

Alexandra Boyd  
Arkansas Department of Education  
Learning Services Division, Charter Schools Unit  
4 Capitol Mall Drive, Room 304-8  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Letter of Intent to Apply for Charter School

Dear Mrs. Boyd,

Pioneer Schools, a 501(c) (3) non-profit, whose mission is to create community focused schools, is sponsoring Pioneer Schools to apply for an open-enrollment public charter school during the 2018 application cycle. The proposed school will open in the greater North Little Rock area and will serve grades pre-k three through twelfth grade and have a maximum of 75 students per grade, for a total of 1,025 students. Pioneer will be a teacher training school, as well as an arts infused, career-focus school for its students. The first year will begin with kindergarten through fourth grade, adding a grade each year until the sixth year. In the third year we will add a three and four year old program and ninth through twelfth grades will open in the sixth year.

The mission of Pioneer Schools is to be a forward-thinking educational community, guided by master teachers and teacher assistants (future teachers) to improve the learning outcomes for our stakeholders by:

- Creating learning experiences to promote divergent and iterative thinking and empathy that encourages students to understand and adapt to a changing world.
- Using Master Teachers to provide three-years of supervised teaching with apprentice teachers in full time classroom settings. This internship between master and novice will deliver a program that provides depth and breadth; helping first year teachers not only survive but to thrive their first year.
- Ensuring that decision-making happens at the levels most impacted by the decisions, giving stakeholders the power to be effective at all levels.
- Using Chambers of Commerce, business leaders, Arkansas Department of Career Education, and entrepreneurs to design learning labs to train juniors/seniors, including regular credits, for careers.
- Helping students to create a plan through and after high school to help them to set and achieve goal, whether that is college, military, trade school, public service, etc.

Pioneer is committed to relationship-building, community service, and academic excellence through an innovative schedule, research-based practices, data-driven instruction and a varied school calendar. Pioneer pledges to the original purpose of charter schools. We are not just another "option" for parents. We want to be a true laboratory school, sharing everything (successes and failures) with any and all school districts.

The primary contact of the school is:

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Sincerely,



William Thomas