



*Empowering Enrichment & Innovation*

**Kato Public Charter School (Dist#4066)**

***Annual Report***

***December 2020***

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## **I. Preface**

### **History of the School**

Kato Public Charter School district #4066 was established under the name Riverbend Academy in July of 2000, opening the doors to students grades 7-12 to provide innovative learning options to students in the Mankato, MN area. In 2005, the school program was expanded to include a 6th-grade curriculum. Established with the intention to consistently respond to the needs of the local community and student population, the school has undergone many changes as it adapted to the changing needs of the community throughout the years. In 2014 Riverbend Academy changed its name to Kato Public Charter School as it recognized the need for the community to identify and understand what the charter school has to offer.

Today, Kato Public Charter School continues to make an impact and provide the community with different educational options to students and families in grades 6-12. This is done through individualized, flexible, differentiated & blending learning, along with a supplemental online learning platform. Kato Public Charter School exists today to make a difference for students who have a need for smaller classroom sizes, individualized and blended learning plans, and the aspiration to seek out their true and highest potential in becoming part of the future workforce.

### **Mission**

Kato Public Charter School will provide a safe learning community where each student reaches a foundation for independence.

### **Vision**

Kato Public Charter School seeks to create an environment of excellence in academics where our students own their path and achieve their goals in collaboration with students, staff, family, and community support.

### **Values**

Community-Life Skills Development  
Responsibility-Workforce Development  
Respect-Volunteerism and Giving Back  
Growth-Academic Success and Knowledge Attainment

## **II. Governance**

### **Authorizer Information**

Kato Public Charter School is pleased to have the opportunity to function under the authorization of Novation Education Opportunities (NEO).

### **Contact information for NEO**

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### **School Board Information 2019-2020**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Destiny Owens	Community Member/Chair
Pamela Femrite	Community Member
Tracy Stokes-Hernandez	Community Member
Juli Hackenberger	Community Member
Tammy Burman	Licensed Teacher
Caden Sjogren	Licensed Teacher
Heather Clark	Parent
Mymique Baxter	Ex-Officio
Kristen Flowers	Ex-Officio
Honey Burg	Ex-Officio

### **Administration 2019-2020**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Kristen Flowers	Administrative Assistant
Christine Schaeffel	Administrative Assistant
Honey Burg	Administrative Director
Mymique Baxter	Academic Director

### **Staff Information 2019-2020**

Below is the complete list of Kato Public Charter School staff during the 2019-2020 school year. File folder numbers are included for licensed staff.

<b>Name</b>	<b>License/File Folder</b>	<b>Position</b>
Dr. Maria Baxter-Nuamah	1006118	Paraprofessional/Social Studies
Brandi Bjorklund	504320	Student Support/Medical Careers
Eva Borneke	NA	Title 1/Paraprofessional
Tammy Burman	461064	Special Education
Brianna Finch	513649	Special Education
Mary Helget	461207	Math Education
Kenthen King	NA	Paraprofessional
Jeremiah Miller	502663	Science Education
Johnathan Macemon	1001888	Art Education
Caden Sjogren	445924	Special Education
Cortnee Sorenson	NA	Sped Paraprofessional
David Stordalen	382654	Music Education
Latisha Thomas	494620	Language Arts
Walter Vesper	1003615	Social Studies
Dr. Mymique Baxter	411112	Administrative/Sciences

### III. Student Information 2019-2020

#### Student Enrollment 2015-2020: Middle School

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>16-17</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>18-19</b>	<b>19-20</b>
<b>6</b>	5	6	5	3	7
<b>7</b>	7	5	7	11	4
<b>8</b>	16	13	12	11	18

#### Student Enrollment 2015-2020: High School

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>16-17</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>18-19</b>	<b>19-20</b>
<b>9</b>	16	24	15	7	4
<b>10</b>	17	17	29	16	9
<b>11</b>	2	20	10	19	18
<b>12</b>	14	8	14	14	21

#### Demographics 2015-2020

	<b>15-16</b>	<b>16-17</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>18-19</b>	<b>19-20</b>
Total Enrollment	104	112	92	81	81
Male	51	56	43	45	48
Female	53	56	49	36	33
Special Education	29	30	27	26	40
African American	11	16	10	24	21
Hispanic	5	6	6	10	7
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	1	1	2	4

White	84	89	72	90	71
American Indian	3	0	3	10	12
F/R Lunch	44	37	30	36	31
LEP	0	0	0	4	7

### **Student Attendance 2019-2020**

Attendance ended for the year at 93.49% overall average for grades 6-12.

Grade 6	92.87%
Grade 7	91.96%
Grade 8	94.52%
Grade 9	92.50%
Grade 10	91.37%
Grade 11	93.47%
Grade 12	94.27%

### **Student Attrition 2019-2020**

We began the school year, 2019-2020 with a total student count of 55 overall, and an average enrollment of 68 students. The year ended with 81 students.

	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
<b>Beginning</b>	79	78	67	65	55
<b>Ending</b>	77	71	67	81	81

## **IV. World's Best Workforce**

**World's Best Workforce Summary 2019-2020**

**World's Best Workforce Goals 2020-2020**

### **District 4066: Kato Public Charter School World's Best Workforce Goals 2019 - 2020**

The World's Best Workforce Plan under *Statute 120b.11*, requires school districts to have an established process for reviewing curriculum, instruction, and student achievement in order to strive for the World's Best Workforce. This document is intended to serve as a foundational document aligning Kato Public Charter School with the standards of the World's Best Workforce. This document provides a roadmap for strategic management to incorporate performance measures, help adopt plans and budgets, formalize a District Advisory Committee and Site Team, and serve as a benchmark for the annual evaluation for the upcoming year SMART goal attainment.

**Kato Public Charter School offers instruction to grades 6-12, leaving three of the five World's Best Workforce Goals as the focus. These include:**

1. Closing the academic achievement gap among all racial and ethnic groups of students and between students living in poverty and students not living in poverty.
2. Having all students achieve college and career readiness before graduating from high school.
3. Having all students graduate from high school.

Kato Public Charter School is committed to meeting and exceeding these goals through innovative instruction, differentiated learning plans, individualized learning plans, and experiential learning.

**Goal 1: Closing the Achievement Gaps**

**Goal 2: All Students Achieve College and Career Readiness Before Graduating**

**Goal 3: All Students Graduate from High School**



## **Reporting and Important Dates:**

### **○ Reports:**

- Annual Report Publishing ([katopcs.org](http://katopcs.org))
  - WBWF Summary Approved and Published Dec.15, 2020
  - WBWF Annual Report Approved and Published Dec. 15, 2020
- Annual Meeting
  - November 21, 2020
- Commissioner Report Submission
  - Submitted Dec. 15, 2020
- Periodic Reports
  - Monthly and Quarterly Updates to authorizer (NEO)
  - Monthly Updates to School Board on Progress in the rubric, MARA Framework, WBWF Plan, and Student Achievement