

*If the school is filing the application in conjunction with a college, university, museum, educational institution, another nonprofit organization or any other partner, provide the following information:*

***I. Name of the partner organization.***

Hillsdale Barney Charter School Initiative

***J. Name of the contact person at the partner organization and that person's full contact information.***

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***K. A description of the nature and purpose of the school's partnership with the organization.***

**Nature and Purpose:**

The nature of the partnership between the Hillsdale Barney Charter School Initiative (HBCSI) and MCA is their common desire to reclaim America from forces that have drawn so many away from its first principles. The Governing Board is actively cooperating with Hillsdale College by attending the Initiative's conferences and consulting with Director Phil Kilgore and Dr. Terrence Moore. The purpose of MCA's partnership with the HBCSI is to work together to rescue America's public schools from the tide of a hundred years of progressivism. This philosophy has corrupted our nation's original faithfulness to the previous 24 centuries of teaching the liberal arts in the West; and just as our nation's founders were compelled to provide for effective public schools, so are MCA and the HBCSI. To this end, HBCSI will help guide MCA through the conceptual elements that foster successful classical education to begin redeeming American public education. This partnership will involve working together to complete the charter application approval process, develop a rigorously classical core-knowledge curriculum, recruit a competent staff, identify a facility, draft a budget, counsel the Governing Board, and provide other relevant tutelage that MCA may require.

***L. An explanation of how the partner organization will be involved in the governance of the school.***

The Hillsdale Barney Charter School's involvement in the governance of the school will be limited to counseling the Governing Board on issues related to staying true to MCA's mission.