

March 26, 2020

Arkansas Department of Education
Charter School Office
4 State Capitol Mall, Rm 302
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Letter of Intent to Apply for Open-Enrollment Charter School

It is the intention of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of North Little Rock, AR, a 501(c)(3) organization, to apply for an open-enrollment public charter school, **Dream Arts Academy**, effective for the 2021-2022 academic school year. Dream Arts Academy is a charter school vision that is dedicated to implementing all educational requirements set forth by the state of Arkansas. Dream Arts Academy has obtained an EIN number and is currently completing the 501 (c) (3) application process for non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service.

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Proposed Charter School: Dream Arts Academy

Location of Charter School: The proposed school address is located at 800 Page Mill Rd. North Little Rock, AR until a pending deal is finalized at the former Lynch Drive Elementary School, 5800 Alpha Dr. North Little Rock, AR 72117, which neighbors Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

Location School District: The proposed school will be located within the North Little Rock School District

Grade Levels of Students: (Year One: K-1); (Year Two: 2-3); (Year Three: 4-5)

Proposed Student Enrollment Cap: 340

Dream Arts Academy will focus on Arts-Based Learning in an effort to foster academic achievement. Dream Arts Academy will serve students, grades K-5, from diverse social and economic backgrounds. The goal is to provide a statistically proven learning model that allows music, computer technology, theater, dance and art to significantly impact non-arts related learning, to include math, reading/literature, science and history. Ultimately, to allow the students to have successful academic careers beyond the elementary level.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl Graham 
Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of North Little Rock, AR

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