



**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**  
**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**  
**TE/GE: EO Examinations**

**TAX EXEMPT AND  
GOVERNMENT ENTITIES  
DIVISION**

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Taxpayer Identification Number:

Person to Contact:

Identification Number:

Contact Telephone Number:

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Dear :

This is a final adverse determination regarding your exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). Our favorable determination letter to you dated April 3, 20XX is hereby revoked and you are no longer exempt under section 501(a) of the Code effective January 1, 20XX.

The revocation of your exempt status was made for the following reason(s):

As a result of our examination for the tax year ended December 31, 20XX, it was determined that your organization has been inactive since July 20XX and that there have been no operations or regular financial activities conducted or planned. As such, you failed to meet the operational requirements for continued exemption under IRC 501(c)(3).

Contributions to your organization are no longer deductible under IRC §170 after January 1, 20XX.

You are required to file income tax returns on Form 1120. These returns should be filed with the appropriate Service Center for the tax year ending December 31, 20XX and for all tax years thereafter in accordance with the instructions of the return.

Processing of income tax returns and assessments of any taxes due will not be delayed should a petition for declaratory judgment be filed under section 7428 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you decide to contest this determination under the declaratory judgment provisions of section 7428 of the Code, a petition to the United States Tax Court, the United States Claims Court, or the district court of the United States for the District of Columbia must be filed before the 91<sup>st</sup> Day after the date this determination was mailed to you. Please contact the clerk of the appropriate court for rules regarding filing petitions for declaratory judgments by referring to the enclosed Publication 892. You may write to these courts at the following addresses:

United States Tax Court  
400 Second Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20217

United States Court of Federal Claims  
717 Madison Place, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20005

United States District Court for the District of Columbia  
333 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20001

You also have the right to contact the Office of the Taxpayer Advocate. Taxpayer Advocate assistance is not a substitute for established IRS procedures, such as the formal Appeals process. The Taxpayer Advocate cannot reverse a legally correct tax determination, or extend the time fixed by law that you have to file a petition in a United States court. The Taxpayer Advocate can, however, see that a tax matter that may not have been resolved through normal channels gets prompt and proper handling. You may call toll-free, 1-877-777-4778, and ask for Taxpayer Advocate Assistance. If you prefer, you may contact your local Taxpayer Advocate at:

Internal Revenue Service  
Taxpayer Advocate

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Epps  
Acting Director, EO Examinations

Enclosure:  
Publication 892

Letter 3607(04-2002)  
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**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division**

**Date:**  
January 8, 2014  
**Taxpayer Identification Number:**

**Form:**

**Tax year(s) ended:**

**Person to contact / ID number:**

**Contact numbers:**

**Manager's name / ID number:**

**Manager's contact number:**

**Response due date:**

**Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested**

Dear

**Why you are receiving this letter**

We propose to revoke your status as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). Enclosed is our report of examination explaining the proposed action.

**What you need to do if you agree**

If you agree with our proposal, please sign the enclosed Form 6018, *Consent to Proposed Action – Section 7428*, and return it to the contact person at the address listed above (unless you have already provided us a signed Form 6018). We'll issue a final revocation letter determining that you aren't an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

After we issue the final revocation letter, we'll announce that your organization is no longer eligible for contributions deductible under section 170 of the Code.

**If we don't hear from you**

If you don't respond to this proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, we'll issue a final revocation letter. Failing to respond to this proposal will adversely impact your legal standing to seek a declaratory judgment because you failed to exhaust your administrative remedies.

**Effect of revocation status**

If you receive a final revocation letter, you'll be required to file federal income tax returns for the tax year(s) shown above as well as for subsequent tax years.

**What you need to do if you disagree with the proposed revocation**

If you disagree with our proposed revocation, you may request a meeting or telephone conference with the supervisor of the IRS contact identified in the heading of this letter. You also may file a protest with the

IRS Appeals office by submitting a written request to the contact person at the address listed above within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Appeals office is independent of the Exempt Organizations division and resolves most disputes informally.

For your protest to be valid, it must contain certain specific information including a statement of the facts, the applicable law, and arguments in support of your position. For specific information needed for a valid protest, please refer to page one of the enclosed Publication 892, *How to Appeal an IRS Decision on Tax-Exempt Status*, and page six of the enclosed Publication 3498, *The Examination Process*. Publication 3498 also includes information on your rights as a taxpayer and the IRS collection process. Please note that Fast Track Mediation referred to in Publication 3498 generally doesn't apply after we issue this letter.

You also may request that we refer this matter for technical advice as explained in Publication 892. Please contact the individual identified on the first page of this letter if you are considering requesting technical advice. If we issue a determination letter to you based on a technical advice memorandum issued by the Exempt Organizations Rulings and Agreements office, no further IRS administrative appeal will be available to you.

**Contacting the Taxpayer Advocate Office is a taxpayer right**

You have the right to contact the office of the Taxpayer Advocate. Their assistance isn't a substitute for established IRS procedures, such as the formal appeals process. The Taxpayer Advocate can't reverse a legally correct tax determination or extend the time you have (fixed by law) to file a petition in a United States court. They can, however, see that a tax matter that hasn't been resolved through normal channels gets prompt and proper handling. You may call toll-free 1-877-777-4778 and ask for Taxpayer Advocate assistance. If you prefer, you may contact your local Taxpayer Advocate at:

Internal Revenue Service  
Office of the Taxpayer Advocate

Tel:  
Fax Number:

**For additional information**

If you have any questions, please call the contact person at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter. If you write, please provide a telephone number and the most convenient time to call if we need to contact you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Nan Downing  
Director, EO Examinations

Enclosures:  
Report of Examination  
Form 6018  
Publication 892  
Publication 3498

Form <b>886A</b>	Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service <b>Explanation of Items</b>	Schedule No. or Exhibit
Name of Taxpayer		Year/Period Ended  December 31, 20XX

**ISSUE:**

Whether the School at \_\_\_\_\_, continues to qualify for exemption as an organization described within the Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) due to inactivity for several years.

**FACT:**

The School at \_\_\_\_\_ was incorporated under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and in a determination letter dated April 3, 20XX The School at \_\_\_\_\_ was determined to be exempt from federal income tax effective July 22, 20XX as an organization described in IRC Section 501(c)(3).

During the onsite audit on February 26, 20XX \_\_\_\_\_, the president of the organization stated that the school was inactive since July 20XX due to shortage of funds from the main provider and financier the \_\_\_\_\_ and had no operational or financial activities since then. The organization was initially established to promote and support arts in \_\_\_\_\_ and surrounding areas by providing exposure to the arts and artists through art classes, art workshops, art exhibits, presentations, lectures, music, performances, concerts and other arts events, and by supporting people involved in the arts and letters by providing residential and studio facilities where they can pursue their creative endeavors.

**LAW:**

Treas. Reg. section 1.501(c)(3)-1(c)(1) provides that an organization will be regarded as "operated exclusively" for one or more exempt purposes only if it engages primarily in activities that accomplish one or more of the exempt purposes specified in IRC section 501(c)(3).

Section 1.501(c)(3)-1(a)(1) of the regulations provides that in order to be exempt as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code, the organization must be one that is both organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in that section.

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Treas. Reg § 1.6033-1(h)(2) provides that every organization which has established its right to exemption from tax, whether or not it is required to file an annual return of information, shall submit such additional information as may be required by the district director for the purpose of enabling him to inquire further into its exempt status and to administer the provisions of subchapter F (section 501 and the following), chapter 1 of the Code and IRC § 6033.

IRC § 6033(a)(1) provides, except as provided in IRC § 6033(a)(2), every organization exempt from tax under § 501(a) shall file an annual return, stating specifically the items of gross income, receipts and disbursements, and such other information for the purposes of carrying out the internal revenue laws. The Secretary may also prescribe by forms or regulations the requirement of every organization to keep such records, render under oath such statements, make such other returns, and comply with such rules and regulations as the Secretary may from time to time prescribe.

In accordance with the above cited provisions of the Code and Regulations under IRC § 6001 and 6033, organizations recognized as exempt from federal income tax must meet certain reporting requirements. These requirements relate to the filing of a complete and accurate annual information (and other required federal tax forms) and the retention of records sufficient to determine whether such entity is operated for the purposes for which it was granted tax-exempt status.

The EO has failed to show us that they meet the operational test for a § 501(c)(3) organization for the year under examination. In order to meet the operational test, they must show that they engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of such exempt purposes specified in section § 501(c)(3).

As evidence of their failure to operate for exempt purposes, we reviewed the Form 990 filings and found little or no support for exempt operations. The originally filed Form 990 for 20XX does not state their Revenues or their expenses in Part I. In fact, they explicitly state in Part III line 3 by checking the yes box that they cease conducting or making significant changes in how the School conducts its program services.

Clearly, they have not been performing exempt purpose activities since July 20XX, which is required for a §501(c)(3) organization to keep their tax-exempt status. Accordingly, we are proposing revocation because they do not operate for exempt purposes.

As a result of the examination, we have determined that the EO is not operating for exempt purposes as a §501(c)(3) organization.. Accordingly, since the organization

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failed to operate primarily for exempt purposes, we are proposing revocation of their tax-exempt status, effective January 1, 20XX.

**TAXPAYER'S POSITION:**

The taxpayer declared that the organization has no operational or financial activities.

**GOVERNMENT'S POSITION:**

The Government position is that, the organization has been inactive for several years now and that there have been no operations or financial activities conducted.

In accordance with the above cited provisions of the Code and regulations under sections 6001 and 6033, organizations recognized as exempt from federal income tax must meet certain reporting requirements. These requirements relate to the filing of a complete and accurate annual information (and other required federal tax forms) and the retention of records sufficient to determine whether such entity is operated for the purposes for which it was granted tax-exempt status and to determine its liability for any unrelated business income tax.

The School at \_\_\_\_\_, failed to meet the operational requirements for continued exemption under IRC 501(c) (3).

**CONCLUSION:**

It is the IRS's position that the School at \_\_\_\_\_ organization failed to meet the operational and reporting requirements under IRC §§ 6001 and 6033 to be recognized as exempt from federal income tax under IRC § 501(c)(3)

By not complying with the Code and Regulations, the organization has jeopardized its exempt status.

As a result of the examination, we have determined that the EO is not operating for exempt purposes as a §501(c)(3) organization.

Accordingly, the organization's exempt status is revoked effective January 1, 20XX. Contributions to The School at \_\_\_\_\_ organization are no longer deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.