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Arkansas Department of Education
Charter School Office
Four Capitol Mall, Room 105-C
Little Rock, AR 72201

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CHARTER SCHOOL OFFICE

Dear Charter School Officer,

Mena School District is interested in applying for district conversion charter school status for the Mena High School. The new charter will be named the Mena New Tech High School and is located at 1200 Dallas Avenue, Mena, AR 71953. The grade levels to be served are 9-12. The enrollment cap will be 630 students.

The high school has gone to one-to-one computing this year. It is a new facility that is currently being finished but already houses 603 students. It is the belief of the school that the preparation of our student body must have a focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. We currently have an award winning EAST program at Mena Middle and High School. We know that students must have this strong background to be competitive in the world in which they will work and lead in the future. We would like to become a New Tech High School if granted charter status.

Further questions can be directed to:

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Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diann Gathright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diann Gathright, Ed.D.
Superintendent