



HOT SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Alexandra Boyd, Director
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Arkansas Department of Education
Division of Learning Services
Four Capital Mall, Mail Slot 3
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Dear Ms. Boyd,

The Hot Springs School District's proposes to create a District Conversion Public Charter School. Please accept this as the District's Letter of Intent.

School District: Hot Springs School District
District Contact: Dr. Stephanie Nehus
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School to be Converted to Charter Status: Hot Springs Middle School
Proposed Public Charter School Name: Hot Springs Junior Academy
Location of the Proposed Charter School: 701 Main Street, Hot Springs, AR 71913
Grade Levels to be Served: 7-8
Number of Students to be Served: 600

Description of the Purpose or Special Emphasis of the Proposed School:

The purpose of the proposed school is to be innovative in providing a preparatory education to all students. The school's goal is to educate every student academically, emotionally, physically, culturally, and socially to become contributing citizens in the global society. Students will have the opportunity to be exposed to various careers throughout their units of study across all curriculum areas. All opportunities will be based on the needs of the career fields leading to high growth/high wage jobs, so that students will be prepared to select a career pathway when they enter our Hot Springs World Class High School, a district conversion charter school. Individual student learning plans and trackers will be implemented to monitor student progress towards proficiency of standards with goal setting and adult mentors. To this end, the administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents will work together through curriculum units that incorporate the Common Core State Standards, 21st century technology, research-based best teaching practices, and project-based learning.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mike Hernandez
Superintendent