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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

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:	Kentucky Mesa Charter School	
Primary Contact Person	Aaron Lee	
Mailing Address:	PO Box 457	
City: Fruitland	State: NM	Zip:87416
Phone: 5053204179	Email: alee@protekservice.com	

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
Aaron Lee	Organizer / Parent	Software / IT Consultant	14 years technology work
Alana Wride Lee	Organizer / Parent	Stay-at-home mom	BS in Sociology; Master of Organizational Behavior; Head tutor for Intensive Change Management Executive Education Program for 2 sessions
Norman Finch	Organizer / Parent	Pharmacist	Pharm.D
Jade Lee	Organizer / Parent	Stay-at-home mom	Several years volunteering and working in elementary schools

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

Our school will use a modified Harbor School Method that will: be child centered and built on high expectations for both student behavior and academic endeavor, focus on and ensure a safe learning environment (zero-tolerance policy for bullying and negative peer pressure) with limited distractions and increased instruction time, develop virtuous citizen leaders, and encourage active involvement from student's family as parental involvement can increase student achievement.

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

Yes: Describe the entity and role it will have in the school's operational plan. No:

We expect to contract with a service provider for financial and human resource administration management. The board and principal will remain in control of all other duties and will oversee their operations.

5. Does the applicant team or any members of the team currently operate any other schools? Yes: 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.

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

Kentucky Mesa Charter School seeks to educate and develop future citizen leaders with a focus on core educational standards in a safe, structured academic environment which allows for rigorous learning, character development, and opportunities for growth.

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.

For the first year we anticipate enrolling 18-25 English-speaking students in Grades 1-5 from the diverse communities of Kirtland, Fruitland, and Waterflow that are not being allowed to excel in the current Central Consolidated School District, but wish to be challenged.

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.

Within Central Consolidated School District, very few schools have recently made AYP and even fewer are excelling, so parents are actively looking for alternative programs.

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.)

Grades 1-5 will have at least a 7-hour school day and will exceed the minimum required number of days in school by at least 7 days. We seek to recruit and retain the highest quality teachers and implement a school governance structure that emphasizes accountability from the bottom up with the help of a school council involving both parents and teachers. We will involve our students in caring for their school to develop pride in their education.

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.

Improve the learning environment with a zero-tolerance behavior policy and structured classroom which fosters integrity, inquiry-based learning where it is safe to learn from trial and error, creativity and ultimately high-academic achievement which will better prepare our children for post-secondary education and serving and working in the real world.

Signature of founder(s)



Date: Jan. 6, 2012

Aaron K. Lee

[PRINT NAME]

Alana Lee

Date: Jan 6, 2012

Alana Lee

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Madely Lee

Date: Jan 6, 2012

Shelby Lee

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