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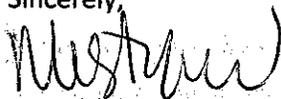
Dear Dr. Duncan,

Please accept this as the letter of intent to apply for an Open-Enrollment Charter School for Prism Education Center. Prism Education Center is a not-for-profit organization that is nonsectarian in its programs and operations and is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code under the name: Prism Education Center. The contact person is Misty Newcomb, 258 Bullard Road, West Fork, AR 72774, (telephone) 479.790.9352, (fax) 479.839.4398

Prism Education Center is committed to assisting families in breaking the generational cycles of poverty through high quality, research-driven, academic public education programs. Prism Education Center is composed of individuals from diverse backgrounds and seeks to implement the corporate expertise of these individuals to develop academic support programs that provides for the educational development of children from all backgrounds. The proposed open enrollment charter school, to be known as Prism Charter School, will serve up to 500 students, grades K-8 and will be located in Fort Smith.

Through an extended school day and year round school schedule, Prism will apply research-based techniques to support students from various backgrounds in attaining educational proficiency. An extended day will allow students to further develop their skills while connecting to their community through participation in service-based learning experiences. Additionally, Prism will seek to partner with community organizations to incorporate coordinated school health activities for students and enable students to engage in confidence building extracurricular opportunities.

Sincerely,



Misty Newcomb
Executive Director

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