



**HOPE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as the intent of the Hope Public School District to convert to a public charter school to be named "S.T.E.P. (Success Through Educational Possibilities) Academy." The school will include two sites within the district, both equipped with supporting technology and staff. Garland Alternative Education Center, located at 600 West Sixth Street, Hope, AR, will be the site for the "Step Up" students, who have been assigned there temporarily for disciplinary reasons. Garland will also serve the "Next Step" students, who have been expelled from school. Edith Brown Educational Complex, located at 500 South Spruce, Hope, AR, will be the site for the "In Step" component of the STEP Academy, and will serve students who are being homeschooled, as well as students who are not able to attend school during regular school hours.

The proposed enrollment cap for the proposed school is 100 students and will serve students Kindergarten through Grade 12.

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Sincerely,

  
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