

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

**2022**

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

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**A** For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01/2022 and ending 06/30/2023

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
**LOWER HUDSON EDUCATION COALITION**  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**450 Mamaroneck Avenue 3rd Floor**  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**Harrison, NY 10528-2402**

**D** Employer identification number  
**13-3640622**

**E** Telephone number  
**914-345-8737**

**F** Group Exemption Number

**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).

**I** Website: [www.lhec.org](http://www.lhec.org)

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) -  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( 6 ) (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . . \$ **68,458**

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)  
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

		Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
<b>1</b>	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>1</b>	0	<b>10</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>10</b>	0
<b>2</b>	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>2</b>	0	<b>11</b>	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	<b>11</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>3</b>	68,450	<b>12</b>	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	<b>12</b>	0
<b>4</b>	Investment income . . . . .	<b>4</b>	8	<b>13</b>	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	<b>13</b>	48,064
<b>5a</b>	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	0	<b>14</b>	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	<b>14</b>	0
<b>b</b>	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>5b</b>	0	<b>15</b>	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	<b>15</b>	0
<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	<b>5c</b>	0	<b>16</b>	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>16</b>	19,094
<b>6</b>	Gaming and fundraising events:			<b>17</b>	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . .	<b>17</b>	67,158
<b>a</b>	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	0	<b>18</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	<b>18</b>	1,300
<b>b</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ <u>0</u> of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6b</b>	0	<b>19</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .	<b>19</b>	65,986
<b>c</b>	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	<b>6c</b>	0	<b>20</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>20</b>	0
<b>d</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .	<b>6d</b>	0	<b>21</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .	<b>21</b>	67,286
<b>7a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>7a</b>	0				
<b>b</b>	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>7b</b>	0				
<b>c</b>	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	<b>7c</b>	0				
<b>8</b>	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>8</b>	0				
<b>9</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . .	<b>9</b>	68,458				

**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments	61,986	<b>22</b> 63,286
<b>23</b> Land and buildings	0	<b>23</b> 0
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	4,000	<b>24</b> 4,000
<b>25</b> Total assets	65,986	<b>25</b> 67,286
<b>26</b> Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	<b>26</b> 0
<b>27</b> Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	65,986	<b>27</b> 67,286

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Schedule O, Statement 1

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

**Expenses**  
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

<b>28</b> <u>Provide legislative information, research and advocacy in support of public education on behalf of the boards of education and superintendents in the 77 public school districts in the Lower Hudson region.</u>		
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28a</b>	22,386
<b>29</b> <u>Monitor legislative sessions, hearings and committee meetings in order to stay current on public education legislative issues. Attend legislative conferences and other relevant programs. Meet with area legislators (Continued on Schedule O, Statement 2)</u>		
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>29a</b>	22,386
<b>30</b> <u>Keep member school districts apprised of pending and proposed legislation related to public education through electronic reports (about 4 per year), email notifications, meetings (monthly regional superintendent meetings and periodic school board group meetings) and other appropriate forums.</u>		
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30a</b>	22,386
<b>31</b> Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31a</b>	0
<b>32</b> Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	<b>32</b>	67,158

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
<u>Karen Belanger</u> <u>Westchester Putnam School Board Assoc, Administrator</u>	3.00	0	0	0
<u>Kelly Lappan</u> <u>Chair of Steering Committee, LHEC Governing Group</u>	0.50	0	0	0
<u>Kevin McCahill</u> <u>Member of Steering Committee, LHEC governing group</u>	0.25	0	0	0
<u>Ray Sanchez</u> <u>Member of Steering Committee, LHEC governing group</u>	0.25	0	0	0
<u>Kim Fontana</u> <u>Member of Steering Committee, LHEC governing group</u>	0.25	0	0	0
<u>Sandi Jeanette</u> <u>Member of Steering Committee, LHEC governing group</u>	0.25	0	0	0
<u>Barbara Parmly</u> <u>Member of Steering Committee, LHEC governing group</u>	0.25	0	0	0
<u>Emily Rubin Persons</u> <u>Member of Steering Committee, LHEC governing group</u>	0.25	0	0	0
<u>Joseph Ricca</u> <u>Member of Steering Committee, LHEC governing group</u>	0.25	0	0	0
<u>Marjorie Schiff</u> <u>Member of Steering Committee, LHEC governing group</u>	0.25	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee; or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955:
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed:
42a The organization's books are in care of: Westchester Putnam School Boards Associati Telephone no. 914-345-8737
Located at: 450 Mamaroneck Avenue 3rd Floor, Harrison, NY 10528-2402 ZIP + 4 10528-2402
42b 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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b 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," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>46</b> Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .	46	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>47</b> 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 . . . . .	47	
<b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	48	
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .	49a	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .	49b	

**50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

**f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . .

**51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . . .

**52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A  **Yes**  **No**

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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer	Date
	Karen Belanger, Administrator Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name			Firm's EIN	
	Firm's address			Phone no.	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions  **Yes**  **No**

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

LOWER HUDSON EDUCATION COALITION

13-3640622

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Administrative fee; bank charges; technology and software. NOTE: The LHEC does not have any employees. 99.99% of the Lower Hudson Education Coalition's revenue comes from public school districts' subscription dues. An administrative fee is paid to sponsoring organization, Westchester Putnam School Boards Association to administer the LHEC.

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 - Prepaid Expenses \$4,000

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**Primary Exempt Purpose**

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Promote common public education advocacy interests of public school districts using State and regional public education data, school district information, legislative information, advocacy updates and lobbying efforts.

**Second Program Service Accomplishments Description**

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**Description**

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(usually 2-3 times a year with each person), draft legislative memos, and communicate as needed on public education issues.