

Letter of Intent to Apply for an Open-Enrollment Public School Charter

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Dr. Mary Ann Duncan, Program Coordinator
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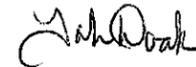
Dear Dr. Duncan:

Please accept this letter of intent to apply for an open enrollment public school charter. The Noble Education Initiative (NEI), a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization committed to educational success for students with diverse learning needs, intends to submit a proposal to establish a charter school (Noble Academy of Impact and Entrepreneurship) in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Upon ADE approval, the Academy will enroll 450 students in grades kindergarten through twelve.

Working at the nexus of business and technology, the Noble Academy of Impact and Entrepreneurship is a competency-based, universally-designed studio learning community committed to the preparation of compassionate, service-oriented graduates with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to assume authentic leadership roles within a global society. To enhance and individualize curriculum delivery, the Academy uses a hybrid educational model that integrates asynchronous online and face-to-face instruction throughout a four quarter academic year.

Our school design reflects a three-tiered educational approach based on current learning, cognitive, and neuroscience research. The three tiers are: (1) Universal Design for Learning (UDL); (2) Competency-Based Education (CBE); and (3) Studio-Based Learning (SBL). Additionally, I will serve as the contact person for the NEI. A copy of this letter of intent was sent via certified mail to the Superintendent of Fort Smith Public Schools.

Sincerely,



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