documentation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, this Plan, the Plan Supplement, the RSA, the DIP Loans, DIP Financing Documents, or any Definitive Document, contract instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the DIP Loans, the DIP Documents, this Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of this Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to this Plan, or the distribution of property under this Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act, or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before, in respect of the foregoing clause, the Effective Date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Debtors do not, pursuant to the releases set forth above, release: (a) any Debtors' Retained Causes of Action or any Person or Entity that is the subject thereof; (b) any post-Effective Date obligations of any Person or Entity under this Plan, the Confirmation Order or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement this Plan or transactions thereunder; (c) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims to receive distributions under this Plan; or (d) the Non-Released D&Os.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the Debtor Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall

constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Debtor Release is: (a) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including, the Released Parties' contribution to facilitating the transactions contemplated in the Plan and implementing this Plan; (b) a good faith settlement and compromise of the Claims or Causes of Action released by the Debtor Release; (c) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (d) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (e) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (f) a bar to any of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, or the Debtors' Estates asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Debtor Release.

Article 10.3 of the Plan contains the following Third-Party Releases:

Notwithstanding anything contained herein or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, including the obligations of the Debtors under this Plan and the contributions and services of the Released Parties in facilitating the reorganization of the Debtors and implementation of the Plan, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party, is hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever, released, waived, and discharged by each and all of the Releasing Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all claims and Causes of Action whatsoever (including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates), obligations, rights, suits, or damages, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or herein after arising, whether in law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, including without limitation, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, among other things, the Debtors or their Estates (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Plan, the RSA, Reorganized HGE (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in this Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the operations and financings in respect of the Debtors (whether before or after the Petition Date), the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during

the Chapter 11 Cases including all prior recapitalizations, restructurings, or refinancing efforts and transactions, any Securities issued by the Debtors and the ownership thereof, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transactions, the decision to file the Chapter 11 Cases, any related adversary proceedings, the formulation, documentation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, this Plan, the Plan Supplement, the RSA, the DIP Loans, DIP Financing Documents, or any Definitive Document, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of this Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to this Plan, or the distribution of property under this Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act, or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before, in respect of the foregoing clause, the Effective Date; provided that the provisions of this Third-Party Release shall not operate to waive, release, or otherwise impair any Causes of Action arising from willful misconduct, actual or criminal fraud, or gross negligence of such applicable Released Party as determined by the Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction.

In exchange for the foregoing Third-Party Release of the Settlement Parties, the Settlement Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any causes of action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, shall be deemed to have released, and shall be permanently enjoined from any prosecution or attempted prosecution of, any and all claims, causes of action, interests, damages, remedies, demands, rights, actions, suits, debts, sums of money, obligations, judgments, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, counterclaims, crossclaims, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties, and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, now existing or hereafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable, directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract, tort, law, equity, or otherwise, which any of them has or may have against the Releasing Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Settlement Parties ~~and the Girns~~, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any causes of action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, shall be deemed to have released, and shall be permanently enjoined from any prosecution or attempted prosecution of, any and all claims, causes of action, interests, damages, remedies, demands, rights, actions, suits, debts, sums of money, obligations, judgments, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, counterclaims, crossclaims, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties, and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, now existing or hereafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable, directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract, tort, law, equity, or otherwise, which any of them has or may have against the other Settlement Parties ~~and the Girns~~.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Released Parties do not, pursuant to the releases set forth above, release: (a) any Debtors' Retained Causes of Action; (b) any post-Effective Date obligations of any Person or Entity under this Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement this Plan or transactions thereunder; or (c) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims or Interests to receive distributions under this Plan.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (a) consensual; (b) essential to the Confirmation of this Plan; (c) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the transactions contemplated in the Plan and implementing this Plan; (d) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (e) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (f) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (g) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

Article 10.4 of the Plan contains the following Exculpations:

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Exculpated Party will have or incur, and each Exculpated Party will be exculpated from, any Claim or Cause of Action arising from the Petition Date through the Effective Date in connection with or arising out of the administration of the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, documentation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, this Plan, the Plan Supplement, the RSA, the DIP Loans, DIP Financing Documents, or any Definitive Document, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the solicitation of votes for, or Confirmation or Consummation of, this Plan, the funding of this Plan, the occurrence of the Effective Date, the administration of this Plan or the property to be distributed under this Plan, the issuance of Securities under or in connection with this Plan, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any Security of the Debtors or the Reorganized HGE, if applicable, in connection with this Plan or the transactions in furtherance of any of the foregoing, other than Claims or Causes of Action in each case arising out of or related to any act or omission of an Exculpated Party that is a criminal act or constitutes actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence as determined by a Final Order, but in all respects such Persons will be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to this Plan. The Exculpated Parties have acted in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the solicitation and distribution of Securities pursuant to this Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions will not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of this Plan or such distributions made pursuant to this Plan, including the issuance of Securities thereunder. The exculpation will be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable law or rules protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon Confirmation shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to this Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of this Plan or such distributions made pursuant to this Plan.

Solely with respect to the exculpation provisions, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, each of the Exculpated Parties and the 1125(e) Exculpation Parties shall not incur liability for any Cause of Action or Claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, in whole or in part, (a) the solicitation of acceptance or rejection of the Plan in good faith and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code or (b) the participation, in good faith and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, in the offer, issuance, sale, or purchase of a security, offered or sold under the Plan. No Entity or Person may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against any of the Exculpated Parties or 1125(e) Exculpation Parties that arose or arises from, in whole or in part, a Claim or Cause of Action subject to the terms of this paragraph, without this Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a colorable Claim for actual fraud, gross negligence, or willful misconduct against any such Exculpated Party or 1125(e) Exculpation Party and such party is not exculpated pursuant to this provision; and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity or Person to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Exculpated Party or 1125(e) Exculpation Party. The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Causes of Action.

Article 10.5 of the Plan contains the following Injunction:

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Plan or the Confirmation Order or for obligations or distributions issued or required to be paid pursuant to this Plan or the Confirmation Order, effective as of the Effective Date, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities that have been released, discharged, or are subject to exculpation are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, the Exculpated Parties, the 1125(e) Exculpation Parties, or the Released Parties: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any action, suit, or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities; (b) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities; (c) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action or liabilities; (d) asserting any right of setoff or subrogation, or recoupment, of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities or the Estates on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims,

Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities unless such Holder has filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date or has filed a Proof of Claim or proof of Interest indicating that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (e) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities released, settled or subject to exculpation pursuant to this Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the injunction set forth above does not enjoin the enforcement of any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under this Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement this Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of this Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, as applicable, by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to this Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in this Article 10.5.

No Person or Entity may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action, as applicable, of any kind against the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, the Exculpated Parties, the 1125(e) Exculpation Parties, or the Released Parties, as applicable, that relates to or is reasonably likely to relate to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of a Claim or Cause of Action, as applicable, subject to Article 10.2, Article 10.3, Article 10.4, and Article 10.5 hereof, without the Bankruptcy Court (a) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action, as applicable, represents a colorable Claim of any kind, and (b) specifically authorizing such Person or Entity to bring such Claim or Cause of Action, as applicable, against any such Debtor, Reorganized HGE, Exculpated Party, 1125(e) Exculpation Party, or Released Party, as applicable. The Bankruptcy Court will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Causes of Action.

10.5.1 BY ACCEPTING DISTRIBUTIONS PURSUANT TO THE PLAN, EACH HOLDER OF AN ALLOWED CLAIM OR ALLOWED INTEREST EXTINGUISHED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AFFIRMATIVELY AND SPECIFICALLY CONSENTED TO BE BOUND BY THE PLAN, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE INJUNCTIONS SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE 10.5.

10.5.2 THE INJUNCTIONS IN THIS ARTICLE 10.5 SHALL EXTEND TO ANY SUCCESSORS OF THE DEBTORS, REORGANIZED HGE, THE RELEASED PARTIES, THE EXCULPATED PARTIES, AND THE 1125(E)

EXCULPATED PARTIES, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE PROPERTY AND INTERESTS IN PROPERTY.

10.5.3 Violation of Injunctions. Any Person injured by any willful violation of such injunction may seek to recover actual damages, including costs and attorneys' fees and, in appropriate circumstances, may seek to recover punitive damages from the willful violator.

Article 1 of the Plan contains the following definitions:

"Consenting Creditors" means, collectively, the following, in each case in its capacity as such with each being a "Consenting Creditor": (a) all Holders of Claims or Interests that vote to accept or are deemed to accept the Plan and who do not check the box on the applicable form to affirmatively opt out of the releases contained in Article 10.3; and (b) all Holders of Claims or Interests that abstain from voting on the Plan, vote to reject the Plan, or are deemed to reject the Plan and who do not (i) check the box on the applicable form to affirmatively opt out of the releases contained in Article 10.3 or (ii) object to the Plan in respect of the releases.

"1125(e) Exculpation Parties" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each of the Exculpated Parties; (b) Reorganized HGE; (c) the Professional Persons retained in these Chapter 11 Cases; and (d) with respect to the foregoing parties, the Related Parties thereof to the extent permitted under section 1125(e) of the Bankruptcy Code.

"Exculpated Parties" means collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) the Independent Director; and (c) the Committee and each of its members.

"Related Parties" means, with respect to any Entity, in each case in its capacity as such with respect to such Entity, (a) such Entity's current and former Affiliates and (b) such Entity's and such Entity's current and former Affiliates' directors, managers, officers, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, successors, assigns (whether by operation of Law or otherwise), direct or indirect parent entities and/or subsidiaries, current, former, and future associated entities, managed or advised entities, accounts or funds, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, fiduciaries, employees, agents (including any disbursing agent), financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, consultants, investment bankers, representatives, and other professionals.

"Released Parties" means each of, and in each case in their capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) the Independent Director; (c) Reorganized HGE; (d) the Committee and its members; (e) the Liquidating Trustee; (f) the Settlement Parties; (g) each current and former Affiliate of each Person in clause (a) through the following clause (f), but only in their capacity as such; and (h) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through (f), but only in their capacity as such; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Released D&Os shall not be a Released Party under this Plan except as may be provided under a D&O Claim Resolution.

“Releasing Parties” means each of, and in each case in their capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) Reorganized HGE; (c) the Committee; (d) the Liquidating Trustee; (e) the Settlement Parties; (f) the Consenting Creditors; (g) current and former Affiliates of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (f) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliates to the releases contained in this Plan under applicable Law or that have otherwise received proper notice of this Plan; and (h) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through this clause (f) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in this Plan under applicable Law or that have otherwise received proper notice of this Plan; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Released D&Os shall not be a Releasing Party under this Plan except as may be provided under a D&O Claim Resolution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and for the avoidance of doubt, no party shall be a Releasing Party to the extent that such party did not receive proper notice and service of a Third-Party Release opt-out form.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Plan Objection Deadline. The deadline for filing objections to final approval of the Disclosure Statement and confirmation of the Plan is **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** (the “**Objection Deadline**”). All objections to the relief sought at the Confirmation Hearing **must:** (a) be in writing; (b) comply with the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules; (c) state the name and address of the objecting party and the amount and nature of the Claim or Interest beneficially owned by such entity; (d) state with particularity the legal and factual basis for such objections, and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objections; and (e) be filed with the Court with proof of service thereof and served so as **actually to be received** on or before the Objection Deadline upon the Debtors and those parties who have filed a notice of appearance in these Chapter 11 Cases.

Assumption or Rejection of Executory Contracts. Under the terms of Article 9.1 of the Plan, on the Effective Date, except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or in any contract, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document entered into in connection with the Plan, all Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, including the Reorganized HGE Contracts or Leases and Transferred Executory Contracts / Unexpired Leases, to which any Debtor is a party and which are included in the Plan Supplement, shall be, and shall be deemed to be, assumed or assumed and assigned in accordance with the provisions and requirements of sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. All Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases not listed in the Plan Supplement, and not assumed or assumed and assigned prior to the Effective Date or otherwise the subject of a motion or notice to assume or assume and assign filed on or before the Effective Date, and that were not previously rejected, shall be rejected as of the Effective Date in accordance with the provisions and requirements of sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. Entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court shall constitute approval of such assumptions or assumptions and assignments and rejections pursuant to sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. Each Reorganized HGE Contract or Lease assumed or assumed and assigned pursuant to the Plan shall vest or re-vest in and be fully enforceable by Reorganized HGE in accordance with its terms, except as modified by the provisions of the Plan or any order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizing and providing for its assumption or assumption and assignment or applicable federal law. **Claims for rejection damages must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Article 9.7 of the Plan.**

Obtaining Solicitation Materials. If you would like to obtain a copy of the Disclosure Statement Order, the Plan and Disclosure Statement, the Solicitation Procedures, or related documents, such materials are available free of charge by: (a) accessing the Debtors’ restructuring at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround; (b) writing to c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (c) calling (888) 733-1431 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or (310) 751-2632 (international) and requesting to speak with a member of the solicitation group; or (d) submitting an inquiry via online form at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in the Chapter 11 Cases for a fee via PACER at <https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov/>.

The Plan Supplement. The Debtors will file the Plan Supplement (as defined in the Plan) on or before **November 10, 2025**. The Plan Supplement may be downloaded from the Debtors' restructuring website at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround. You may also obtain copies of the Plan Supplement for a fee via PACER at <https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov>.

Binding Nature of the Plan:

If confirmed, the Plan shall bind all Holders of Claims and Interests to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, whether or not such Holder will receive or retain any property or interest in property under the Plan, has filed a Proof of Claim in the Chapter 11 Cases or failed to vote to accept or reject the Plan or voted to reject the Plan.

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¹ 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.

**TO: ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS, HOLDERS OF INTERESTS, AND PARTIES IN
INTEREST IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED CHAPTER 11 CASES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on June 17, 2025 and June 18, 2025 (collectively, the “**Petition Date**”), Higher Ground Education, Inc. and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (together, the “**Debtors**”), commenced cases (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”) under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “**Bankruptcy Court**”). After the Petition Date, the Debtors filed the *Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* (as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “**Plan**”) [Docket No. 549], attached as **Exhibit A** to the *Second Amended Disclosure Statement for the Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* (as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “**Disclosure Statement**”) [Docket No. 551].² On [●], 2025, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order (I) Scheduling a Combined Hearing on (A) Adequacy Of Disclosure Statement and (B) Plan Confirmation; (II) Fixing Deadlines Related to Disclosure Statement Approval and Plan Confirmation; (III) Approving (A) Solicitation and Voting Procedures, (B) Form and Manner of Combined Hearing Notice and Objection Deadline, and (C) Notice Of Non-Voting Status; (IV) Conditionally Approving The Disclosure Statement, and (V) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. ●] (the “**Scheduling Order**”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT copies of the Plan, Disclosure Statement, Restructuring Support Agreement, and related documents are available (a) for a fee via PACER at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov/> (PACER login required); (b) for free at the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., (prevailing Central Time); or (c) for free via the Debtors’ restructuring website, www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround, maintained by the Debtors’ Voting Agent. Solicitation documents in paper format will also be provided, free of charge, upon request of the Voting Agent via (i) telephone at (888) 733-1431 (U.S./Canada, toll free) or +1 (310) 751-2632 (international, toll) or (ii) email at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry (with “HGE Solicitation Inquiry” in the subject line).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT a combined hearing to consider final approval of the Disclosure Statement on a final basis and confirmation of the Plan and any objections thereto will be held before the Honorable Michelle V. Larson, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Courtroom #2, Earle Cabell Federal Building, 1100 Commerce St., 14th Floor, Dallas, TX 75242-1496, on **November 24, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)**, subject to the Court’s availability (the “**Combined Hearing**”). Please be advised that the Combined Hearing may be continued from time to time by the Bankruptcy Court or the Plan Proponents without further notice other than by such adjournment being announced in open court or by a notice

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan or Disclosure Statement, as applicable. The statements contained herein are summaries of the provisions contained in the Plan and Disclosure Statement and do not purport to be precise or complete statements of all the terms and provisions of the Plan or documents referred to therein. To the extent there is a discrepancy between the terms herein and the Plan or Disclosure Statement, the Plan or Disclosure Statement, as applicable, shall govern and control.

of adjournment filed with the Bankruptcy Court and served on other parties entitled to notice. The Plan Proponents expect to meet the requirements for confirmation of the Plan and for Reorganized HGE to emerge from bankruptcy shortly after the Combined Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT any objections to final approval of the Disclosure Statement and/or confirmation of the Plan (each, an “**Objection**”) must be filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court no later than **5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on November 17, 2025** (the “**Objection Deadline**”). Further, any Objection must: (a) be in writing; (b) comply with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules for the Northern District of Texas; (c) state the name and address of the objecting party and the amount and nature of the Claim or Interest owned or beneficially owned by such entity or individual; (d) state with particularity the legal and factual bases for such Objections, and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan or Disclosure Statement that would resolve such Objections; and (e) be served on the Notice Parties on or before the Objection Deadline. **Any Objection that fails to comply with the requirements set forth in the Scheduling Order may not be considered and may be overruled.**

UNLESS AN OBJECTION IS TIMELY SERVED AND FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE IT MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

**CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING INJUNCTIONS, EXCULPATIONS, AND
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ARTICLE 10 OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, INJUNCTION, AND RELATED PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN CONTAINS THIRD-PARTY RELEASES. **THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER. HOLDERS OF CLAIMS ARE DEEMED TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN SOLELY TO THE EXTENT A HOLDER AFFIRMATIVELY OPTS OUT OF SUCH GRANT BY COMPLETING AND RETURNING THE OPT-OUT FORM ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME).**

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**TO: ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS, HOLDERS OF INTERESTS, AND PARTIES IN
INTEREST IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED CHAPTER 11 CASES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on June 17, 2025 and June 18, 2025 (collectively, the “**Petition Date**”), Higher Ground Education, Inc. and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (together, the “**Debtors**”), commenced cases (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”) under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “**Bankruptcy Court**”). After the Petition Date, the Debtors filed the *FirstSecond Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* (as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “**Plan**”) [Docket No. ●549], attached as **Exhibit A** to the *FirstSecond Amended Disclosure Statement for the FirstSecond Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* (as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “**Disclosure Statement**”) [Docket No. ●551].² On [●], 2025, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order (I) Scheduling a Combined Hearing on (A) Adequacy Of Disclosure Statement and (B) Plan Confirmation; (II) Fixing Deadlines Related to Disclosure Statement Approval and Plan Confirmation; (III) Approving (A) Solicitation and Voting Procedures, (B) Form and Manner of Combined Hearing Notice and Objection Deadline, and (C) Notice Of Non-Voting Status; (IV) Conditionally Approving The Disclosure Statement, and (V) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. ●] (the “**Scheduling Order**”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT copies of the Plan, Disclosure Statement, Restructuring Support Agreement, and related documents are available (a) for a fee via PACER at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov/> (PACER login required); (b) for free at the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., (prevailing Central Time); or (c) for free via the Debtors’ restructuring website, www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround, maintained by the Debtors’ Voting Agent. Solicitation documents in paper format will also be provided, free of charge, upon request of the Voting Agent via (i) telephone at (888) 733-1431 (U.S./Canada, toll free) or +1 (310) 751-2632 (international, toll) or (ii) email at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry (with “HGE Solicitation Inquiry” in the subject line).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT a combined hearing to consider final approval of the Disclosure Statement on a final basis and confirmation of the Plan and any objections thereto will be held before the Honorable Michelle V. Larson, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Courtroom #2, Earle Cabell Federal Building, 1100 Commerce St., 14th Floor, Dallas, TX 75242-1496, on **November 24, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)**,

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan or Disclosure Statement, as applicable. The statements contained herein are summaries of the provisions contained in the Plan and Disclosure Statement and do not purport to be precise or complete statements of all the terms and provisions of the Plan or documents referred to therein. To the extent there is a discrepancy between the terms herein and the Plan or Disclosure Statement, the Plan or Disclosure Statement, as applicable, shall govern and control.

subject to the Court's availability (the "**Combined Hearing**"). Please be advised that the Combined Hearing may be continued from time to time by the Bankruptcy Court or the Plan Proponents without further notice other than by such adjournment being announced in open court or by a notice of adjournment filed with the Bankruptcy Court and served on other parties entitled to notice. The Plan Proponents expect to meet the requirements for confirmation of the Plan and for Reorganized HGE to emerge from bankruptcy shortly after the Combined Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT any objections to final approval of the Disclosure Statement and/or confirmation of the Plan (each, an "**Objection**") must be filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court no later than **5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on November 17, 2025** (the "**Objection Deadline**"). Further, any Objection must: (a) be in writing; (b) comply with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules for the Northern District of Texas; (c) state the name and address of the objecting party and the amount and nature of the Claim or Interest owned or beneficially owned by such entity or individual; (d) state with particularity the legal and factual bases for such Objections, and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan or Disclosure Statement that would resolve such Objections; and (e) be served on the Notice Parties on or before the Objection Deadline. **Any Objection that fails to comply with the requirements set forth in the Scheduling Order may not be considered and may be overruled.**

UNLESS AN OBJECTION IS TIMELY SERVED AND FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE IT MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING INJUNCTIONS, EXCULPATIONS, AND RELEASES

ARTICLE 10 OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, INJUNCTION, AND RELATED PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN CONTAINS THIRD-PARTY RELEASES. **THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER. HOLDERS OF CLAIMS ARE DEEMED TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN SOLELY TO THE EXTENT A HOLDER AFFIRMATIVELY OPTS OUT OF SUCH GRANT BY COMPLETING AND RETURNING THE OPT-OUT FORM ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME).**

YOU ARE ADVISED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE DISCHARGE, RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AS YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

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

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

**BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT
THE FIRST AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF
HIGHER GROUND EDUCATION, INC., ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS,
AND THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS**

**HOLDERS OF CLASS [●] CLAIMS SHOULD READ THIS ENTIRE BALLOT BEFORE
COMPLETING.**

**FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED,
EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO AS TO BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE
CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT BY NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M.
(PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) (THE “VOTING DEADLINE”). IF THIS BALLOT IS
NOT PROPERLY COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RECEIVED BY THE CLAIMS AND**

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NOTICING AGENT ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE, THEN THE VOTES TRANSMITTED BY THIS BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

YOU CAN OBTAIN COPIES IN PAPER FORMAT OF ANY SOLICITATION MATERIALS (A) FREE OF CHARGE BY (I) ACCESSING THE DEBTORS' RESTRUCTURING WEBSITE AT www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround; (II) WRITING TO HIGHER GROUND EDUCATION, INC., ET AL., BALLOT PROCESSING, C/O KCC DBA VERITA, 222 N. PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, SUITE 300, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245; (III) CALLING (888) 733-1431 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or (310) 751-2632 (international) AND REQUESTING TO SPEAK WITH A MEMBER OF THE SOLICITATION GROUP; OR (IV) SUBMITTING AN INQUIRY VIA ONLINE FORM AT www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry; OR (B) FOR A FEE VIA PACER AT [HTTPS://ECF.TXNB.USCOURTS.GOV/](https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov/).

Higher Ground Education, Inc. (“HGE”) and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”) are soliciting votes with respect to the *Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. 549] (as may modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Plan”). The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “Court”) has conditionally approved that certain *Second Amended Disclosure Statement for the Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. 551] (the “Disclosure Statement”) as containing adequate information pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, by entry of an order on [●], 2025 [Docket No. ●] (the “Disclosure Statement Order”).² The Court’s approval of the Disclosure Statement does not indicate approval of the Plan by the Court.

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES A BLACK USB THAT CONTAINS COPIES OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, PLAN, THE SCHEDULING ORDER, AND SOLICITATION PROCEDURES.

You are receiving this Ballot because you are a Holder of a Class [●] Claim as of **September 1, 2025** (the “Voting Record Date”). Under the terms of the Plan, Holders of Class [●] Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

If the Plan is confirmed by the Court, it will be binding on you whether or not you vote or if you vote to reject the Plan. To have your vote counted, you must complete, sign, and return this Ballot by **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** (the “Voting Deadline”).

ARTICLE 10 OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE 10.3 CONTAINS THIRD-PARTY RELEASES. INCLUDED IN ITEM 3 OF THIS BALLOT IS AN OPT-OUT RELEASE

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RELATED TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN.

YOU MAY CHECK THE BOX BELOW TO ELECT TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN. YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A “RELEASING PARTY” UNDER THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX IN ITEM 3 AND SUBMIT THE OPT-OUT FORM BY THE VOTING DEADLINE. THE ELECTION TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE IS AT YOUR OPTION.

BY OPTING OUT OF THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF OBTAINING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN TO THE EXTENT YOU ARE A RELEASING PARTY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOUR DECISION TO OPT OUT AND NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 DOES NOT AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTION YOU WILL RECEIVE UNDER THE PLAN. SPECIFICALLY, YOUR RECOVERY UNDER THE PLAN WILL BE THE SAME IF YOU OPT OUT.

Your rights are further described in the Plan and Disclosure Statement and related materials, which were included in the package (the “**Solicitation Package**”) you are receiving with this Ballot. If you would like paper copies of the Plan and Disclosure Statement and other materials, or if you need to obtain additional Solicitation Packages, you may obtain them (a) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC d/b/a Verita Global (the “**Claims and Noticing Agent**”) by: (i) accessing the Debtors’ restructuring website at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround; (b) writing to Higher Ground Claims Processing Center, Verita Global, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, California 90245; (c) calling (888) 733-1431 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or (310) 751-2632 (international); or (d) submitting an inquiry via online form at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry; or (e) for a fee via PACER at <https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov/>.

This Ballot may not be used for any purpose other than for casting votes to accept or reject the Plan, opting out of the Releases by Holders of Claims, and making certain certifications with respect to the Plan. If you believe you have received this Ballot in error, or if you believe that you have received the wrong Ballot, please contact the Claims and Noticing Agent immediately at the address or telephone number set forth above.

You should review the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the instructions contained herein before you vote. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the Plan’s classification and treatment of your Claim. Your Claim has been placed in Class [●] under the Plan. If you hold Claims in more than one Class, you will receive a ballot for each Class in which you are entitled to vote. **THE DEBTORS AND THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE, AND WILL NOT PROVIDE, LEGAL ADVICE.**

Instructions for Completing Ballots

1. The Debtors are soliciting the votes of Holders of Claims with respect to the Plan. **PLEASE READ THE PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE BALLOT.**

2. The Plan can be confirmed by the Court and thereby made binding upon you if it is accepted by the Holders of at least two-thirds in total dollar amount and more than one-half in number of Claims that actually vote on the Plan and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the requirements for confirmation provided by section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Court may confirm the Plan and thereby bind you by the terms of the Plan. Please review the Disclosure Statement for more information.

3. To ensure your Ballot is counted, you **must** complete and submit this Ballot as instructed herein. **Ballots will not be accepted by electronic mail or facsimile.**

4. If you believe you have received the wrong Ballot, you should contact the Claims and Noticing Agent immediately at the address, telephone number, or email address set forth below.

5. **Use of Ballot.** To ensure that your Ballot is counted, you must: (a) complete your Ballot in accordance with these instructions; (b) clearly indicate your decision either to accept or reject the Plan in the boxes provided in Item 2 of the Ballot; and (c) clearly sign and submit your Ballot as instructed herein.

6. Your Ballot **must** be returned to the Claims and Noticing Agent so as to be actually received by the Claims and Noticing Agent on or before the Voting Deadline. The Voting Deadline is **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time).**

7. If a Ballot is received after the Voting Deadline and if the Voting Deadline is not extended, it may be counted only in the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Proponents. Additionally, the following Ballots will not be counted:

- a. any Ballot that partially rejects and partially accepts the Plan;
- b. Ballots sent to the Debtors, the Debtors' agents (other than the Claims and Noticing Agent), or to the Debtors' financial or legal advisors, and if so sent, will not be counted;
- c. any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the Holder of the Claim;
- d. Ballots sent by electronic mail or facsimile;
- e. any Ballot cast by a person who does not hold, or represent a person that holds, a Claim in Class [●];
- f. any Ballot submitted by a Holder not entitled to vote pursuant to the Plan;

- g. any unsigned Ballot (for the avoidance of doubt, Ballots validly submitted through the E-Ballot Portal will be deemed signed);
- h. any non-original Ballot (for the avoidance of doubt, Ballots validly submitted through the E-Ballot Portal will be deemed original); and/or
- i. any Ballot not marked to accept or reject the Plan, or any Ballot marked both to accept the Plan.

8. The method of delivery of Ballots to the Claims and Noticing Agent is at the election and risk of each Holder of a Class [●] Claim. Except as otherwise provided herein, such delivery will be deemed made only when the Claims and Noticing Agent actually receives the originally executed Ballot. In all cases, Holders should allow sufficient time to ensure timely delivery.

9. If multiple Ballots are received from the same Holder of a Class [●] Claim with respect to the same Holder of a Class [●] Claim prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest, timely received, and properly completed Ballot will supersede and revoke any earlier received Ballots.

10. You must vote all of your Holder of a Class [●] Claim either to accept or reject the Plan and may not split your vote.

11. This Ballot does **not** constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, (a) a Proof of Claim or (b) an assertion or admission of a Claim.

12. **Please be sure to sign and date your Ballot.** If you are signing a Ballot in your capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney in fact, officer of a corporation, or otherwise acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, you must indicate such capacity when signing and, if required or requested by the Claims and Noticing Agent, the Debtors, or the Court, must submit proper evidence to the requesting party to so act on behalf of such Holder. In addition, please provide your name and mailing address if it is different from that set forth on the attached mailing label or if no such mailing label is attached to the ballot.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BALLOT, THESE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS, OR THE PROCEDURES FOR VOTING, PLEASE CALL THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT AT:

U.S. TOLL FREE: (888) 733-1431

INTERNATIONAL: (310) 751-2632

EMAIL: www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY

IF THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT DOES NOT ACTUALLY RECEIVE THIS BALLOT ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE, WHICH IS ON NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME), AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED HEREBY MAY BE COUNTED ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE PLAN PROPONENTS.

Item 1. Amount of Claim.

The undersigned hereby certifies that as of the Voting Record Date, the undersigned was the Holder of a Class [•] Claim(s) in the following aggregate unpaid principal amount:

| Voting Class | Description | Amount |
|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Class [•] | [•] | \$[•] |

Item 2. Vote on the Plan.

The Holder of the Class [•] Claim set forth in Item 1 votes to (please check only one box):

☐ **ACCEPT** (vote FOR) the Plan ☐ **REJECT** (vote AGAINST) the Plan

Item 3. Important information regarding the Third-Party Release and Opt-Out Rights.

Article 10.3 of the Plan contains the following Third-Party Releases:

Notwithstanding anything contained herein or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, including the obligations of the Debtors under this Plan and the contributions and services of the Released Parties in facilitating the reorganization of the Debtors and implementation of the Plan, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party, is hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever, released, waived, and discharged by each and all of the Releasing Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all claims and Causes of Action whatsoever (including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates), obligations, rights, suits, or damages, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or herein after arising, whether in law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, including without limitation, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, among other things, the Debtors or their Estates (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the

Chapter 11 Cases, the Plan, the RSA, Reorganized HGE (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in this Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the operations and financings in respect of the Debtors (whether before or after the Petition Date), the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases including all prior recapitalizations, restructurings, or refinancing efforts and transactions, any Securities issued by the Debtors and the ownership thereof, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transactions, the decision to file the Chapter 11 Cases, any related adversary proceedings, the formulation, documentation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, this Plan, the Plan Supplement, the RSA, the DIP Loans, DIP Financing Documents, or any Definitive Document, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of this Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to this Plan, or the distribution of property under this Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act, or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before, in respect of the foregoing clause, the Effective Date; provided that the provisions of this Third-Party Release shall not operate to waive, release, or otherwise impair any Causes of Action arising from willful misconduct, actual or criminal fraud, or gross negligence of such applicable Released Party as determined by the Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction.

In exchange for the foregoing Third-Party Release of the Settlement Parties, the Settlement Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any causes of action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, shall be deemed to have released, and shall be permanently enjoined from any prosecution or attempted prosecution of, any and all claims, causes of action, interests, damages, remedies, demands, rights, actions, suits, debts, sums of money, obligations, judgments, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, counterclaims, crossclaims, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties, and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, now existing or hereafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable, directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract, tort, law, equity, or otherwise, which any of them has or may have against the Releasing Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Settlement Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any causes of action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, shall be deemed to have released, and shall be permanently enjoined from any prosecution or attempted prosecution of, any and all claims, causes of action, interests, damages, remedies, demands, rights, actions, suits, debts, sums of money, obligations, judgments, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, counterclaims,

crossclaims, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties, and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, now existing or hereafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable, directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract, tort, law, equity, or otherwise, which any of them has or may have against the other Settlement Parties.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Released Parties do not, pursuant to the releases set forth above, release: (a) any Debtors' Retained Causes of Action; (b) any post-Effective Date obligations of any Person or Entity under this Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement this Plan or transactions thereunder; or (c) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims or Interests to receive distributions under this Plan.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (a) consensual; (b) essential to the Confirmation of this Plan; (c) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the transactions contemplated in the Plan and implementing this Plan; (d) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (e) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (f) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (g) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

Article 1 of the Plan contains the following definitions:

"Consenting Creditors" means, collectively, the following, in each case in its capacity as such with each being a "Consenting Creditor": (a) all Holders of Claims or Interests that vote to accept or are deemed to accept the Plan and who do not check the box on the applicable form to affirmatively opt out of the releases contained in Article 10.3; and (b) all Holders of Claims or Interests that abstain from voting on the Plan, vote to reject the Plan, or are deemed to reject the Plan and who do not (i) check the box on the applicable form to affirmatively opt out of the releases contained in Article 10.3 or (ii) object to the Plan in respect of the releases.

"Related Parties" means, with respect to any Entity, in each case in its capacity as such with respect to such Entity, (a) such Entity's current and former Affiliates and (b) such Entity's and such Entity's current and former Affiliates' directors, managers, officers, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, successors, assigns (whether by operation of Law or otherwise), direct or indirect parent entities and/or subsidiaries, current, former, and future associated entities, managed or advised entities, accounts or funds, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, fiduciaries, employees, agents (including any disbursing agent), financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, consultants, investment bankers, representatives, and other professionals.

“Released Parties” means each of, and in each case in their capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) the Independent Director; (c) Reorganized HGE; (d) the Committee and its members; (e) the Liquidating Trustee; (f) the Settlement Parties; (g) each current and former Affiliate of each Person in clause (a) through the following clause (f), but only in their capacity as such; and (h) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through (f), but only in their capacity as such; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Released D&Os shall not be a Released Party under this Plan except as may be provided under a D&O Claim Resolution.

“Releasing Parties” means each of, and in each case in their capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) Reorganized HGE; (c) the Committee; (d) the Liquidating Trustee; (e) the Settlement Parties; (f) the Consenting Creditors; (g) current and former Affiliates of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (f) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliates to the releases contained in this Plan under applicable Law or that have otherwise received proper notice of this Plan; and (h) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through this clause (f) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in this Plan under applicable Law or that have otherwise received proper notice of this Plan; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Released D&Os shall not be a Releasing Party under this Plan except as may be provided under a D&O Claim Resolution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and for the avoidance of doubt, no party shall be a Releasing Party to the extent that such party did not receive proper notice and service of a Third-Party Release opt-out form.

YOU MAY CHECK THE BOX BELOW TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN. YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A “RELEASING PARTY” UNDER THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX BELOW AND SUBMIT THE OPT-OUT FORM BY THE VOTING DEADLINE. THE ELECTION TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE IS AT YOUR OPTION.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT BY OPTING OUT OF THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF OBTAINING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN TO THE EXTENT YOU ARE A RELEASING PARTY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. YOUR DECISION TO OPT OUT AND NOT GRANT THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 DOES NOT AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTION YOU WILL RECEIVE UNDER THE PLAN. SPECIFICALLY, YOUR RECOVERY UNDER THE PLAN WILL BE THE SAME IF YOU OPT OUT.

The Holder of the Class ☒ Claim against the Debtors set forth in Item 1 elects to:

☐ **OPT OUT** of the Third-Party Release set forth in Article 10.3 of the Plan

Item 4. Certifications.

By Signing this Ballot, the undersigned certifies to the Court and the Debtors that:

1. as of the Voting Record Date, the undersigned is either: (a) the Holder of the Class [●] Claim(s) being voted or (b) an authorized signatory of such Holder;
2. it has received the Solicitation Package and acknowledges that the solicitation is being made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
3. it has cast the same vote with respect to all Class [●] Claims held by it or the Holder on whose behalf it is submitting this Ballot, as applicable;
4. no other Ballots with respect to the amount of the Class [●] Claim(s) identified in Item 1 have been cast or, if any other Ballots have been cast with respect to such Claim(s), then any such Ballots dated earlier are hereby revoked;
5. it acknowledges that a vote to accept the Plan constitutes an acceptance of the treatment of the Class [●] Claim(s) held by it or the Holder on whose behalf it is submitting this Ballot, as applicable;
6. it understands and, if accepting the Plan, agrees with the treatment provided under the Plan for the Class [●] Claim(s) held by it or the Holder on whose behalf it is submitting this Ballot, as applicable;
7. it understands that, if it casts a vote to accept or reject the Plan and does not complete the Release Opt-Out in Item 3, it or the Holder on whose behalf it is submitting this Ballot, as applicable, shall not be a “Releasing Party” under the Plan (unless such Holder is already a “Releasing Party” by virtue of being a “Releasing Party”);
8. it acknowledges and understands that (a) if no Holders of Claims eligible to vote in a particular Class vote to accept or reject the Plan, the Plan shall be deemed accepted by the Holders of such Claims in such Class and (b) any Class of Claims that does not have a Holder of an Allowed Claim or a Claim temporarily allowed by the Court as of the date of the Confirmation Hearing may be deemed eliminated from the Plan for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and for purposes of determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan by such Class pursuant to section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code; and
9. it acknowledges and agrees that the Plan Proponents may make conforming changes to the Plan to the extent provided by Bankruptcy Rule 3019 as may be reasonably necessary and that the Debtors will not re-solicit acceptances or rejections of the Plan in the event of such conforming changes.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

Via Paper Ballot. Complete, sign, and date this Ballot and return it (with an original signature) promptly in the envelope provided, or:

If by First Class mail, overnight courier or hand delivery:

Higher Ground Education, Inc., et al., Ballot Processing
c/o KCC dba Verita
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300

El Segundo, CA 90245

OR

Via E-Ballot Portal. Submit your Ballot via the Claims and Noticing Agent's online portal by visiting [●]. Click on the "File a Ballot" section of the Debtors' website and follow the instructions to submit your E-Ballot.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized E-Ballot:

Unique E-Ballot Password: _____

"E-Balloting" is the sole manner in which Ballots will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile or email will not be counted. Each E-Ballot Password is to be used solely for voting only those Claims described in Item 1 of your electronic Ballot. Please complete and submit an electronic Ballot for each E-Ballot Password you receive, as applicable.

Creditors who cast a Ballot using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Ballot.

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| Name of Holder: | _____ |
| | (Print or Type) |
| Signature: | _____ |
| Name of Signatory: ³ | _____ |
| | (If other than Holder) |
| Title: | _____ |
| Address: | _____ |
| | _____ |
| | _____ |
| Telephone Number: | _____ |
| Email: | _____ |
| Date Completed: | _____ |

PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND DATE THE BALLOT AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONE OF THE APPROVED SUBMISSION METHODS DESCRIBED ABOVE. YOUR BALLOT MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE

³ If you are completing this Ballot on behalf of another person or entity, indicate your relationship with such person or entity and the capacity in which you are signing. You may be required to provide additional information or documentation with respect to such relationship.

VOTING DEADLINE, WHICH IS NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME).

IF THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT DOES NOT *ACTUALLY RECEIVE* THIS BALLOT BY NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME), AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED BY THIS BALLOT MAY BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE PLAN PROPONENTS.

Exhibit I

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

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

**BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT
THE FIRST AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF
HIGHER GROUND EDUCATION, INC., ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS,
AND THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS**

**HOLDERS OF CLASS [●] CLAIMS SHOULD READ THIS ENTIRE BALLOT BEFORE
COMPLETING.**

**FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED,
EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO AS TO BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE
CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT BY NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M.
(PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) (THE "VOTING DEADLINE"). IF THIS BALLOT IS**

¹ 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.

NOT PROPERLY COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RECEIVED BY THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE, THEN THE VOTES TRANSMITTED BY THIS BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

YOU CAN OBTAIN COPIES IN PAPER FORMAT OF ANY SOLICITATION MATERIALS (A) FREE OF CHARGE BY (I) ACCESSING THE DEBTORS' RESTRUCTURING WEBSITE AT www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround; (II) WRITING TO HIGHER GROUND EDUCATION, INC., ET AL., BALLOT PROCESSING, C/O KCC DBA VERITA, 222 N. PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, SUITE 300, EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245; (III) CALLING (888) 733-1431 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or (310) 751-2632 (international) AND REQUESTING TO SPEAK WITH A MEMBER OF THE SOLICITATION GROUP; OR (IV) SUBMITTING AN INQUIRY VIA ONLINE FORM AT www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry; OR (B) FOR A FEE VIA PACER AT [HTTPS://ECF.TXNB.USCOURTS.GOV/](https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov/).

Higher Ground Education, Inc. ("HGE") and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases") are soliciting votes with respect to the *FirstSecond Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. [549](#)] (as may modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"). The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the "Court") has conditionally approved that certain *FirstSecond Amended Disclosure Statement for the FirstSecond Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. [551](#)] (the "Disclosure Statement") as containing adequate information pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, by entry of an order on [\[\]](#), 2025 [Docket No. [\[\]](#)] (the "Disclosure Statement Order").² The Court's approval of the Disclosure Statement does not indicate approval of the Plan by the Court.

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES A BLACK USB THAT CONTAINS COPIES OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, PLAN, THE SCHEDULING ORDER, AND SOLICITATION PROCEDURES.

You are receiving this Ballot because you are a Holder of a Class [\[\]](#) Claim as of **September 1, 2025** (the "Voting Record Date"). Under the terms of the Plan, Holders of Class [\[\]](#) Claims are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

If the Plan is confirmed by the Court, it will be binding on you whether or not you vote or if you vote to reject the Plan. To have your vote counted, you must complete, sign, and return this Ballot by **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** (the "Voting Deadline").

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings set forth in the Plan, Disclosure Statement, or Disclosure Statement Order, as applicable.

ARTICLE 10 OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE 10.3 CONTAINS THIRD-PARTY RELEASES. INCLUDED IN ITEM 3 OF THIS BALLOT IS AN OPT-OUT RELEASE RELATED TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN.

YOU MAY CHECK THE BOX BELOW TO ELECT TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN. YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A “RELEASING PARTY” UNDER THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX IN ITEM 3 AND SUBMIT THE OPT-OUT FORM BY THE VOTING DEADLINE. THE ELECTION TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE IS AT YOUR OPTION.

BY OPTING OUT OF THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF OBTAINING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN TO THE EXTENT YOU ARE A RELEASING PARTY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOUR DECISION TO OPT OUT AND NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 DOES NOT AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTION YOU WILL RECEIVE UNDER THE PLAN. SPECIFICALLY, YOUR RECOVERY UNDER THE PLAN WILL BE THE SAME IF YOU OPT OUT.

Your rights are further described in the Plan and Disclosure Statement and related materials, which were included in the package (the “**Solicitation Package**”) you are receiving with this Ballot. If you would like paper copies of the Plan and Disclosure Statement and other materials, or if you need to obtain additional Solicitation Packages, you may obtain them (a) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC d/b/a Verita Global (the “**Claims and Noticing Agent**”) by: (i) accessing the Debtors’ restructuring website at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround; (b) writing to Higher Ground Claims Processing Center, Verita Global, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, California 90245; (c) calling (888) 733-1431 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or (310) 751-2632 (international); or (d) submitting an inquiry via online form at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry; or (e) for a fee via PACER at <https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov/>.

This Ballot may not be used for any purpose other than for casting votes to accept or reject the Plan, opting out of the Releases by Holders of Claims, and making certain certifications with respect to the Plan. If you believe you have received this Ballot in error, or if you believe that you have received the wrong Ballot, please contact the Claims and Noticing Agent immediately at the address or telephone number set forth above.

You should review the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the instructions contained herein before you vote. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the Plan’s classification and treatment of your Claim. Your Claim has been placed in Class [●] under the Plan. If you hold Claims in more than one Class, you will receive a ballot for each Class in which you are entitled to vote. **THE DEBTORS AND THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING**

**AGENT ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE, AND WILL NOT PROVIDE, LEGAL
ADVICE.**

Instructions for Completing Ballots

1. The Debtors are soliciting the votes of Holders of Claims with respect to the Plan. **PLEASE READ THE PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE BALLOT.**

2. The Plan can be confirmed by the Court and thereby made binding upon you if it is accepted by the Holders of at least two-thirds in total dollar amount and more than one-half in number of Claims that actually vote on the Plan and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the requirements for confirmation provided by section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Court may confirm the Plan and thereby bind you by the terms of the Plan. Please review the Disclosure Statement for more information.

3. To ensure your Ballot is counted, you **must** complete and submit this Ballot as instructed herein. **Ballots will not be accepted by electronic mail or facsimile.**

4. If you believe you have received the wrong Ballot, you should contact the Claims and Noticing Agent immediately at the address, telephone number, or email address set forth below.

5. **Use of Ballot.** To ensure that your Ballot is counted, you must: (a) complete your Ballot in accordance with these instructions; (b) clearly indicate your decision either to accept or reject the Plan in the boxes provided in Item 2 of the Ballot; and (c) clearly sign and submit your Ballot as instructed herein.

6. Your Ballot **must** be returned to the Claims and Noticing Agent so as to be actually received by the Claims and Noticing Agent on or before the Voting Deadline. The Voting Deadline is **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time).**

7. If a Ballot is received after the Voting Deadline and if the Voting Deadline is not extended, it may be counted only in the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Proponents. Additionally, the following Ballots will not be counted:

- a. any Ballot that partially rejects and partially accepts the Plan;
- b. Ballots sent to the Debtors, the Debtors' agents (other than the Claims and Noticing Agent), or to the Debtors' financial or legal advisors, and if so sent, will not be counted;
- c. any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the Holder of the Claim;
- d. Ballots sent by electronic mail or facsimile;

- e. any Ballot cast by a person who does not hold, or represent a person that holds, a Claim in Class [●];
- f. any Ballot submitted by a Holder not entitled to vote pursuant to the Plan;
- g. any unsigned Ballot (for the avoidance of doubt, Ballots validly submitted through the E-Ballot Portal will be deemed signed);
- h. any non-original Ballot (for the avoidance of doubt, Ballots validly submitted through the E-Ballot Portal will be deemed original); and/or
- i. any Ballot not marked to accept or reject the Plan, or any Ballot marked both to accept the Plan.

8. The method of delivery of Ballots to the Claims and Noticing Agent is at the election and risk of each Holder of a Class [●] Claim. Except as otherwise provided herein, such delivery will be deemed made only when the Claims and Noticing Agent actually receives the originally executed Ballot. In all cases, Holders should allow sufficient time to ensure timely delivery.

9. If multiple Ballots are received from the same Holder of a Class [●] Claim with respect to the same Holder of a Class [●] Claim prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest, timely received, and properly completed Ballot will supersede and revoke any earlier received Ballots.

10. You must vote all of your Holder of a Class [●] Claim either to accept or reject the Plan and may not split your vote.

11. This Ballot does **not** constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, (a) a Proof of Claim or (b) an assertion or admission of a Claim.

12. **Please be sure to sign and date your Ballot.** If you are signing a Ballot in your capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney in fact, officer of a corporation, or otherwise acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, you must indicate such capacity when signing and, if required or requested by the Claims and Noticing Agent, the Debtors, or the Court, must submit proper evidence to the requesting party to so act on behalf of such Holder. In addition, please provide your name and mailing address if it is different from that set forth on the attached mailing label or if no such mailing label is attached to the ballot.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BALLOT, THESE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS, OR THE PROCEDURES FOR VOTING, PLEASE CALL THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT AT:

U.S. TOLL FREE: (888) 733-1431
INTERNATIONAL: (310) 751-2632
EMAIL: www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY

IF THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT DOES NOT ACTUALLY RECEIVE THIS BALLOT ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE, WHICH IS ON NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME), AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED HEREBY MAY BE COUNTED ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE PLAN PROPONENTS.

Item 1. Amount of Claim.

The undersigned hereby certifies that as of the Voting Record Date, the undersigned was the Holder of a Class [•] Claim(s) in the following aggregate unpaid principal amount:

| Voting Class | Description | Amount |
|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Class [•] | [•] | \$[•] |

Item 2. Vote on the Plan.

The Holder of the Class [•] Claim set forth in Item 1 votes to (please check only one box):

☐ **ACCEPT** (vote FOR) the Plan ☐ **REJECT** (vote AGAINST) the Plan

Item 3. Important information regarding the Third-Party Release and Opt-Out Rights.

Article 10.3 of the Plan contains the following Third-Party Releases:

Notwithstanding anything contained herein or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, including the obligations of the Debtors under this Plan and the contributions and services of the Released Parties in facilitating the reorganization of the Debtors and implementation of the Plan, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party, is hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever, released, waived, and discharged by each and all of the Releasing Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all claims and Causes of Action whatsoever (including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates), obligations, rights, suits, or damages, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or herein after arising, whether in law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, including without limitation, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, among other things, the

Debtors or their Estates (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Plan, the RSA, Reorganized HGE (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in this Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the operations and financings in respect of the Debtors (whether before or after the Petition Date), the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases including all prior recapitalizations, restructurings, or refinancing efforts and transactions, any Securities issued by the Debtors and the ownership thereof, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transactions, the decision to file the Chapter 11 Cases, any related adversary proceedings, the formulation, documentation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, this Plan, the Plan Supplement, the RSA, the DIP Loans, DIP Financing Documents, or any Definitive Document, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of this Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to this Plan, or the distribution of property under this Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act, or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before, in respect of the foregoing clause, the Effective Date; provided that the provisions of this Third-Party Release shall not operate to waive, release, or otherwise impair any Causes of Action arising from willful misconduct, actual or criminal fraud, or gross negligence of such applicable Released Party as determined by the Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction.

In exchange for the foregoing Third-Party Release of the Settlement Parties, the Settlement Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any causes of action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, shall be deemed to have released, and shall be permanently enjoined from any prosecution or attempted prosecution of, any and all claims, causes of action, interests, damages, remedies, demands, rights, actions, suits, debts, sums of money, obligations, judgments, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, counterclaims, crossclaims, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties, and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, now existing or hereafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable, directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract, tort, law, equity, or otherwise, which any of them has or may have against the Releasing Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Settlement Parties ~~and the Girns~~, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any causes of action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, shall be deemed to have released, and shall be permanently enjoined from any prosecution or attempted prosecution of, any and all claims, causes of action, interests,

damages, remedies, demands, rights, actions, suits, debts, sums of money, obligations, judgments, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, counterclaims, crossclaims, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties, and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, now existing or hereafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable, directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract, tort, law, equity, or otherwise, which any of them has or may have against the other Settlement Parties ~~and the Girms~~.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Released Parties do not, pursuant to the releases set forth above, release: (a) any Debtors' Retained Causes of Action; (b) any post-Effective Date obligations of any Person or Entity under this Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement this Plan or transactions thereunder; or (c) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims or Interests to receive distributions under this Plan.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (a) consensual; (b) essential to the Confirmation of this Plan; (c) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the transactions contemplated in the Plan and implementing this Plan; (d) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (e) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (f) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (g) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

Article 1 of the Plan contains the following definitions:

"Consenting Creditors" means, collectively, the following, in each case in its capacity as such with each being a "Consenting Creditor": (a) all Holders of Claims or Interests that vote to accept or are deemed to accept the Plan and who do not check the box on the applicable form to affirmatively opt out of the releases contained in Article 10.3; and (b) all Holders of Claims or Interests that abstain from voting on the Plan, vote to reject the Plan, or are deemed to reject the Plan and who do not (i) check the box on the applicable form to affirmatively opt out of the releases contained in Article 10.3 or (ii) object to the Plan in respect of the releases.

"Related Parties" means, with respect to any Entity, in each case in its capacity as such with respect to such Entity, (a) such Entity's current and former Affiliates and (b) such Entity's and such Entity's current and former Affiliates' directors, managers, officers, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, successors, assigns (whether by operation of Law or otherwise), direct or indirect parent entities and/or subsidiaries, current, former, and future associated entities, managed or advised entities, accounts or funds, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals,

members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, fiduciaries, employees, agents (including any disbursing agent), financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, consultants, investment bankers, representatives, and other professionals.

“Released Parties” means each of, and in each case in their capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) the Independent Director; (c) Reorganized HGE; (d) the Committee and its members; (e) the Liquidating Trustee; (f) the Settlement Parties; (g) each current and former Affiliate of each Person in clause (a) through the following clause (f), but only in their capacity as such; and (h) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through (f), but only in their capacity as such; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Released D&Os shall not be a Released Party under this Plan except as may be provided under a D&O Claim Resolution.

“Releasing Parties” means each of, and in each case in their capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) Reorganized HGE; (c) the Committee; (d) the Liquidating Trustee; (e) the Settlement Parties; (f) the Consenting Creditors; (g) current and former Affiliates of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (f) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliates to the releases contained in this Plan under applicable Law or that have otherwise received proper notice of this Plan; and (h) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through this clause (f) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in this Plan under applicable Law or that have otherwise received proper notice of this Plan; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Released D&Os shall not be a Releasing Party under this Plan except as may be provided under a D&O Claim Resolution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and for the avoidance of doubt, no party shall be a Releasing Party to the extent that such party did not receive proper notice and service of a Third-Party Release opt-out form.

YOU MAY CHECK THE BOX BELOW TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN. YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A “RELEASING PARTY” UNDER THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX BELOW AND SUBMIT THE OPT-OUT FORM BY THE VOTING DEADLINE. THE ELECTION TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE IS AT YOUR OPTION.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT BY OPTING OUT OF THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF OBTAINING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN TO THE EXTENT YOU ARE A RELEASING PARTY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. YOUR DECISION TO OPT OUT AND NOT GRANT THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 DOES NOT AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTION YOU WILL RECEIVE UNDER THE PLAN. SPECIFICALLY, YOUR RECOVERY UNDER THE PLAN WILL BE THE SAME IF YOU OPT OUT.

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| The Holder of the Class <input type="checkbox"/> Claim against the Debtors set forth in Item 1 elects to: |
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☐ **OPT OUT** of the Third-Party Release set forth in Article 10.3 of the Plan

Item 4. Certifications.

By Signing this Ballot, the undersigned certifies to the Court and the Debtors that:

1. as of the Voting Record Date, the undersigned is either: (a) the Holder of the Class ☐ Claim(s) being voted or (b) an authorized signatory of such Holder;
2. it has received the Solicitation Package and acknowledges that the solicitation is being made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
3. it has cast the same vote with respect to all Class ☐ Claims held by it or the Holder on whose behalf it is submitting this Ballot, as applicable;
4. no other Ballots with respect to the amount of the Class ☐ Claim(s) identified in Item 1 have been cast or, if any other Ballots have been cast with respect to such Claim(s), then any such Ballots dated earlier are hereby revoked;
5. it acknowledges that a vote to accept the Plan constitutes an acceptance of the treatment of the Class ☐ Claim(s) held by it or the Holder on whose behalf it is submitting this Ballot, as applicable;
6. it understands and, if accepting the Plan, agrees with the treatment provided under the Plan for the Class ☐ Claim(s) held by it or the Holder on whose behalf it is submitting this Ballot, as applicable;
7. it understands that, if it casts a vote to accept or reject the Plan and does not complete the Release Opt-Out in Item 3, it or the Holder on whose behalf it is submitting this Ballot, as applicable, shall not be a “Releasing Party” under the Plan (unless such Holder is already a “Releasing Party” by virtue of being a “Releasing Party”);
8. it acknowledges and understands that (a) if no Holders of Claims eligible to vote in a particular Class vote to accept or reject the Plan, the Plan shall be deemed accepted by the Holders of such Claims in such Class and (b) any Class of Claims that does not have a Holder of an Allowed Claim or a Claim temporarily allowed by the Court as of the date of the Confirmation Hearing may be deemed eliminated from the Plan for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and for purposes of determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan by such Class pursuant to section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code; and
9. it acknowledges and agrees that the Plan Proponents may make conforming changes to the Plan to the extent provided by Bankruptcy Rule 3019 as may be reasonably necessary and that the Debtors will not re-solicit acceptances or rejections of the Plan in the event of such conforming changes.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

Via Paper Ballot. Complete, sign, and date this Ballot and return it (with an original signature) promptly in the envelope provided, or:

If by First Class mail, overnight courier or hand delivery:

Higher Ground Education, Inc., et al., Ballot Processing
c/o KCC dba Verita
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300
El Segundo, CA 90245

OR

Via E-Ballot Portal. Submit your Ballot via the Claims and Noticing Agent's online portal by visiting [●]. Click on the "File a Ballot" section of the Debtors' website and follow the instructions to submit your E-Ballot.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized E-Ballot:

Unique E-Ballot Password: _____

"E-Balloting" is the sole manner in which Ballots will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile or email will not be counted. Each E-Ballot Password is to be used solely for voting only those Claims described in Item 1 of your electronic Ballot. Please complete and submit an electronic Ballot for each E-Ballot Password you receive, as applicable.

Creditors who cast a Ballot using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Ballot.

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| Signature: | _____ |
| Name of Signatory: ³ | _____ |
| | (If other than Holder) |
| Title: | _____ |
| Address: | _____ |
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³ If you are completing this Ballot on behalf of another person or entity, indicate your relationship with such person or entity and the capacity in which you are signing. You may be required to provide additional information or documentation with respect to such relationship.

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Date Completed: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND DATE THE BALLOT AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONE OF THE APPROVED SUBMISSION METHODS DESCRIBED ABOVE. YOUR BALLOT MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE VOTING DEADLINE, WHICH IS NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME).

IF THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT DOES NOT *ACTUALLY RECEIVE* THIS BALLOT BY NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME), AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED BY THIS BALLOT MAY BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE PLAN PROPONENTS.

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

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

**NOTICE OF NON-VOTING STATUS TO HOLDERS OF UNIMPAIRED
CLAIMS OR INTERESTS CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN**

ARTICLE 10 OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE 10.3 CONTAINS THIRD-PARTY RELEASES. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER.

HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN AND THAT DO NOT ELECT TO OPT-OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN USING THE ENCLOSED OPT-OUT FORM ON OR BEFORE

¹ 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.

THE VOTING DEADLINE WILL BE BOUND BY THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOUR DECISION TO OPT OUT DOES NOT AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTION YOU WILL RECEIVE UNDER THE PLAN. SPECIFICALLY, YOUR RECOVERY UNDER THE PLAN WILL BE THE SAME IF YOU OPT OUT.

THIS NOTICE IS BEING SENT TO YOU FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

On [●], 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “**Court**”) entered an order [Docket No. ●] (the “**Disclosure Statement Order**”): (a) authorizing Higher Ground Education, Inc. (“**HGE**”) and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”) to solicit acceptances for the *Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No.549] (as may modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “**Plan**”); (b) conditionally approving the *Second Amended Disclosure Statement for the Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. 551] (as may modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time hereafter, including all exhibits and supplements thereto, the “**Disclosure Statement**”) as containing “adequate information” pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation packages (the “**Solicitation Packages**”); and (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan (the “**Solicitation Procedures**”).

Because of the nature and treatment of your Claim or Interest under the Plan, **you are not entitled to vote on the Plan**. Specifically, under the terms of the Plan, as a Holder of a Claim (as currently asserted against the Debtors) or Interest in the Debtors that is not Impaired and conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, you are **not** entitled to vote on the Plan.

The hearing at which the Court will consider both final approval of the Disclosure Statement and confirmation of the Plan (the “**Combined Hearing**”) will commence on **November 24 , 2025, at 1:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)**, before the Honorable Michelle V. Larson, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 1100 Commerce Street, 14th Floor, Courtroom No. 2, Dallas, TX 75242 OR via WEBEX.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you may participate in the Combined Hearing in-person or via WEBEX (by video or telephone via the Court’s WebEx platform):

- **For WebEx Video Participation/Attendance:**
Link: <https://us-courts.webex.com/meet/larson>
- **For WebEx Telephonic Only Participation/Attendance:**
Dial-In: 1-650-479-3207; Access code: 2301 476 1957

A copy of Judge Larson’s WebEx Hearing Instructions is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Combined Hearing will be conducted in a hybrid format: parties may make appearances in the courtroom or via WebEx; *provided, however*, parties who will be offering evidence or participating in examination must make appearances in person in Judge Larson's courtroom; *provided, further*, witnesses may appear remotely/virtually in accordance with Judge Larson's WebEx Hearing Instructions. All parties attending the Hearing, whether in person or via WebEx, should sign in electronically on Judge Larson's webpage. The sign-in sheet may be found at the following: <https://www.txnb.uscourts.gov/electronic-appearances-0>.

The deadline for filing objections to final approval of the Disclosure Statement and confirmation of the Plan is **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** (the "**Objection Deadline**"). Any objection to the relief sought at the Combined Hearing **must**: (a) be in writing; (b) comply with the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules; (c) state the name and address of the objecting party and the amount and nature of the Claim or Interest beneficially owned by such entity; (d) state with particularity the legal and factual basis for such objections, and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objections; and (e) be filed with the Court with proof of service thereof and served so as actually to be received on or before the Objection Deadline upon the Debtors and those parties who have filed a notice of appearance in these Chapter 11 Cases.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the Disclosure Statement Order, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Solicitation Procedures, or related documents, you may obtain them (a) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC d/b/a Verita Global (the "**Claims and Noticing Agent**") by: (i) accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround; (ii) writing to Higher Ground Education, Inc., et al. Ballot Processing, c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (iii) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (888) 733-1431 (U.S./Canada) (toll-free), +1 (310) 751-2632 (International) and requesting to speak with a member of the solicitation group; or (iv) submitting an inquiry to www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry; or (iv) for a fee via PACER at <https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov/>.

DATED: [●], 2025

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RELEASE OPT-OUT FORM

You are receiving this release opt-out form (the “**Opt-Out Form**”) because you are or may be a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not entitled to vote on the *First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “**Plan**”). Except as otherwise set forth in the definition of Releasing Party in the Plan, Holders of Claims or Interests who are not entitled to vote on the Plan are only deemed to not grant the releases to those Releasing Parties set forth in Article 10.3 of the Plan (the “**Third-Party Releases**”) if the Holder affirmatively opts out of the Third-Party Releases by completing and returning this form in accordance with the directions herein on or before **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** (the “**Voting Deadline**”).

If you believe you are a Holder of a Claim or Interest with respect to the Debtors and choose to opt out of the Third-Party Release set forth in Article 10.3 of the Plan, please promptly complete, sign, and date this Opt-Out Form and return it via first class mail, overnight courier, the Claims and Noticing Agent’s online portal, or hand delivery to Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC d/b/a Verita Global (the “**Claims and Noticing Agent**”) at the address set forth below. Holders are strongly encouraged to submit any Opt-Out Form through the Claims and Noticing Agent’s online portal. Parties that submit their Opt-Out Form using the online portal should **NOT** also submit a paper Opt-Out Form.

THIS OPT-OUT FORM MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT BY THE VOTING DEADLINE. IF THE RELEASE OPT-OUT FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THE VOTING DEADLINE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

Item 1. Important information regarding the Third-Party Releases.

Article 10.3 of the Plan contains the following Third-Party Releases:

Notwithstanding anything contained herein or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, including the obligations of the Debtors under this Plan and the contributions and services of the Released Parties in facilitating the reorganization of the Debtors and implementation of the Plan, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party, is hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever, released, waived, and discharged by each and all of the Releasing Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all claims and Causes of Action whatsoever (including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates), obligations, rights, suits, or damages, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or herein after arising, whether in law or equity, whether sounding in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law, or any other applicable

international, foreign, or domestic law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, including without limitation, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, among other things, the Debtors or their Estates (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Plan, the RSA, Reorganized HGE (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in this Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the operations and financings in respect of the Debtors (whether before or after the Petition Date), the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases including all prior recapitalizations, restructurings, or refinancing efforts and transactions, any Securities issued by the Debtors and the ownership thereof, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transactions, the decision to file the Chapter 11 Cases, any related adversary proceedings, the formulation, documentation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, this Plan, the Plan Supplement, the RSA, the DIP Loans, DIP Financing Documents, or any Definitive Document, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of this Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to this Plan, or the distribution of property under this Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act, or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before, in respect of the foregoing clause, the Effective Date; provided that the provisions of this Third-Party Release shall not operate to waive, release, or otherwise impair any Causes of Action arising from willful misconduct, actual or criminal fraud, or gross negligence of such applicable Released Party as determined by the Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction.

In exchange for the foregoing Third-Party Release of the Settlement Parties, the Settlement Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any causes of action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, shall be deemed to have released, and shall be permanently enjoined from any prosecution or attempted prosecution of, any and all claims, causes of action, interests, damages, remedies, demands, rights, actions, suits, debts, sums of money, obligations, judgments, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, counterclaims, crossclaims, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties, and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, now existing or hereafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured,

assertable, directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract, tort, law, equity, or otherwise, which any of them has or may have against the Releasing Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Settlement Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any causes of action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, shall be deemed to have released, and shall be permanently enjoined from any prosecution or attempted prosecution of, any and all claims, causes of action, interests, damages, remedies, demands, rights, actions, suits, debts, sums of money, obligations, judgments, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, counterclaims, crossclaims, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties, and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, now existing or hereafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable, directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract, tort, law, equity, or otherwise, which any of them has or may have against the other Settlement Parties.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Released Parties do not, pursuant to the releases set forth above, release: (a) any Debtors' Retained Causes of Action; (b) any post-Effective Date obligations of any Person or Entity under this Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement this Plan or transactions thereunder; or (c) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims or Interests to receive distributions under this Plan.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (a) consensual; (b) essential to the Confirmation of this Plan; (c) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the transactions contemplated in the Plan and implementing this Plan; (d) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (e) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (f) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (g) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

Article 1 of the Plan contains the following definitions:

"Consenting Creditors" means, collectively, the following, in each case in its capacity as such with each being a "Consenting Creditor": (a) all Holders of Claims or Interests that vote to accept or are deemed to accept the Plan and who do not check the box on the applicable form to affirmatively opt out of the releases contained in Article 10.3; and (b) all Holders of Claims or Interests that abstain from voting on the Plan, vote to reject the Plan, or are deemed to reject the Plan and who do not (i) check the box on the applicable form to affirmatively opt out of the releases contained in Article 10.3 or (ii) object to the Plan in respect of the releases.

"Related Parties" means, with respect to any Entity, in each case in its capacity as such with respect to such Entity, (a) such Entity's current and former Affiliates and (b) such Entity's

and such Entity's current and former Affiliates' directors, managers, officers, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, successors, assigns (whether by operation of Law or otherwise), direct or indirect parent entities and/or subsidiaries, current, former, and future associated entities, managed or advised entities, accounts or funds, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, fiduciaries, employees, agents (including any disbursing agent), financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, consultants, investment bankers, representatives, and other professionals.

"Released Parties" means each of, and in each case in their capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) the Independent Director; (c) Reorganized HGE; (d) the Committee and its members; (e) the Liquidating Trustee; (f) the Settlement Parties; (g) each current and former Affiliate of each Person in clause (a) through the following clause (f), but only in their capacity as such; and (h) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through (f), but only in their capacity as such; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Released D&Os shall not be a Released Party under this Plan except as may be provided under a D&O Claim Resolution.

"Releasing Parties" means each of, and in each case in their capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) Reorganized HGE; (c) the Committee; (d) the Liquidating Trustee; (e) the Settlement Parties; (f) the Consenting Creditors; (g) current and former Affiliates of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (f) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliates to the releases contained in this Plan under applicable Law or that have otherwise received proper notice of this Plan; and (h) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through this clause (f) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in this Plan under applicable Law or that have otherwise received proper notice of this Plan; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Released D&Os shall not be a Releasing Party under this Plan except as may be provided under a D&O Claim Resolution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and for the avoidance of doubt, no party shall be a Releasing Party to the extent that such party did not receive proper notice and service of a Third-Party Release opt-out form.

Item 2. OPTIONAL RELEASE OPT-OUT ELECTION.

AS A HOLDER OF A CLAIM AGAINST OR INTEREST IN THE DEBTORS, YOU HAVE THE OPTION OF NOT PROVIDING THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN, AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

YOU MAY CHECK THE BOX BELOW TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN. YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A "RELEASING PARTY" UNDER THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX BELOW AND SUBMIT THE OPT-OUT FORM BY THE VOTING DEADLINE. THE ELECTION TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE IS AT YOUR OPTION.

BY OPTING OUT OF THE RELEASE SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF OBTAINING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN TO THE EXTENT YOU ARE A RELEASING PARTY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOUR DECISION TO OPT OUT AND NOT GRANT THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 DOES NOT AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTION YOU WILL RECEIVE UNDER THE PLAN. SPECIFICALLY, YOUR RECOVERY UNDER THE PLAN WILL BE THE SAME IF YOU OPT OUT.

YOU MAY ELECT TO OPT OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN BY CHECKING THE BOX BELOW:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> OPT OUT of the Third-Party Release set forth in <u>Article 10.3</u> of the Plan |
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Item 3. Certifications.

By signing this Release Opt-Out Form, the undersigned certifies to the Court and the Debtors that:

- a. as of the date of completion of this Opt-Out Form, either: (i) the undersigned is the Holder of a Claim or Interest; or (ii) the undersigned is an authorized signatory for an Entity or Person that is the Holder of a Claim or Interest;
- b. the Holder has received a copy of the *Notice of Non-Voting Status to Holder Conclusively Presumed to Accept the Plan* and that this Opt-Out Form is made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- c. the undersigned has made the same election with respect to all Claims or Interests in a single class; and
- d. no other Opt-Out Form has been submitted with respect to the Holder's Claims or Interests, or, if any other Opt-Out Forms have been submitted with respect to such Claims, such Opt-Out Forms are hereby revoked.

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| Name of Holder: | _____ |
| | (Print or Type) |
| Signature: | _____ |
| Name of Signatory: ² | _____ |
| | (If other than Holder) |
| Title: | _____ |
| Address: | _____ |
| | _____ |
| | _____ |
| Telephone Number: | _____ |
| Email: | _____ |
| Date Completed: | _____ |

² If you are completing this Opt-Out Form on behalf of another person or entity, indicate your relationship with such person or entity and the capacity in which you are signing. You may be required to provide additional information or documentation with respect to such relationship.

IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE THE OPTIONAL RELEASE ELECTION, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND DATE THIS OPT-OUT FORM AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY BY ONLY ONE OF THE METHODS BELOW:

If by First Class mail, overnight delivery or hand delivery:

Higher Ground Education, Inc., *et al.* Ballot Processing
c/o KCC dba Verita
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300
El Segundo, CA 90245

By electronic, online submission:

Please visit www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround. Click on the ballot section of the Debtors' website and follow the directions to submit your Opt-Out Form. If you choose to submit your Release Opt-Out Form via online portal, you should not also return a hard copy of your Opt-Out.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Opt-Out Form:

The online portal is the sole manner in which this Opt-Out Form will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Opt-Out Forms submitted by facsimile or email will not be counted.

THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME). THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT MUST *ACTUALLY RECEIVE* YOUR RELEASE OPT-OUT ELECTION ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE.

Exhibit K

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

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

**NOTICE OF NON-VOTING STATUS TO HOLDERS OF UNIMPAIRED
CLAIMS OR INTERESTS CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN**

ARTICLE 10 OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE 10.3 CONTAINS THIRD-PARTY RELEASES. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER.

HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN AND THAT DO NOT ELECT TO OPT-OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN USING THE ENCLOSED OPT-OUT FORM ON OR BEFORE

¹ 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.

THE VOTING DEADLINE WILL BE BOUND BY THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOUR DECISION TO OPT OUT DOES NOT AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTION YOU WILL RECEIVE UNDER THE PLAN. SPECIFICALLY, YOUR RECOVERY UNDER THE PLAN WILL BE THE SAME IF YOU OPT OUT.

THIS NOTICE IS BEING SENT TO YOU FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

On [●], 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “**Court**”) entered an order [Docket No. ●] (the “**Disclosure Statement Order**”): (a) authorizing Higher Ground Education, Inc. (“**HGE**”) and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”) to solicit acceptances for the *FirstSecond Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. ●549] (as may modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “**Plan**”); (b) conditionally approving the *FirstSecond Amended Disclosure Statement for the FirstSecond Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. ●551] (as may modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time hereafter, including all exhibits and supplements thereto, the “**Disclosure Statement**”) as containing “adequate information” pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation packages (the “**Solicitation Packages**”); and (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan (the “**Solicitation Procedures**”).

Because of the nature and treatment of your Claim or Interest under the Plan, **you are not entitled to vote on the Plan.** Specifically, under the terms of the Plan, as a Holder of a Claim (as currently asserted against the Debtors) or Interest in the Debtors that is not Impaired and conclusively deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, you are **not** entitled to vote on the Plan.

The hearing at which the Court will consider both final approval of the Disclosure Statement and confirmation of the Plan (the “**Combined Hearing**”) will commence on **November 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)**, before the Honorable Michelle V. Larson, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Texas, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 1100 Commerce Street, 14th Floor, Courtroom No. 2, Dallas, TX 75242 OR via WEBEX.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you may participate in the Combined Hearing in-person or via WEBEX (by video or telephone via the Court’s WebEx platform):

- **For WebEx Video Participation/Attendance:**
Link: <https://us-courts.webex.com/meet/larson>
- **For WebEx Telephonic Only Participation/Attendance:**
Dial-In: 1-650-479-3207; Access code: 2301 476 1957

A copy of Judge Larson's WebEx Hearing Instructions is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Combined Hearing will be conducted in a hybrid format: parties may make appearances in the courtroom or via WebEx; *provided, however*, parties who will be offering evidence or participating in examination must make appearances in person in Judge Larson's courtroom; *provided, further*, witnesses may appear remotely/virtually in accordance with Judge Larson's WebEx Hearing Instructions. All parties attending the Hearing, whether in person or via WebEx, should sign in electronically on Judge Larson's webpage. The sign-in sheet may be found at the following: <https://www.txnb.uscourts.gov/electronic-appearances-0>.

The deadline for filing objections to final approval of the Disclosure Statement and confirmation of the Plan is **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** (the "**Objection Deadline**"). Any objection to the relief sought at the Combined Hearing **must**: (a) be in writing; (b) comply with the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules; (c) state the name and address of the objecting party and the amount and nature of the Claim or Interest beneficially owned by such entity; (d) state with particularity the legal and factual basis for such objections, and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objections; and (e) be filed with the Court with proof of service thereof and served so as actually to be received on or before the Objection Deadline upon the Debtors and those parties who have filed a notice of appearance in these Chapter 11 Cases.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the Disclosure Statement Order, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Solicitation Procedures, or related documents, you may obtain them (a) at no charge from Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC d/b/a Verita Global (the "**Claims and Noticing Agent**") by: (i) accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround; (ii) writing to Higher Ground Education, Inc., et al. Ballot Processing, c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245; (iii) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (888) 733-1431 (U.S./Canada) (toll-free), +1 (310) 751-2632 (International) and requesting to speak with a member of the solicitation group; or (iv) submitting an inquiry to www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround/Inquiry; or (iv) for a fee via PACER at <https://ecf.txnb.uscourts.gov/>.

DATED: [●], 2025

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RELEASE OPT-OUT FORM

You are receiving this release opt-out form (the “**Opt-Out Form**”) because you are or may be a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not entitled to vote on the *First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “**Plan**”). Except as otherwise set forth in the definition of Releasing Party in the Plan, Holders of Claims or Interests who are not entitled to vote on the Plan are only deemed to not grant the releases to those Releasing Parties set forth in Article 10.3 of the Plan (the “**Third-Party Releases**”) if the Holder affirmatively opts out of the Third-Party Releases by completing and returning this form in accordance with the directions herein on or before **November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** (the “**Voting Deadline**”).

If you believe you are a Holder of a Claim or Interest with respect to the Debtors and choose to opt out of the Third-Party Release set forth in Article 10.3 of the Plan, please promptly complete, sign, and date this Opt-Out Form and return it via first class mail, overnight courier, the Claims and Noticing Agent’s online portal, or hand delivery to Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC d/b/a Verita Global (the “**Claims and Noticing Agent**”) at the address set forth below. Holders are strongly encouraged to submit any Opt-Out Form through the Claims and Noticing Agent’s online portal. Parties that submit their Opt-Out Form using the online portal should **NOT** also submit a paper Opt-Out Form.

THIS OPT-OUT FORM MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT BY THE VOTING DEADLINE. IF THE RELEASE OPT-OUT FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THE VOTING DEADLINE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

Item 1. Important information regarding the Third-Party Releases.

Article 10.3 of the Plan contains the following Third-Party Releases:

Notwithstanding anything contained herein or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, including the obligations of the Debtors under this Plan and the contributions and services of the Released Parties in facilitating the reorganization of the Debtors and implementation of the Plan, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party, is hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably and forever, released, waived, and discharged by each and all of the Releasing Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all claims and Causes of Action whatsoever (including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates), obligations, rights, suits, or damages, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed, or contingent, matured, or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, existing or herein after arising, whether in law or equity, whether sounding

in tort or contract, whether arising under federal or state statutory or common law, or any other applicable international, foreign, or domestic law, rule, statute, regulation, treaty, right, duty, requirement, or otherwise, that such Holders or their Estates, Affiliates, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, managers, accountants, attorneys, representatives, consultants, agents, and any other Persons claiming under or through them would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, including without limitation, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, among other things, the Debtors or their Estates (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the Chapter 11 Cases, the Plan, the RSA, Reorganized HGE (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any Security of the Debtors, Reorganized HGE, and their Estates, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in this Plan, the business or contractual arrangements or interaction between or among any Debtor and any Released Party, the operations and financings in respect of the Debtors (whether before or after the Petition Date), the distribution of any Cash or other property of the Debtors to any Released Party, the assertion of enforcement of rights or remedies against the Debtors, the restructuring of any Claim or Interest before or during the Chapter 11 Cases including all prior recapitalizations, restructurings, or refinancing efforts and transactions, any Securities issued by the Debtors and the ownership thereof, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transactions, the decision to file the Chapter 11 Cases, any related adversary proceedings, the formulation, documentation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, this Plan, the Plan Supplement, the RSA, the DIP Loans, DIP Financing Documents, or any Definitive Document, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of this Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to this Plan, or the distribution of property under this Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act, or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before, in respect of the foregoing clause, the Effective Date; provided that the provisions of this Third-Party Release shall not operate to waive, release, or otherwise impair any Causes of Action arising from willful misconduct, actual or criminal fraud, or gross negligence of such applicable Released Party as determined by the Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction.

In exchange for the foregoing Third-Party Release of the Settlement Parties, the Settlement Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any causes of action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, shall be deemed to have released, and shall be permanently enjoined from any prosecution or attempted prosecution of, any and all claims, causes of action, interests, damages, remedies, demands, rights, actions, suits, debts, sums of money, obligations, judgments, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, counterclaims, crossclaims, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties, and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, now existing or hereafter

arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable, directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract, tort, law, equity, or otherwise, which any of them has or may have against the Releasing Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Settlement Parties ~~and the Girns~~, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other entities who may purport to assert any causes of action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing entities, shall be deemed to have released, and shall be permanently enjoined from any prosecution or attempted prosecution of, any and all claims, causes of action, interests, damages, remedies, demands, rights, actions, suits, debts, sums of money, obligations, judgments, liabilities, accounts, defenses, offsets, counterclaims, crossclaims, powers, privileges, licenses, liens, indemnities, guaranties, and franchises of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, now existing or hereafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, choate or inchoate, secured or unsecured, assertable, directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract, tort, law, equity, or otherwise, which any of them has or may have against the other Settlement Parties ~~and the Girns~~.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Released Parties do not, pursuant to the releases set forth above, release: (a) any Debtors' Retained Causes of Action; (b) any post-Effective Date obligations of any Person or Entity under this Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement this Plan or transactions thereunder; or (c) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims or Interests to receive distributions under this Plan.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Third-Party Release, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that the Third-Party Release is: (a) consensual; (b) essential to the Confirmation of this Plan; (c) given in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, including the Released Parties' contributions to facilitating the transactions contemplated in the Plan and implementing this Plan; (d) in the best interests of the Debtors and their Estates; (e) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (f) given and made after due notice and opportunity for a hearing; and (g) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties asserting any Claim or Cause of Action released pursuant to the Third-Party Release.

Article 1 of the Plan contains the following definitions:

"Consenting Creditors" means, collectively, the following, in each case in its capacity as such with each being a "Consenting Creditor": (a) all Holders of Claims or Interests that vote to accept or are deemed to accept the Plan and who do not check the box on the applicable form to affirmatively opt out of the releases contained in Article 10.3; and (b) all Holders of Claims or Interests that abstain from voting on the Plan, vote to reject the Plan, or are deemed to reject the

Plan and who do not (i) check the box on the applicable form to affirmatively opt out of the releases contained in Article 10.3 or (ii) object to the Plan in respect of the releases.

“Related Parties” means, with respect to any Entity, in each case in its capacity as such with respect to such Entity, (a) such Entity’s current and former Affiliates and (b) such Entity’s and such Entity’s current and former Affiliates’ directors, managers, officers, members of any Governing Body, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, successors, assigns (whether by operation of Law or otherwise), direct or indirect parent entities and/or subsidiaries, current, former, and future associated entities, managed or advised entities, accounts or funds, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, fiduciaries, employees, agents (including any disbursing agent), financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, consultants, investment bankers, representatives, and other professionals.

“Released Parties” means each of, and in each case in their capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) the Independent Director; (c) Reorganized HGE; (d) the Committee and its members; (e) the Liquidating Trustee; (f) the Settlement Parties; (g) each current and former Affiliate of each Person in clause (a) through the following clause (f), but only in their capacity as such; and (h) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through (f), but only in their capacity as such; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Released D&Os shall not be a Released Party under this Plan except as may be provided under a D&O Claim Resolution.

“Releasing Parties” means each of, and in each case in their capacity as such: (a) the Debtors; (b) Reorganized HGE; (c) the Committee; (d) the Liquidating Trustee; (e) the Settlement Parties; (f) the Consenting Creditors; (g) current and former Affiliates of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (f) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Affiliates to the releases contained in this Plan under applicable Law or that have otherwise received proper notice of this Plan; and (h) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through this clause (f) for which such Entity is legally entitled to bind such Related Party to the releases contained in this Plan under applicable Law or that have otherwise received proper notice of this Plan; provided, however, that for the avoidance of doubt, the Non-Released D&Os shall not be a Releasing Party under this Plan except as may be provided under a D&O Claim Resolution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and for the avoidance of doubt, no party shall be a Releasing Party to the extent that such party did not receive proper notice and service of a Third-Party Release opt-out form.

Item 2. OPTIONAL RELEASE OPT-OUT ELECTION.

AS A HOLDER OF A CLAIM AGAINST OR INTEREST IN THE DEBTORS, YOU HAVE THE OPTION OF NOT PROVIDING THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN, AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

YOU MAY CHECK THE BOX BELOW TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN. YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A “RELEASING PARTY” UNDER THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX BELOW

AND SUBMIT THE OPT-OUT FORM BY THE VOTING DEADLINE. THE ELECTION TO NOT GRANT THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE IS AT YOUR OPTION.

BY OPTING OUT OF THE RELEASE SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF OBTAINING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN TO THE EXTENT YOU ARE A RELEASING PARTY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOUR DECISION TO OPT OUT AND NOT GRANT THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 DOES NOT AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTION YOU WILL RECEIVE UNDER THE PLAN. SPECIFICALLY, YOUR RECOVERY UNDER THE PLAN WILL BE THE SAME IF YOU OPT OUT.

YOU MAY ELECT TO OPT OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10.3 OF THE PLAN BY CHECKING THE BOX BELOW:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> OPT OUT of the Third-Party Release set forth in <u>Article 10.3</u> of the Plan |
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Item 3. Certifications.

By signing this Release Opt-Out Form, the undersigned certifies to the Court and the Debtors that:

- a. as of the date of completion of this Opt-Out Form, either: (i) the undersigned is the Holder of a Claim or Interest; or (ii) the undersigned is an authorized signatory for an Entity or Person that is the Holder of a Claim or Interest;
- b. the Holder has received a copy of the *Notice of Non-Voting Status to Holder Conclusively Presumed to Accept the Plan* and that this Opt-Out Form is made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- c. the undersigned has made the same election with respect to all Claims or Interests in a single class; and
- d. no other Opt-Out Form has been submitted with respect to the Holder's Claims or Interests, or, if any other Opt-Out Forms have been submitted with respect to such Claims, such Opt-Out Forms are hereby revoked.

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| Name of Holder: _____ (Print or Type) |
| Signature: _____ |
| Name of Signatory: ² _____ (If other than Holder) |
| Title: _____ |

² If you are completing this Opt-Out Form on behalf of another person or entity, indicate your relationship with such person or entity and the capacity in which you are signing. You may be required to provide additional information or documentation with respect to such relationship.

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| Address: | |
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| Telephone Number: | |
| Email: | |
| Date Completed: | |

IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE THE OPTIONAL RELEASE ELECTION, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND DATE THIS OPT-OUT FORM AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY BY ONLY ONE OF THE METHODS BELOW:

If by First Class mail, overnight delivery or hand delivery:

Higher Ground Education, Inc., *et al.* Ballot Processing
c/o KCC dba Verita
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300
El Segundo, CA 90245

By electronic, online submission:

Please visit www.veritaglobal.net/HigherGround. Click on the ballot section of the Debtors' website and follow the directions to submit your Opt-Out Form. If you choose to submit your Release Opt-Out Form via online portal, you should not also return a hard copy of your Opt-Out.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Opt-Out Form:

The online portal is the sole manner in which this Opt-Out Form will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Opt-Out Forms submitted by facsimile or email will not be counted.

THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME). THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT MUST *ACTUALLY RECEIVE* YOUR RELEASE OPT-OUT ELECTION ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE.

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