



## *Ouachita River School District*

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### **Tracy Webb, Director of Public Charter Schools**

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The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Ouachita River School District intends to file a conversion charter application for Acorn High School (Grades 7-12). Acorn High is a 7-12 school located 4 miles north of Mena, Arkansas in the community of Acorn. Acorn High now has an enrollment of 260 students with an average of around 44 students per grade; it is anticipated that the enrollment cap for the conversion charter school will be similar to the High School's current enrollment of around 300.

The Ouachita River School District exists to have a safe, caring, environment when everyone learns and grows in order to be prepared for life. Our hope is to transform our 7-12 Acorn High School of the Ouachita River School District to a school that is focused on life preparation. We hope to align our school with community partners in order to teach intrapersonal skills that prepare our students for the workplace. We hope to create relevant career plans for all students. We hope to incorporate programs that will prepare students for the ACT Test, teach students the necessary skills to be prepared for job interviews, and inspire them to reach new heights. We hope to create professional learning communities for our teachers and staff that focus on life preparation of all Acorn High School students.

In conclusion, at Acorn Charter High School, we exist to prepare students for life. Our hope is that this will become our motto in the near future. By converting our high school into a conversion charter, we hope to be able to meet the needs even further than we already are. I Jerrall Strasner will be the contact person for the application. My mailing address is 143 Polk Road 96, Mena, AR 71953. My phone number is (501) 622-8052, and my email address is [jstrasner@orsd.k12.ar.us](mailto:jstrasner@orsd.k12.ar.us).

Respectfully,

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Superintendent of Schools