



March 7, 2017

Arkansas Department of Education
Charter School Office
4 State Capitol Mall, Room 302
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Letter of Intent to Apply for an Open-Enrollment Public Charter School

Dear ADE Charter School Director:

ScholarMade Educational Services, an Arkansas nonprofit public benefit corporation, is filing this letter of intent to submit an application for an open-enrollment public charter school to open in Little Rock, Arkansas to be located within the boundaries of either the Little Rock School District or Pulaski County School District in August 2018. ScholarMade has received recognition of exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The contact for ScholarMade is:

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At full capacity, the proposed charter will feature academies representing grades K-9 for a maximum enrollment of 570 students. The mission of ScholarMade schools is to prepare self-confident, intellectually inquisitive, emotionally intelligent, and academically competent scholars through personalized learning, innovative leadership and excellent teaching. Our scholars will become leaders and problem solvers who will improve conditions wherever they choose to work and live.

Through a Place Based Personalized Learning approach, our vision is that ScholarMade schools will be the heart of their communities, providing safe, healthy, data driven, joyful, innovative learning environments where all are valued. ScholarMade schools will help Arkansas to close both opportunity and achievement gaps by focusing on high need communities and building strong partnerships between parents, our schools, local business and other important stakeholders

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Phillis Nichols-Anderson'.

Dr. Phillis Nichols-Anderson

copied: Mr. Mike Poore, Superintendent, Little Rock School District (Mike.Poore@lrzd.org); Dr. Jerry Guess, Superintendent, Pulaski County Special School District (jguess@pcssd.org)