

**THE GARNET FOUNDATION
DBA GARNET HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The GARNET HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (hereinafter “Garnet”) proposes to Purchase the Building known as “Garnet High School,” built circa 1928-29 and operated as a segregated high school educating Charleston’s black youth from 1929-1956, from the KANAWHA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (“the Board”). Garnet wishes to secure this historic building in the history of Charleston and Kanawha County, in West Virginia., pursuant to West Virginia Code § 18-5-7b as a 501(c)(3) organization that would use the building for charitable purposes and economic development, while preserving the historical and cultural foundations of the building.

Our purposes for the building includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Leasing out all or parts of the building for other nonprofits or other entities that wish to use the building for the pursuit of facilitating public education and mentorship;
- Providing a location of community services and events to be held;
- Lease to businesses who need a location to meet goals that align with public education and the arts;
- Provide a space for entities promoting multicultural and diversity training and programing;
- Provide a space (auditorium and gymnasium) for performances of broad nature, including receptions, conferences, and recitals;
- Provide “maker space” for local artists and crafters;
- Provide a space for a variety of senior community engagement.

All of the proposed purposes will be with the intent of creating a multi-cultural gathering venue to promote Community unity in the heart of downtown Charleston and on a historic block. Since discussions of this sale between the Garnet and the Board have been ongoing, Garnet has been working and in communications with other entities around the Kanawha Valley in need of space, and who align with the multi-cultural vision and ideals of both the Garnet Alumni Association and the Kanawha County Board of Education in the hopes of making this proposal a possibility and success.