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**OPTION FOR PARENTS  
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT CHARTER APPLICATION**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

According to NMSA § 22-8B-6(B) this Notice of Intent to Submit Charter Application (“NOI”) must be filed by the organizers of a proposed charter school to the Public Education Commission at the address below **and** to the superintendent of the school district in which the charter school is proposed to be located. *Failure to notify may result in your application being rejected.*

This year the NOI is due by close of business, January 10, 2012. Notice by mail will be timely if it is postmarked on or by January 6, 2012.

Notice to the Public Education Commission should be delivered one of the following methods:  
 Electronically to: By mail or personal delivery:

[KellyCallahan2@state.nm.us](mailto:KellyCallahan2@state.nm.us)

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION  
 c/o New Mexico Public Education Department  
 Attn: Ms. Kelly Callahan, General Manager  
 Options for Parents/Charter Schools Division  
 300 Don Gaspar, Room 301C  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

The NOI is to provide information for the primary point of contact, enrollment projections and a concise proposal overview (not to exceed 5 pages).

You are strongly encouraged to send notice to the Superintendent of your local district by certified mail return receipt requested, or request a signed receipt when you deliver the NOI. Contact your local district regarding electronic filing.

1. General Information:

Name of Proposed School:	Centennial High School	
Primary Contact Person	Janice Quintana-Maestas	
Mailing Address:	27 Kendrick Road	
City: Belen	State: New Mexico	Zip: 87002
Phone: (505) 440-2520	Email: <a href="mailto:janiceq19@gmail.com">janiceq19@gmail.com</a>	

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2. Names, roles, and current employment of all persons on the applicant team, and qualifications of the team members to establish a high-quality charter school:

Name	Role	Employment	Qualifications
<i>Janice Quintana-Maestas</i>	<i>Co-Founder</i>	<i>Educational Diagnostician</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>BA, MA – Education</i></li> <li>• <i>NM Educational Administrator’s License</i></li> <li>• <i>NM Licensed Diagnostician</i></li> </ul>
<i>Joe Mirabal</i>	<i>Co-Founder</i>	<i>Self-Employed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>BS Biology</i></li> <li>• <i>BA History</i></li> <li>• <i>Board Member of The New Mexico Earth Builders Guild</i></li> </ul>

3. Model or focus of the proposed school (e.g. performing arts, dual language, college prep, STEM):

**High School Drop-out Re-Engagement Program.**

4. Does the school expect to contract with another entity for either management, or substantial oversight or direction in the school’s operation?

**No**

5. Does the applicant team or any members of the team currently operate any other schools? **No**

6. If the proposal is a replication, identify the school(s) you are replicating and what data that you have to support this model should be replicated.

**Not Applicable**

7. Vision/Mission statement. (2-3 sentences)

*Our mission is to provide a challenging, supportive academic environment, for high school dropouts, which capitalizes on their capacity to assimilate information through hands-on learning experiences.*

8. Student body to be served, including key demographic data and targeted geographical area of the proposed school. Describe the targeted student population including key demographic data (academic performance, home languages, ELL and special education populations). Identify where these students are most likely being educated currently and why they are expected to choose the proposed charter school for their future educational needs.

*Centennial High School is offering an alternative to Belen Public School students who are experiencing difficulty in completing their High School education. Centennial High School will be located within the Belen Consolidated Schools district. Our aim is to serve high school dropouts and potential dropouts in that district and will draw students from Valencia County and surrounding areas. We expect that Centennial High School will serve students who are representative of the demographic makeup of the Belen Consolidated Schools District.*

9. Evidence and assessment of a community need for a school of this nature: Detail any objective surveys or other measures of local demand for the proposed educational program.

*According to the 2010-2011 District Report Card, Belen has a sixty-two percent graduation rate and is currently in Restructuring 2. The most striking data is that there are no alternatives in Belen for high school dropouts to receive their diploma.*

10. Key innovative, unique and/or programmatic features the school will implement in order to accomplish its vision and mission (non-traditional school year, longer school day, partner organizations, etc.)

- *Hybrid on-line program: E-2020*
- *Hands-on project-based learning – focusing on Alternative Energy and Building Methods including, but not limited to;*
  - *Solar*
  - *Geothermal*
  - *Earth Building*
- *Non-traditional school year*
- *Non-traditional school day to accommodate working students*

11. How the school will be more effective than the schools currently serving the targeted student population, and/or plans to improve student achievement and exceed the academic performance of existing public schools in the targeted service area and any data you have to support this assumption.

- *Centennial High School will provide a smaller student-teacher ratio to accommodate individualized and differentiated instruction based upon individualized student needs.*
- *The challenge of mastering abstract concepts is made easier by application and synthesis through Project-Based Learning and is naturally reinforced through hands-on learning.*

Signatures of founders

*Janice Quintana Maestas*  
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Janice Quintana Maestas

Date: 9 January 2012

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Joe Mirabal

Date: 9 January 2012