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Charter School Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

Likewise Inc, a nonsectarian 501(c)(3) approved nonprofit, delivers this **Letter of Intent** to apply for an open-enrollment public charter school. Dr. Jeff Kreh serves as the corporation's primary contact (P.O. Box 2003, Searcy AR 72145 | 501-281-3502 | jkreh@LikewiseInc.com).

Likewise provides education and publishing services. It received ADHE certification on July 29, 2016, for its college division; and on October 28, 2016, for its college programs, degrees, and courses — making it the state's newest private liberal arts college. The college division's mission — connecting educators and volunteers with those affected by incarceration and their children to open schools that close prisons — includes giving the kids of the incarcerated an education that expands their sense of destiny and duty; equips them to be self-directed learners and self-governed citizens; empowers them to ask questions that lead to better decision-making and skillful problem solving; and encourages them to aim high for themselves and society.

Likewise proposes **Seven Lycæum** ("7L") as the name for its open-enrollment public charter school. 7L, a hybrid/virtual education program, will run from the corporate offices located in the Searcy School District to serve it, contiguous districts, and online students. It plans to serve grades preK–12 according to the following schedule:

<u>School Year</u>	<u>School Launched</u>	<u>Total Grades</u>	<u>Planned Enrollment</u>
2019/2020	Self-Governance School	9–12	150
2020/2021	Paideia Upper School	6–12	300
2021/2022	Paideia Middle School	3–12	450
2022/2023	Paideia Lower School	K–12	600
2023/2024	Seven Lycæum Preschool	preK–12	600

7L's mission — **Preparing Today's Youth to Lead Us All to an Even Brighter Tomorrow** — reflects our belief in the potential of the emerging generation when coupled with a Great Books education. Researchers for the State of Texas found 70% of the children of the incarcerated also go to prison — an unsustainable growth rate for Arkansas, which leads the USA in prison population growth. Likewise exists to partner with mission-minded families; mentor and nurture the functionally fatherless children of the incarcerated and their all too often single parents; and break the multi-generational incarceration cycle for as many as possible. 7L's hybrid/virtual model works with parents/guardians to increase the likelihood of their child's academic success in our college-level high-school program. We believe the entire student body benefits when made aware of the broader challenges, like incarceration issues, that await solutions from their future expertise. Therefore, we wish to reserve up-to 15% of our open-enrollment slots for the children of our incarcerated college students. Working with various public and private sectors, we plan to provide the resources necessary to help all children lead a brighter tomorrow.

Your servant



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