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

To whom it may concern:


I am writing to express KNOVA Learning's intent to apply for a charter to open a public school in Pine Bluff, Arkansas in the fall of 2011. KNOVA Learning ("KNOVA") is a non-profit organization that prepares students from underserved communities for competitive colleges and advanced careers by opening public charter schools that accelerate their academic learning and holistic development.

The KNOVA Learning Academy of Pine Bluff will be a public charter school that provides an exemplary liberal arts education to students from underserved areas of Pine Bluff. *The Academy's mission will be to prepare all students for competitive colleges, advanced careers and a life of citizenry and leadership in their communities.* To fulfill its mission, the Academy will enable students to:

- Develop a strong foundation of knowledge and skills;
- Become inquisitive, self-motivated learners;
- Build higher-order critical thinking, communication and leadership aptitudes; and
- Prepare for competitive colleges, advanced careers and a life of civic engagement.

The Academy will open its doors to 240 students in primary grades K-5 in September 2011. Prior to opening, the Academy would be incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization within the state of Arkansas as necessary to meet all applicable legal requirements. Over its first few years of operation, the Academy will expand one-grade-level-per-year so that it can prepare its first class of graduates to finish 8th grade ready to succeed in competitive colleges and advanced careers. Until a permanent address is established in Arkansas, please direct all communications to me at the temporary address and contact information listed below.

With best regards,



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Founder & CEO
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