

A Fresh Start Charter School
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Arkansas Department of Education
Ms. Mary Perry /Ms. Keisha Mattox
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Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Perry and Ms. Mattox:

Please accept this communication as my *Letter of intent to Apply for an Open-Enrollment Public Charter School*. The organization's legal and proposed open-enrollment charter school's name will be A Fresh Start Charter School. We are in the process of applying for non-profit status through a 501(C)(3) with the Internal Revenue Service. The contact person is Dr. Fredonia Bean. My contact information is PO Box 1202, Marianna, AR 72360, (901) 487-0729, and fredoniab@gmail.com.

Initially, our school will be housed at 19, 21, and 23 South Poplar in Marianna, Arkansas. This property encompasses approximately 11,000 square feet and lies within the Lee County School District. We propose to serve students from the Lee County and Hughes School Districts. We are proposing to have an initial enrollment of 75 students in 5th and/or 6th grades. Over the next four years, we propose to add up to 40 additional students each year in the 5th and/or 6th grades. We will continue to serve these students through 8th grade. We propose a total enrollment of 200 students in 5th through 8th grades.

A Fresh Start Charter School is a newly developed educational institution that is aligning its instructional program to Common Core Standards and to the PARCC Assessment. We will provide strong leadership that will ensure teacher effectiveness through a tiered support system and shall adhere to TESS. Our meaning professional development will be directly aligned to our school's instructional program. We plan to contract with The Learning Institute to enhance our curriculum. Our instructional day hours will be 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM. We will offer a two-week project based summer intern in mid-July.

Our purpose is to provide an environment where every student feels welcome, safe, dry, warm/cool, and are held to high expectations that will be mirrored in academic and behavioral standards. We plan to use the data to provide individualized instructions that should increase the probability for each student to advance on his/her individual growth trajectory while eliminating the restraints of living in poverty stricken areas. We will guide students in how to transform into critical thinkers, problem solvers, and socially acceptable individuals in the pursuit of preparing them to be college or career ready.

Educationally yours,



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