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CHARTER SCHOOL OFFICE

School: Wilmot Elementary School
Proposed Charter School Name: WES Academy of Learning
Location: Highway 165, Wilmot, AR

Grade Levels: Pre-Kindergarten through grade 5

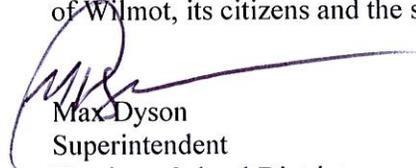
Charter School Description:

Wilmot Elementary School will become WES Academy of Learning, a whole school conversion charter with an enrollment up to 200 students. It will provide an additional academic choice to parents and students in Ashley County by transforming the classroom environment to one where learning is focused on project/problem/process-based learning that is relevant to students and utilizes research-based strategies to engage students at deep levels in hands-on, authentic interactive learning. Through an emphasis on exposure to technology, real world tasks, and by exposing students to global economy learning outside the walls of the Delta region of Arkansas, Wilmot Elementary will prepare its students for a successful future.

The focus on electronically delivered real world, performance-based learning tasks in literacy and math will be the foundation through which Wilmot Elementary will prepare its students for College and Career Readiness. Each learner in grades K-5 will be equipped with his or her own computer which will include at home access to those devices. A variety of technologies will be used across the curriculum to both enhance and authenticate the learning experiences as students are learning expertise in using a variety of the most current technologies available.

The new charter will include four areas of emphasis including restructuring time, implementing a cross-curricular curriculum, implementing performance-based learning projects and the teaching of more than one content area simultaneously.

Our vision is to prepare these students to be successful when they enter Hamburg Middle School and Hamburg High School with the learning opportunities available to them in secondary education. This plan will continue to foster true partnerships within the educational programs in Hamburg with the town of Wilmot, its citizens and the students, parents and community.


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