

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

Type of Charter:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open-Enrollment <input type="checkbox"/> District Conversion
Proposed Charter School Name:	Futures
Proposed Location:	1900 Pine Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114
School District Where Charter Will be Located:	Pulaski County
Grade Levels Served:	One through 12
Enrollment Cap:	300
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Focus Area:	<input 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:

The mission of the proposed charter school is to effectively address the outside social determinants restricting academic success inside the classroom specifically for Boys from grades one through 12. In Central Arkansas, there is a rising violence trend disproportionately impacting boys of color which correlates to illiteracy and being disengaged in the educational process. In many cases, these individuals do not have support systems and the relational network to assist in meeting their daily challenges outside the classroom. Consequently, the student's behavior is often not conducive to the educational environment and suspension and expulsion removes them from the educational process. When this happens, we often send the student back to the environment which is responsible for behavior for which he was suspended. Now the student is not in school and he continues falling further behind academically and the communities from which they reside do not benefit from their suspension.

This specialized educational model will provide education and deliver support services for grades one through 12 for boys who continue to be suspended from their current schools in Pulaski County. With community partners, the school will offer a 12-month educational curriculum and provide services for the most behavioral challenged male who has shown he cannot matriculate in what is considered the normal classroom setting. Futures will be proactive in supporting the student with structured after school activities which incentivizes retention and academic achievement towards high school graduation.

This charter school will specifically work to address the drop-out rate of Black males in Central Arkansas. In 2022, there were 16 homicides by teenagers in who lived in Pulaski County. It has been revealed that nearly 50% of those students were suspended multiple times in elementary school due to their behavior. The purpose of Futures will be to work with schools within Pulaski County as an option so this specific Charter School can be recommended to the families of the student as an option over suspension. Each student will have his own individual education plan (IEP) and Futures will

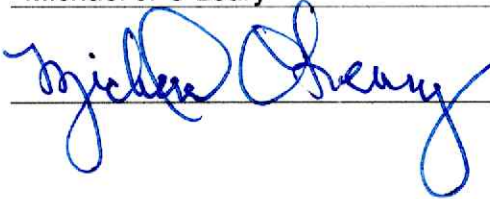
attempt to engage with the student's family and community as needed to provide the support services to meet the immediate, short- and long-term educational goals for each student enrolled.

Futures will focus on offering elite support services to the most behavioral challenged student while working toward meeting the educational standards set by the state. However, Futures will promote a true authentic version of no child left behind. Once a student is enrolled in Futures, it will be the responsibility of the Charter School to keep the students enrolled and engage throughout high school graduation or until they have been behaviorally rehabilitated to the point, they are ready to return to the mainstream educationally environment.

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Title: Executive Director

Signature:



Date: 3.12.2023