

March 1, 2020

Via E-mail

Arkansas Department of Education
Charter School Office
Four Capitol Mall, Room 304-B
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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

To Whom It May Concern:

It is the intention of Responsive Education Solutions (“ResponsiveEd”) to apply for an open-enrollment public charter school in Hot Springs, Arkansas, to be located within the boundaries of the Hot Springs School District, and to be referred to as Premier High School of Hot Springs. ResponsiveEd operates over 70 open-enrollment public charter schools in Arkansas and Texas, with an enrollment of over 19,000 current students. The mission of ResponsiveEd is to provide hope for students through educational options that promote a free society and cultivate moral and academic excellence. ResponsiveEd has been authorized by the Arkansas Secretary of State to transact business in the State of Arkansas as a Non-Profit Corporation and has received recognition of exemption under the Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The contact for Premier High School of Hot Springs is Responsive Education Solutions Arkansas; Attn: Steven Gast, Superintendent; 400 Hardin Road Suite 120, Little Rock, AR 72211; Phone 501-313-2176 Email: sgast@responsived.com.

The proposed campus anticipates serving grades 9 - 12 with a maximum enrollment of 150 students in the first year of operation. Maximum enrollment will be no more than 300 students when the campus is at full capacity. Premier High School of Hot Springs will use a blended learning model that incorporates individualized instruction, learning modules and a proven instructional delivery system that will allow students to move at a pace that will guarantee success. The campus will focus on credit recovery, drop-out prevention and accelerated instruction, with the end goal being high school graduation. The model strives to equip all students with the tools necessary for success in later years.

Sincerely,



Steven H. Gast
Superintendent

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