

NuBridge Charter School
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To: Arkansas Department of Education Charter School Office,

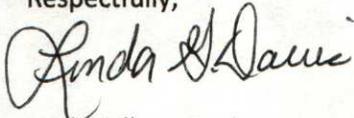
NuBridge Charter School is an organized non-profit entity located in Pine Bluff Jefferson County Arkansas who has applied to the Internal Revenue Services for recognition as a non-profit entity under 501 (c) (3) regulations. NuBridge purposed site of location is within the zone of the Dollarway School District.

It is the intention of NuBridge Charter School to apply for an open enrollment charter school in Pine Bluff, Jefferson County Arkansas to address the needs of 250 children in grades K-6 using as a foundation for our curriculum development, Problem Based Learning, music, character education, stem, and personalized learning to educate, motivate, and stimulate the students' learning processes. Across Arkansas and the nation, teachers, administrators, and local and state officials are working collaboratively to improve our schools through exciting innovations, teacher recruitment, evaluation, support, development, and retention of highly effective administrators that drives instruction, yet there is a void in educating a large population of students in Pine Bluff Jefferson County Schools based on local school data as well national data.

- Per the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 38% of all fourth-grade students are "below basic" reading skills. They are at or below the 40th percentile for their age group.
- Nationwide 20% of the elementary school population is struggling with reading.
- National Center for Education statistics, 5% of all adults are "non-literate".
- 20-25% of all adults can only read at the lowest level.
- **62% of nonreaders dropped out of high school.**
- **80% of children with an IEP have reading difficulty and 85% of those are Dyslexic.**
- 30% of children with Dyslexia also have at least a mild form of AD/HD.

NuBridge further intend to address in developing the school's curriculum, the needs of students and their parents who present with learning deficits, by utilizing the latest research in educating children with learning disabilities associated with reading and math, utilizing multi-sensory learning, Orton Gillingham Approach, offering smaller class sizes, and placing an aide in every classroom with large population of children who present with reading, math, and other deficits that impedes the student's learning.

Respectfully,



Linda Gilbert Davis

The students of today are the leaders of tomorrow ... We give 100 percent every day ... When we pull together, we can move mountains.