



Hope Public Schools
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Director of Office of Educational Options
Arkansas Department of Education
Division of Learning Services
Charter and Home School Office
Four Capitol Mall, Mail Slot 3
Little Rock, AR 72201

Director,

Please accept this letter as Hope Public Schools' official "Letter of Intent to Apply for a District Conversion Public Charter School". Listed below is the information per instructions provided by the Arkansas Department of Education:

School District: Hope Public Schools
District Contact: Bobby Hart

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Name of School: Yerger Middle School
Proposed Name of School: Yerger Career and Technical Academy
Proposed Location : 400 East Ninth
Hope, AR 71801
Grade Levels: 5-8
Number of Students: 250

The Hope School District proposes to establish a conversion charter middle school with a program designed to prepare students to be college and/or career ready. Middle school students will enroll in courses that will lead to transition into career and industry certificates upon completion of high school. Hope High School has entered into a partnership with the University of Arkansas Community College - Hope/Texarkana that provides such opportunities. Preparation in career focused training in the middle grades will promote a skilled workforce for Hope and Southwest Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Bobby Hart
Superintendent,
Hope Public Schools