



## BLYTHEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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CHARTER SCHOOL OFFICE

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Blytheville School District intends to apply for Conversion District Public School Charter. The contact person for this conversion is:

Superintendent Richard Atwill  
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The school applying for the charter is Blytheville High School (4702013). The conversion charter is being applied for in order to implement the New Tech model. The proposed charter will be called NewTech@Blytheville High and will be located in the existing high school building, located at 600 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street Blytheville, AR 72315. The charter will serve grades 9-12 and will take no more than 800 students.

Blytheville School District proposes the conversion of its high school into a charter conversion school, so that it can fully implement the New Tech model. The New Tech model focuses on three key elements of education: "a new instructional approach that engages learners through project-based learning, a culture that empowers students and teachers through trust, respect and responsibility, and fully applied technology that supports deep learning (New Tech Network)." The Network partners with public schools to create, support and sustain this learning environment. This learning environment will provide deeper implementation of the Common Core State Standards and will prepare our students for college, career and beyond.

Thank you for your time and attention. We believe this will create a dramatic improvement in the learning lives of our students. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Atwill".

Richard Atwill, Superintendent