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Via email

Charter School Program  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Cave City School District would like to establish a district conversion public charter school. Please accept this proposal as the District's Letter of Intent.

CCHS proposes a district conversion charter school, ***CCHS Career and Collegiate Preparatory Academy***, to better prepare students for career opportunities or collegiate challenges after high school. Approximately 400 students in grades 9 – 12 would have the opportunity for training provided through the charter school that will allow high school students the opportunity to build skills necessary and/or obtain technical certifications for entry into the post-secondary workforce at a pay scale above minimum wage. The focus of the charter will be on real-life, real-work experience including but not limited to internships with emphasis specifically on Welding Certifications, Industrial Certifications, Technical Certifications, and Health/Allied Health Certifications. The Collegiate focus will expand our concurrent credit and course offerings that will allow students to obtain up to 27 hours of college credit, and provide a real-life college experience while on the high school campus. The charter will allow the district to provide challenging and problem-solving skills, and utilizes cross-curricular/collaborative curricula. Collaboration with the local community college will help prepare students for a successful collegiate career after high school in that it will expose students to the rigors of college while still providing a structured yet supportive atmosphere. The charter will also give CCSD the freedom to create individualized, authentic, innovative curriculum to prepare students for gainful employment in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The faculty and staff at Cave City High School believe that every student should be afforded the same opportunity and access to educational programs. Cave City School District is located in rural Sharp County and over 74% of the student population participates in the school lunch program. Over forty percent of CCSD students are directly certified for the lunch program which means their family participates in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. Due to the rural nature of our community and the cost associated with traveling to a college or technical center many of our students are not afforded this opportunity after graduation. CCHS envisions every student graduating with the skills necessary to survive in today's technological society and would like to provide opportunities for our students to obtain training and certifications while in high school to prepare students for prosperity and job security in our county, region, state and nation.

Sincerely,

Steven Green, CCSD Superintendent

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