

EXHIBIT A - FORM OF TEFRA NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG, NORTH CAROLINA
WITH RESPECT TO EDUCATION REVENUE BONDS
(STEELE CREEK STEM ACADEMY) SERIES 2018
TO BE ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$23,500,000

Notice is hereby given that on October 16, 2018, a public hearing, as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), will be held by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina (the "Board") with respect to the proposed issuance by the Public Finance Authority (the "Authority"), a commission organized under and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 66.0301, 66.0303 and 66.0304 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, of its Education Revenue Bonds (Steele Creek STEM Academy) Series 2018, in one or more series (the "Bonds"), in an amount not to exceed \$23,500,000. The hearing will commence at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, and will be held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 600 East 4th Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

The Bonds are expected to be issued pursuant to Section 66.0304 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as amended, by the Authority, and the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be loaned to Alliance Preparatory Schools, Inc., a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, or a North Carolina limited liability company of which Alliance Preparatory Schools, Inc., is the sole member (the "*Borrower*"), and used for the purpose of (a) financing or refinancing the acquisition, construction, improvement, and equipping of land and certain charter school facilities of the Borrower located at 5203 Shopton Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28278, in the County of Mecklenburg, including but not limited to the acquisition of approximately 13.58 acres of unimproved land and the construction thereon of an approximately 64,900 square foot, two-story educational facility with approximately 49 classrooms, a gymnasium, a band room, administration areas, and offices, designed to accommodate approximately 950 students in grades K-8 and to be operated as a public charter school known as Steele Creek STEM Academy (the "*Project*"); (b) funding a debt service reserve fund for the Bonds; (c) funding capitalized interest on all or a portion of the Bonds; and (d) paying all or a portion of the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

The Project is located at 5203 Shopton Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28278, in the County of Mecklenburg. The Project will be owned or leased and operated by the Borrower.

The Bonds will be special limited obligations of the Authority payable solely from the loan repayments to be made by the Borrower to the Authority, and certain funds and accounts established by the bond indenture for the Bonds.

The public hearing will provide an opportunity for all interested persons to express their views, both orally and in writing, on the proposed issuance of the Bonds and the financing or refinancing of the Project. Any person interested in the issuance of the Bonds may appear and be heard or submit written comments. Any person wishing to submit written comments regarding the proposed issuance of the Bonds, the financing or refinancing of the Project or any matter related thereto should do so within 10 days after the date of publication of this notice by mailing said written comments to the Board of Commissioners, c/o the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, 600 East Fourth

Street, 11th floor, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 147 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Additional information concerning the Project may be obtained from Alliance Preparatory Schools, Inc., _____ DBA Mallard Creek STEM Academy, 9142 Browne Rd; Charlotte NC 28269, ATT: Jennifer Lucas, jlucas@allianceedservices.org, 954-732-3122. The Board of Commissioners does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board of Commissioners' functions, including one's access to and participation in public hearings. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for this meeting and/or needing this information in an alternative format because of a disability as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners by phone at (704) 336-2472, or by fax at (704) 336-5887, or by e-mail at Janice.Paige@mecklenburgcountync.gov.

/s/ Janice S. Paige

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of
Mecklenburg County, North Carolina