

March 7, 2017

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

To Whom It May Concern:

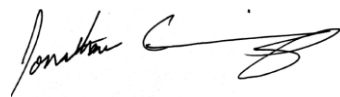
Focus STEM Academy of Benton County intends to apply for an open-enrollment public charter school in Bentonville, Arkansas, to be located within the boundaries of the Bentonville Public School District, and to be referred to as Focus STEM Academy. The mission of Focus STEM Academy is to provide students with an innovative approach to education that encourages invention, creativity, and the completion of STEM-focused projects.

Focus STEM Academy of Benton County 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.

The contact for Focus Stem Academy of Benton County is Jonathan Cummings, Chairman of the Board; 755 Bluebird, Aurora, MO, 75605; Phone: 417-229-3083; email: focusstemacademy@gmail.com.

Our proposed campus will serve grades 5-8 with a maximum enrollment of 320. This goal will be achieved at Focus Stem Academy using STEM projects to supplement the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and Common Core State Standards (CCSS) as interpreted by the state of Arkansas. These projects will develop innovation and creativity to deepen the cross-cutting concepts of NGSS and the application of the 8 Mathematical Practices of CCSS. This will better equip our next generation of leaders by more adequately preparing them for college and 21st century careers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Cummings", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jonathan Cummings
Chairman of the Board