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Contact Person: Ms. Monica McMurray, Ed.S
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RE: Letter of Intent to open Eliza Miller Arts and Science Academy

Dear Dr. Duncan:

In accordance with Arkansas Department of Education Smart Accountability Plan Option 3, please accept our letter of intent to apply for Eliza Miller Arts and Science Academy. The vision for Eliza Miller Arts and Science Academy is to create a holistic educational experience that will enable and inspire all students to become globally competitive.

Purpose of Special Emphasis of Proposed School: Eliza Miller is a single junior high school within the Helena West Helena School District located between the counties of Monroe and Lee, servicing approximately 325 students of which all receive free lunch. Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the recommended conversion to Eliza Miller Arts and Science Academy will afford our students in the delta the same opportunities to receive a high quality education. Additionally, it will ensure the retention of highly qualified professionals to model research-based best practices with emphasis on The Arts and Science thus affording students in rural poverty stricken areas equal opportunities for higher education.

Describe the Location of the Proposed District Conversion Charter School: The proposed Eliza Miller Arts and Science Academy will be located at 106 Miller Loop West Helena, Arkansas 72390 (present school site of Eliza Miller Junior High School).

Grade Levels of Proposed School: 7-8 (later to include grade 6)

Name of School Applying for a Charter: Eliza Miller Junior High School

Name of Proposed District Conversion Charter: Eliza Miller Arts and Science Academy

Please accept our letter and sincere thanks as we continue to move in the direction of excellence without excuses.

Educationally,

Willie C. Williams
Superintendent of Schools
Helena West Helena School District

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