

## Notice of Intent to Apply for an Arkansas Public Charter School License

<b>Type of Charter:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open-Enrollment <input type="checkbox"/> District Conversion
<b>Proposed Charter School Name:</b>	<b>Southwest Innovation Leadership Academy</b>
<b>Proposed Location:</b>	Southwest Little Rock
<b>School District Where Charter Will be Located:</b>	Little Rock
<b>Grade Levels Served:</b>	6-8
<b>Enrollment Cap:</b>	300
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<b>Focus Area:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traditional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternative Learning Environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual <input type="checkbox"/> College Prep <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

**Provide a brief description of the purpose or emphasis of the school:**

It is the intent of the Ministry of Intercession, dba Bridge-2-Success (B2S) Youth Center, to apply for an open enrollment public charter school to be located in Southwest Little Rock, Arkansas, within the boundaries of the Little Rock School District and referred to as Southwest Innovation Leadership Academy. The proposed charter school will serve 6-8th grade students with an initial capacity of 100 students in the first year and 300 students at full capacity.

The mission of Southwest Innovation Leadership Academy is to provide an innovative, encouraging, and personalized learning environment where students are challenged to reach their full potential by engaging in an exciting curriculum, adhering to discipline, and building self-determination through a holistic approach, focusing on the whole student. B2S is authorized by the Arkansas Secretary of State to transact business in the State of Arkansas as a Non-Profit Corporation with exemption under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

B2S Youth Center has served the underserved area of Southwest Little Rock for nine years and hopes to expand its services through the opening of a public charter school, Southwest Innovation Leadership Academy. In doing so, B2S Youth Center can continue its mission of academically strengthening students from underserved communities and preparing them to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century through preparation, which broadens their knowledge and skills.

Southwest Innovation Leadership Academy will specialize in preparing students from at-risk communities who are considered to have a higher probability of failing academically or dropping out of school. Students who also present low-test scores, disciplinary problems, grade retentions or other learning related factors that could adversely affect their educational performance.

**Printed Name:** Ronald Wilkerson **Title:** Executive Director

**Signature:** *Ronald Wilkerson* **Date:** March 9, 2021