

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning <u>7/1/2019</u> , and ending <u>6/30/2020</u>															
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">C Name of organization <u>SOUTHWEST OPEN SCHOOL</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Doing business as _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) <u>PO BOX DD</u></td> <td>Room/suite _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City or town <u>CORTEZ</u></td> <td>State <u>CO</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ZIP code <u>81321</u></td> <td>Foreign postal code _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Foreign country name _____ Foreign province/state/county _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">F Name and address of principal officer: <u>MATTHEW KEEFAUVER PO BOX DD, CORTEZ, CO 81321</u></td> </tr> </table>	C Name of organization <u>SOUTHWEST OPEN SCHOOL</u>		Doing business as _____		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) <u>PO BOX DD</u>	Room/suite _____	City or town <u>CORTEZ</u>	State <u>CO</u>	ZIP code <u>81321</u>	Foreign postal code _____	Foreign country name _____ Foreign province/state/county _____		F Name and address of principal officer: <u>MATTHEW KEEFAUVER PO BOX DD, CORTEZ, CO 81321</u>	
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F Name and address of principal officer: <u>MATTHEW KEEFAUVER PO BOX DD, CORTEZ, CO 81321</u>															
D Employer identification number <u>36-4824426</u>															
E Telephone number <u>970-565-1150</u>															
G Gross receipts \$ <u>1,666,998</u>															
H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)															
I Tax-exempt status. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527															
J Website: ▶ <u>SOUTHWESTOPENSCHOOL.ORG</u>															
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶															
L Year of formation: <u>2016</u>	M State of legal domicile <u>CO</u>														

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>CHARTER SCHOOL IN PUBLIC EDUCATION</u>		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	<u>5</u>	<u>35</u>
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
Revenue	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<u>7a</u>	<u>0</u>
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	<u>7b</u>	<u>0</u>
	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<u>10</u>	<u>35</u>
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>
	Expenses	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	<u>15</u>	0
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<u>16a</u>	<u>0</u>
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <u>0</u>	<u>16b</u>	<u>0</u>
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>
18		Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>
19		Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>21</u>	<u>0</u>
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>22</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>22</u>	<u>0</u>

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer _____	Date _____		
	Type or print name and title _____			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name <u>Lori H Haley CPA</u>	Preparer's signature <u>Lori H Haley CPA</u>	Date <u>10/29/2020</u>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed
	Firm's name ▶ <u>Majors and Haley PC</u>	Firm's EIN ▶ <u>84-1218104</u>	PTIN <u>P00314095</u>	
	Firm's address ▶ <u>PO Box 1478, Cortez, CO 81321</u>	Phone no. <u>970-565-9521</u>		
	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Part III**Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐

- 1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:
 TO CREATE A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS WHO UTILITIZE EXPEDITIONARY, EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION IN
 DEVELOPING AND NURTURING HIGH ADADEMICS, CHARACTER, AND HEALTH STANDARDS WHILE HONORING
 DIVERSITY AND FOSTERING SELF DIRECTED LIFELONG LEARNING.
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- 2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on
 the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.
- 3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program
 services? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
- 4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by
 expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others,
 the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.
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- 4a** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,101,640 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 A CHARTER SCHOOL THAT HAS A MISSION TO CREATE A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS WHO UTILIZE EXPEDITIONARY,
 EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION IN DEVELOPING AND NURTURING HIGH ADADEMICS, CHARACTER, AND HEALTH STANDARDS
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- 4b** (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
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- 4c** (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
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- 4d** Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)
 (Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)
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- 4e** Total program service expenses ▶ 1,101,640

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A.	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2 X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.	3	X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.	4	X
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.	5	X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.	6	X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II.	7	X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.	8	X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV.	9	X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.	10	X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.	11a X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.	11b	X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.	11c	X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.	11d X	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.	11e X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.	11f	X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII.	12a X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional.	12b	X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.	13 X	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV.	14b	X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV.	15	X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV.	16	X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions).	17	X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.	18	X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.	19	X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H.	20a	X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.	21	X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J.		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a.		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		X
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		X
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		X
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II.		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III.		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions, for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.		X
b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.		X
c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M.		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M.		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II.		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I.		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1.		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI.		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V. ☐

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

		Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	35
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. (see instructions)	2b	X
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O.	3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	X
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O.	14b	
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15	X
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16	X

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.	1a 7		
b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent.	1b 7		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		X
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a		X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
a The governing body?	8a	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O.	9		X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a X	
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13.	12a X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b X	
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done.	12c X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14 X	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official.	15a X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization. If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).	15b X	
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **CO**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain on Schedule O)

19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records **►**

SOUTHWEST OPEN SCHOOL

970-565-1150

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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

 Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII. ☐
Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

☒ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) MARK WING DIRECTOR	2.00 0.00	X						0		
(2) AUBRIE COOK DIRECTOR	2.00 0.00	X						0		
(3) CORRIN WOLF DIRECTOR	2.00 0.00	X						0		
(4) REBECCA GOSTLIN PRESIDENT	5.00 0.00			X				0		
(5) SEAN GANT VICE PRESIDENT	2.00 0.00			X				0		
(6) RICHARD FULTON SECRETARY	2.00 0.00			X				0		
(7) CHRIS HOLKESTAD TREASURER	2.00 0.00			X				0		
(8)										
(9)										
(10)										
(11)										
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1b Subtotal								0	0	0
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0	0	0
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								0	0	0

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **0**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual.		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual.		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person.		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
		0
		0
		0
		0
		0

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **0**

Part VIII**Statement of Revenue**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII. ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a	0			
	b	Membership dues	1b	0			
	c	Fundraising events	1c	0			
	d	Related organizations	1d	0			
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	533,389			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	34,067			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 0			
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		567,456			
	Program Service Revenue			Business Code			
2a		CHARTER SCHOOL ALLOCATION	611710	991,299	991,299		
b		HEALTH CLINIC	611710	108,052	108,052		
c		. . . . .		0			
d		. . . . .		0			
e		. . . . .		0			
f		All other program service revenue		0			
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		1,099,351			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		191	191		
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0			
	5	Royalties		0			
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
			6a				
			6b				
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c	0	0		
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		0			
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
			7a	0	0		
			7b	0	0		
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c	0	0		
	d	Net gain or (loss)		0			
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	0			
			8b	0			
			c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		0	
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a	0			
			9b	0			
			c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0	
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a	0			
10b			0				
c			Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		0		
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
	11a	. . . . .		0			
	b	. . . . .		0			
	c	. . . . .		0			
	d	All other revenue		0			
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		0			
12	Total revenue. See instructions		1,666,998	1,099,542	0	0	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	0			
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	0			
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members.	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	0		0	
6	Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).	0			
7	Other salaries and wages.	707,466	707,466		
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	-475,219	-475,219		
9	Other employee benefits.	282,829	282,829		
10	Payroll taxes.	7,446	7,446		
11	Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a	Management.	0			
b	Legal.	0			
c	Accounting.	6,250	6,250		
d	Lobbying.	0			
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	0			
f	Investment management fees.	0			
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	0		0	
12	Advertising and promotion.	0			
13	Office expenses.	0			
14	Information technology.	0			
15	Royalties.	0			
16	Occupancy.	28,018	28,018		
17	Travel.	113,524	113,524		
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	0			
20	Interest.	0			
21	Payments to affiliates.	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	37,418	37,418	0	0
23	Insurance.	16,508	16,508		
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	INSTRUCTION AND STUDENTS	295,591	295,591		
b	ADMIN AND BUSINESS	50,638	50,638		
c	OPERATION AND FACILITY	25,909	25,909		
d	TRANSPORTATION	5,262	5,262		
e	All other expenses	0			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	1,101,640	1,101,640	0	0
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X. ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,199,816	1	1,367,895
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0	2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	62,432	4	23,212
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0	5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0	8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,168,312		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 425,548		
		691,816	10c	742,764
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	868,777	15	408,493	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	2,822,841	16	2,542,364	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	98,784	17	116,072
	18 Grants payable	0	18	
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19	72,380
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0	22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	4,514,328	25	3,578,825
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	4,613,112	26	3,767,277
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	-2,273,885	27	-1,639,012
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	483,614	28	414,099
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0	30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0	31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	-1,790,271	32	-1,224,913
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,822,841	33	2,542,364	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,666,998
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,101,640
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	565,358
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	-1,790,271
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	-1,224,913

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☒

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

Depreciation and Amortization

(Including Information on Listed Property)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

▶ Attach to your tax return.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form4562 for instructions and the latest information.

2019

Attachment
Sequence No. 179Name(s) shown on return
SOUTHWEST OPEN SCHOOLBusiness or activity to which this form relates
990Identifying number
36-4824426**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179**

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	0
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	0
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	0
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	0
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2018 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5. See instructions	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but don't enter more than line 11	12	0
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2020. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	0

Note: Don't use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Don't include listed property. See instructions.)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year. See instructions	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Don't include listed property. See instructions.)**Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2019	17	35,269
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2019 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19 a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2019 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

(a) Class life	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
20 a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c 30-year			30 yrs.	MM	S/L	
d 40-year	6/30/2020	88,366	40 yrs.	MM	S/L	2,149

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	37,418
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

Form 4562 (2019)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

SOUTHWEST OPEN SCHOOL

Employer identification number

36-4824426

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☒ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations 0
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total					0	0

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

- ▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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2019

Name of the organization

SOUTHWEST OPEN SCHOOL

Employer identification number

36-4824426

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☒ 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3 % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000; or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization SOUTHWEST OPEN SCHOOL	Employer identification number 36-4824426
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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	MONTEZUMA CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT 400 N ELM STREET CORTEZ CO 81321 Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ 1,158,357	Person <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	_____ _____ Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	_____ _____ Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	_____ _____ Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	_____ _____ Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	_____ _____ Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	_____ _____ Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure	
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year	
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located	
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year	
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year	
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.	

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.	
b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:	
(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:	
a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a ☐ Public exhibition

d ☐ Loan or exchange program

b ☐ Scholarly research

e ☐ Other _____

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f 0

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

☐

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	0	0	0	0	0

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ %

b Permanent endowment ☐ %

c Term endowment ☐ %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

(i) Unrelated organizations

(ii) Related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	0	0		0
b Buildings	0	1,168,312	425,548	742,764
c Leasehold improvements	0	0	0	0
d Equipment	0	0	0	0
e Other	0	0	0	0
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				742,764

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives	0	
(2) Closely held equity interests	0	
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶	0	

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶	0	

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES PENSION ITEMS	402,541
(2) DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES OPEB ITEMS	5,952
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	408,493

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	0
(2) NET PENSION LIABILITY	1,766,632
(3) NET OPEB LIABILITY	86,865
(4) DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES PENSION ITEMS	1,695,260
(5) DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES OPEB ITEMS	30,068
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	3,578,825

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII. ☐

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,666,998
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,666,998
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,666,998

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,101,640
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,101,640
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,101,640

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schools

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
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Part I

- 1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?
- 2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?
- 3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe. If "No," please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.
- INFORMATION IS ON THE WEBSITE AND REGISTRATION MATERIALS

- 4 Does the organization maintain the following?
- a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?
- b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?
- c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?
- d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?
- If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.

- 5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:

- a Students' rights or privileges?
- b Admissions policies?
- c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?
- d Scholarships or other financial assistance?
- e Educational policies?
- f Use of facilities?
- g Athletic programs?
- h Other extracurricular activities?
- If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Part II.

- 6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?
- b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?
- If you answered "Yes" on either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II.
- 7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Part II.

	YES	NO
1	X	
2	X	
3	X	
4a	X	
4b	X	
4c	X	
4d	X	
5a		X
5b		X
5c		X
5d		X
5e		X
5f		X
5g		X
5h		X
6a	X	
6b		X
7	X	

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, lines 3, 4d, 5h, 6b, and 7, as applicable. Also provide any other additional information. See instructions.

Line 6a THE CHARTER SCHOOL RECEIVES AN ALLOCATION PER FUNDED PUPIL FROM THE MONTEZUMA

COUNTY RE-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE CHARTER ALSO RECEIVES GRANTS FROM THE COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT FLOW THROUGH MONTEZUMA COUNTY RE-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11: THE FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR
REVIEW COMMENT AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE RETURN BEING FILED WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12C: EVERY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE REQUIRED TO
DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND THIS IS MONITORED ON A ONGOING BASIS BY
MANAGEMENT.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15A: THE COMPENSATION IS INITIALLY DETERMINED BY FOLLOWING
THE SOUTHWEST OPEN SCHOOL PAY SCALE AND EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE. ALL COMPENSATION IS APPROVED
BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19: THE CHARTER SCHOOL MAKE THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE AND IS AVAILABLE
UPON REQUEST.

Form 990, Part XII, Line 2B: THE CHARTER SCHOOL IS INCLUDED ON THE MONTEZUMA RE-1 SCHOOL
DISTRICT AUDIT AS A COMPONENT UNIT. THE CHARTER WAS GRANTED BY THE DISTRICT AND MOST FUNDING
IS FROM THE DISTRICT.