

# Gravette Public Schools

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Attn: Ms. Cindy Hogue, Charter/Home School Office  
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Dear Mrs. Hogue,

The Gravette School District proposes to create a district conversion public charter school. Please accept this letter as the District's Letter of Intent.

**School District:** Gravette School District

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**Name of the school to be converted to charter status:** Gravette High School

**Name of the proposed district conversion charter school:** Western Benton County Career Academy

**Location of the proposed district conversion charter school:** 406 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, S.E., Gravette, AR 72736

**Grade Levels to be served:** 9 – 12

**Proposed student enrollment:** 500

**Description of the purpose or special emphasis of the proposed school:**

The Gravette School District is providing students, upon graduation from high school, all of the academic training necessary to enter and be successful in a college program. However, the high school lacks the resources and opportunity for students to be successful entering the work force. The school district will develop career pathways and incorporate vocational educational/training programs that target 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, while integrating the Common Core Standards and Digital Instruction. The integration of project based learning and end-of-year assessments will guide the students toward state certification and employability in the work force.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Page". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".

Dr. Richard Page  
Superintendent