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CHARTER SCHOOL OFFICE

Dear Dr. Duncan:

The McGehee School District No. 17 intends to apply for a district conversion public charter school. The contact person is Thomas Gathen, McGehee School District, P. O. Box 767, McGehee, AR 71654. The fax is 870-222-6957 and the e-mail address is [thomas.gathen@msd.k12.ar.us](mailto:thomas.gathen@msd.k12.ar.us). The proposed name for the charter is The McGehee New Tech High School. The proposed charter will be a district conversion public charter school, and will be housed in the current facilities located at 1902 East Ash, McGehee. All students in grades 9-12 will be served in the district conversion charter school. The proposed student enrollment cap will be 400 students.

Technology education will be the special emphasis for the proposed conversion charter school. The purpose is to have full and complete technology integration into the instructional delivery system, with an emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, English and Mathematics). This technology/curriculum will be applied in all content areas as appropriate. Our proposal will be based upon our belief that technology can create opportunities for authentic individualization of instruction, which will enable students to realize their full potential and achieve high standards.

Sincerely,

*Thomas Gathen*

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Superintendent