

June 2, 2015

Sky Bledsoe, Charter School Program Coordinator
Arkansas Department of Education
Charter School Office
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RE: Letter of Intent to Apply for an Open-Enrollment Public Charter School

Dear Ms. Bledsoe,

Please accept our signed letter of intent to apply for an open-enrollment public charter school during the 2015 application cycle.

1. As required, our letter of intent is a one-page document.
2. **Legal Name of the Eligible Entity:** Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. intends to apply for a charter. Our organization received 501(c)(3) status on May 30, 2014.
3. **Contact Information:** Dennis Beck, 2274 East Tall Oaks, Fayetteville, AR 72703, 479-422-9365, arkansasconnectionsacademy@gmail.com
4. **Description of Eligible Entity:** Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. (a non-profit organization that is sponsoring this application) is dedicated to offering high quality educational options for K-12 public school students throughout the state. Arkansas Connections Academy will offer a personalized, differentiated school experience that prepares each student for success in college, work, and life.
5. **Name of the Proposed Open-Enrollment Public Charter School:** Arkansas Connections Academy
6. **Location and School District:** Bentonville School District (the exact location is to be determined)
7. **Grade Levels of Students:** K-12
8. **Number of Students:** 1,000 students in the 2016-2017 school year, 2,000 students in the 2017-2018 school year, and 3,000 students in the 2018-2019 school year
9. **Description of the purpose or special emphasis of the proposed school:** Arkansas Connections Academy will reach students throughout Arkansas for whom a virtual school model provides the best pathway to academic success. Through an individualized learning program, our school will combine the best in virtual education with real connections among students, family, teachers, and the community to promote academic and emotional success for every learner.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our Letter of Intent. As required, we are also sending a copy of this letter of intent via this same email transmission to Mr. Michael A. Poore, Superintendent of Bentonville School District where the proposed public charter school will be located.

We look forward to working with you during this charter application process.

Sincerely,



Dennis Beck
Designated Contact Person for Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc.