

Alexandra Boyd, Ark. Dept. of Education
Division of Learning Services, Charter Schools Unit
Four Capitol Mall, Room 304-B,
Little Rock, AR 72201

March 2, 2018 (*Delivered via email*)

RE: Letter of Intent to Open New Charter School in SY 2018-19

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Sugarloaf Valley Educational Foundation (Sugarloaf Valley Academy) has been authorized by the Arkansas Secretary of State to transact business in the State of Arkansas as a Non-Profit Corporation and has applied for recognition of exemption under the Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with the intention of establishing an open-enrollment public charter school during the 2018 application cycle.

Sugarloaf Valley Academy currently plans to operate a K-12 charter school program in the Hartford and Midland, Arkansas, area.

The proposed charter school will open during the 2019-20 school year and will initially serve 100 students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. At full capacity, the school will serve three hundred students in grades Kindergarten through Twelfth.

The Sugarloaf Valley Academy will reside within the Hackett School District (LEA 6603000) located in Sebastian County, Arkansas.

The primary contact for this application will be the following:

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The key elements of the Sugarloaf Valley Academy will be to provide a nurturing learning environment where all students are welcome regardless of prior academic success. The mission of the school will be to provide high academic excellence using a rigorous curriculum that is resource-based, instruction by highly-engaged teachers and students; intensive parental engagement and involvement in all phases of the educational process; and prescriptive use of stringent individualized learning plans to enable all students success in mastering local and state academic standards.

Respectfully,

Sherry Barnes, Launch Director
Sugarloaf Valley Academy

cc: Mr. Johnny Key, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education; Supt. Edward Ray, Hackett School District; Supt. Robert Ross, Mansfield School District; Supt. John Ciesla, Greenwood School District; Supt. Doug Brubaker, Fort Smith School District