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Dr. Michael Hester, Superintendent

March 18, 2020

Arkansas Department of Education
Division of Learning Services
Four Capitol Mall, Mail Slot #3
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Commissioner Key:

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

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Name of schools to be converted to charter status: Batesville Junior High School
Name of proposed district conversion charter schools: Batesville Junior High School
Location of the proposed district conversion charter school: 2 Pioneer Drive, Batesville, AR 72501
Proposed student enrollment cap: 900
Grades to be served: 6-8

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

The Batesville School District proposes to establish a conversion charter school, Batesville Junior High School, to increase the college and career readiness, STEAM and Personal Pioneer Pathways available to our students. We will provide students access to personalized pathways that will lead to early innovative paths of exploration for college and career. As a feeder school to Batesville High School, this would allow for greater continuity and a seamless transition into the Personal Pioneer Pathways (P3) at BHS.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Superintendent

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