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Dr. Mary Ann Duncan, Program Coordinator

Arkansas Department of Education

Charter School Office

Four Capitol Mall, Room 105-C

Little Rock, AR 72201

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Dear Dr. Duncan:

Please accept this letter of intent from Silver Dance Academy and Performing Arts Center (501(c) (3) status is active) to apply for an Open Enrollment Public Charter school. Silver Feet Dance Academy is a nonprofit performing arts center that serves as a vehicle of positive development for at-risk youths through performing arts education and participation. It is our goal to introduce youths to the possibility of pursuing a career in the performing arts field through education, mentorship, and active participation in the performing arts. It is our hope and desire that program participants also receive an enhanced appreciation for the aesthetic, cultural, and entertainment attributes inherent in the performing arts.

The charter school will be referred to as the West Memphis Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Academy that will serve students grades 9-12 with an enrollment cap of 400 students in West Memphis, Arkansas. The contact person for the charter school is as follows:

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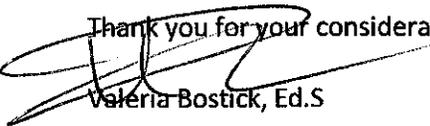
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The focus of the charter school will be an education curriculum that combines courses in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Students will be exposed to authentic learning, hands on projects and interactive simulation utilizing research based teaching strategies. Additional modules will include, cross curricular teaching, quarterly required projects, community based collaborations. Our vision is to provide the students with a leaning environment that serves as a postern to be College/Career Ready and to utilize 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transferrable skills while reconnoitering an appropriate learning environment that adheres to the demand of rigor of STEAM.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
Valeria Bostick, Ed.S