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Arkansas Department of Education

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Four Capitol Mall, Room 304-B

Little Rock, AR 72201

CC: Michael Poore, Superintendent-Little Rock School District

Reginald Ballard, Arkansas Department of Education Charter School Office

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

To whom it may concern:

It is the intention of Democracy Prep Public Schools Inc. (Democracy Prep), a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to apply for an open-enrollment public charter school in Little Rock, Arkansas, to be located within the boundaries of the Little Rock School District in or around Central, South, or Southwest Little Rock, and to be referred to as Democracy Prep Little Rock. The proposed charter school intends to serve students in grades K-12 at full capacity with an approximate enrollment of 1,200 students.

Democracy Prep Little Rock will be a college preparatory program with high expectations for *all* students regardless of their academic background, prior behavioral success, English proficiency, or special education needs. As a part of the Democracy Prep network, Democracy Prep Little Rock will provide all students a quality education that prepares them for the rigors of college and to be informed and active citizens in their communities and our democracy. Democracy Prep is a charter management organization that operates twenty-one (21) public charter schools in Louisiana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, and Texas, with enrollment of over 6,500 students.

The contact for Democracy Prep Little Rock is Jonathan Howard, Vice President, Network Growth; Democracy Prep Public Schools, 1767 Park Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10035; Phone: (917) 710-5393; Email: jhoward@democracyprep.org.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Howard

Vice President, Network Growth

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