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District Conversion Charter: This is a formal letter of intent that Rogers School District plans to apply for a district conversion charter to open Rogers New Tech High School in the fall of 2013. This would be a school for grades 9-12 with students opting to attend from Rogers High School and Rogers Heritage High School.

Grade Levels: It is proposed that the initial year will include students from grades 9 and 10 only, with 11th grade added in 2014 and 12th grade added in 2015, with an enrollment cap of 600. Students will be provided curriculum through the New Tech Network and will be allowed to return to their resident boundary school for participation in extracurricular activities such as athletics, band, choir and orchestra.

Location and Contact: Rogers New Tech High School will be located at The Annex at 2922 South First Street in Rogers AR 72758. The contact person for Rogers New Tech High School will be Dr. Janie Darr, Superintendent of Rogers Schools, 500 West Walnut Street, Rogers AR 72756. Her telephone number is 479-636-3910 and fax number is 479-631-3504, and she may be emailed at jdarr@rps.k12.ar.us.

Project Description: Rogers New Tech High will utilize a project-based approach to teaching with emphasis on 21st Century skill sets, designed to ensure students are both college and career ready. There will be a focus on technology that enables, culture that empowers, and teaching that engages. In order to accomplish these goals, the Rogers New Tech High will provide a one-to-one technology opportunity for all students and will utilize the New Tech Network learning management system referred to as *Echo*.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if additional information is necessary.

Sincerely,

Janie Darr, EdD
Superintendent