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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	Chapter 11
HIGHER GROUND EDUCATION, INC., et al, 1)	No. 25-80121 (MVL)
Debtors.	Jointly Administered

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE'S OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF SECOND AMENDED JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF HIGHER GROUND EDUCATION, INC., ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS, AND THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS

The Tennessee Attorney General, Bankruptcy Division, on behalf of the Tennessee Department of Revenue (the "Department"), respectfully submits this objection to confirmation of the Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Higher Ground Education, Inc., its Affiliated Debtors, and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. (Doc. 549). 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 (8861); 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.



Department currently has priority tax claims of \$20,687.49 and general unsecured claims of \$2,596.25. The Department anticipates filing administrative expense claims.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS

The Department objects to section 3.2 of the Plan regarding administrative expense claims, because it is inconsistent with 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(D), which says, "notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a), a governmental unit shall not be required to file a request for the payment of an expense described in subparagraph (B) or (C), as a condition of its being an allowed administrative expense[.]" Section 3.2 of the Plan requires the filing of requests for the payment of administrative expense claims, and it fails to exempt governmental units. (Doc. 549, p. 24-25 of 64). The Plan's failure to comply with 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(D) implicates 11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(1), and the Plan cannot be confirmed.

The Department proposes that the following be added to section 3.2.1 of the Plan: "Consistent with 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(D), a governmental unit shall not be required to file a request for the payment of an expense described in 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(B) or 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(C), as a condition of its being an allowed administrative expense."

CONCLUSION

The Department respectfully asks this Court to deny confirmation of the Plan, and to provide any other relief to which the Department may be entitled.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on <u>November 10, 2025</u>, a true and exact copy of the foregoing was served upon all parties of record who receive notice electronically via the Court's CM/ECF system, and was served first-class postage pre-paid on the following:

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