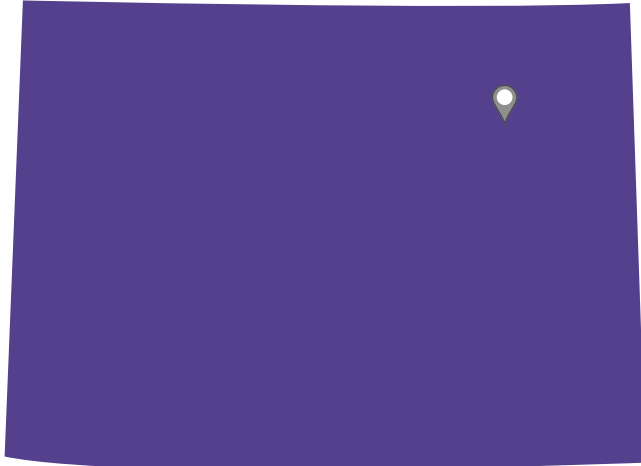


QUICK FACTS ON GÜLEN CHARTER SCHOOLS

COLORADO



NUMBER OF SCHOOLS

1

KNOWN AS

Lotus School for Excellence

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

839

CHARTER VENDOR

Accord Institute for Education

TOTAL REVENUES

\$7,600,000

RELATED
INSTITUTIONS



Magnolia



Sonoran,
Paragon



Coral



Beehive

Attempted Networks



Pioneer



Sonoran



Coral

KEY PEOPLE



Bilal Temel



Umit (Matt)
Yapanel



Alptekin Kavi



Tufan Hakan
Batan



Timur "Tim"
Saka



Zhandos
Utegulov

SCANDAL

In 2014 LSE and its principal at the time were sued for illegal employment discrimination on the basis of national origin and for retaliation. They had noticed that the school's faculty comprised nearly **half Turkish**



individuals on H-1B visas, and that these individuals **were paid substantially more** per year despite having less experience, less qualifications, and more parent complaints.

SCHOOL CLOSURES



LSE got off to an extremely rocky start with its authorizer, Aurora Public Schools. LSE failed to obtain a certificate of occupancy prior to moving into its facility. As a result, **the state closed the school, and the school was relocated.**

FINANCIAL ISSUES

Colorado requires its charter schools to undergo annual audits, which are made public. These audits showcase a series of ongoing financial issues at LSE that are endemic to other Gülen Organization charter networks. The numerous audit findings occur across multiple years, including:



Overspending



Failure to use
federal funds
appropriately



Loans to
related
parties



Overpayment
to related
construction
companies



Liabilities
exceeding
assets



Purchase of a
facility prior
securing charter
renewal

All figures based on available data for
2015-2016 academic year.