

**March 2, 2020**

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

Re: Letter of Intent to Apply for an Open Enrollment Public Charter School (2021-2022 School year)

**The contact information for The School of Academic Performance & Career Academies is:**

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To Whom this May Concern,

The proposed school will serve 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and increasing by one grade each year following the first year. Prior to opening, SAPCA will incorporate as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization within the state of Arkansas to meet all applicable legal requirements. **Location: 103 West Hale Ave in Osceola Ar 72370 within the Osceola School District located at 2750 West Semmes Ave Osceola, Ar. 72370.**

SAPCA proposes to provide individualized educational plans for students. We commit to prepare self-confident, academically competent scholars through personalized learning approaches implementing blended learning strategies. We will offer smaller class sizes (**Enrollment Cap: 72 students; 2 classes of each grade with 12 students in each class.**) we will have a student to teacher ratio of 12:1, Employ master teachers and novice teachers who exercise co-teaching and collaborating to provide quality teaching and learning experiences for all students. This work will be done during an extended school day; there will be individualized after school tutoring 3:00pm-5:00pm. All students who attend SAPCA will be mandated to attend tutoring twice weekly. Physical Fitness to combat the obesity issue in our area will be provided for students attending SAPCA through the SPARK Curriculum.

SAPCA will offer an after school Career Pathways Program with Training Academies including: The Steel Academy, Music & Art Appreciation, and Public Service Jobs Academy to include training for aspiring teachers/nurses/police officers; we will create career portfolios/plans and train students to perform as professionals in the workforce focusing on specific employability skills. This program will operate by volunteers, partnerships and sponsors from the local business and manufacturing industry. SAPCA will seek organizations/individuals who will work within the program in teaching life skills and employability skills. The after school programs will be available to all students. (K-12) Our vision is that we close both the opportunity and achievement gaps in Mississippi County by focusing on high needs communities with high levels of low performing students, and build strong partnerships between the school and parents, local businesses and all other stake holders. Sub-focuses for Extended day: After School Tutoring (2 days), Training Academies (2 days), and Employability/Life Skills (1 day).

Sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer Lewis, MSE, NBCT, CDF

