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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT CHARTER APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

According to NMSA § 22-8B-6(B) the Notice of Intent to Submit a 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 must be submitted by 5:00 PM Mountain Time on **the second Tuesday of January of the current year**. Notices of Intent that are not received by the Public Education Commission and the superintendent of the local school district by the deadline may result in the application being rejected. When you send the NOI to the superintendent of the school district in which your charter is to be located, you are strongly encouraged to send it by certified mail return receipt requested, or request a signed receipt when you deliver the NOI. Contact the local district regarding electronic filing.

Notice to the Public Education Commission should be delivered by one of the following methods:

- Electronically to: Linda.Olivas@state.nm.us
- By mail or personal delivery: PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION
c/o New Mexico Public Education Department
Attn: Ms. Linda Olivas, Administrative Assistant
Options for Parents/Charter Schools Division
300 Don Gaspar, Room 301
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

The NOI is intended to provide the Public Education Commission with the primary point of contact among the charter developers, and preliminary information about the charter proposal, such as the school’s mission statement, the school’s focus, target student population to be served, enrollment projections, key innovations, etc. (not to exceed 5 pages).

1. General Information

- Name of Proposed School

School of Manufacturing and Business Academics (SOMBA)

- Grade levels to be offered and enrollment projections

Grade Levels to be Offered	Projected Total Enrollment
9-12	350

- Primary Point of Contact

Name	Michael S Ogas		
Mailing Address	225 Wittwer Ct		
City	Los Lunas	State	NM
Phone	505.550.6147	Zip	87031
Email	Ogas.soda@gmail.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 on Team	Qualifications: Education, Employment, Experience
Michael S Ogas	Founder	Founder, School of Dreams Academy
Kenneth Griego	Founder	Former Belen Schools Superintendent
Martin Sisneros	Founder	Owner, Sisneros Brothers Mfg., LLC, Belen NM

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

Manufacturing and business academics with focus on students graduating with job ready certifications.

4. Does the school expect to contract with another entity for either management, or substantial oversight or direction in the school's operation? Yes: No:

If YES, describe the entity and the role it will have in the school's operational plan.

5. Does the applicant team or any members of the team currently operate any other schools? Yes: No: .
Mr. Ogas is Founder and currently Principal of School of Dreams Academy.

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

This proposed charter will be a "sister" school to School of Dreams Academy (SODA). Portions of the SODA model will be replicated because of their proven effectiveness (Individual Learning Plan, Blended Instructional Model).

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

To graduate students with job ready skills who are qualified to enter today's technically challenging manufacturing and business trades workforce.

8. Student population and geographical setting of the school

- Define the targeted geographical area of the proposed school from which you expect to draw a significant number of your students.

SOMBA will be located within the Belen Consolidated School's boundaries and will draw students from throughout Valencia County. This application will be to establish a State Charter, therefore it is anticipated to also draw students from Socorro, Magdalena, and Mountainair.

- Describe the targeted student population including key demographic data (academic performance, home languages, ELL, and special education populations).

The targeted students population will be students at risk of dropping out, students who have dropped out, and those who will flourish within a "hands on" educational environment with goals of obtaining work ready certifications while obtaining a high school diploma. Demographic information for the Belen Schools include 75.6% Free and Reduced Lunch Rate, 16% HS Truancy Rate, Hispanic Population almost 3 times that of Caucasian (71% to 25%), 24.40% poverty rate, 26% of students with IEP's graduated, 11.11% of students with IEP's dropped out, and 20% of students with IEP's age 16 years and above did not have Transition Plans. Demographic information for the Los Lunas School District include 70% Free and Reduced Lunch, 13% HS Truancy Rate, Hispanic Population almost 3 times that of Caucasian (67% to 24%), 7% Native American Population, 24.82% poverty rate, 44% of Students with IEP's graduated. Both districts serve ELL students (Belen 391, and Los Lunas 903) with English language proficiency rates ranging between 9% (L1 Entering) to 16% (L5-6 Bridging and Reaching).

- 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.

Students are most likely attending Belen High School, Infinity High School, Los Lunas High School, Valencia High School, Century High School, or have already dropped out and may be looking to reengage into High School. SOMBA will appeal to students who want a non-traditional alternative to not only obtaining a High School Diploma, but a job ready certification in manufacturing and other business industry related fields. Although there are vocational programs currently offered in the High Schools none offer the type of relationship and tie with the local manufacturing industry that SOMBA will. This charter school will be born with input and support from a consortium of local manufacturing companies led by Sisneros Brothers Mfg., LLC

9. Provide evidence that the applicant team has assessed community need for a school of the nature that will be proposed in the application (e.g., objective surveys or other measures of local demand for the proposed educational program).

In the Summer of 2013 a group of business and state leaders met at School of Dreams Academy to discuss the need for a comprehensive vocational charter school. Present were members from the business community, local, county, and state economic development offices, NM Workforce Solutions, State Representatives, Coalition for Charter Schools Leadership. All agreed that this type of school would greatly benefit students and families in Valencia County as well as provide a positive economic development boost by supplying qualified individuals into the work force sooner.

10. Identify significant innovative features that the school will implement in order to help it realize its vision / mission (e.g., non-traditional school year, longer school day, partner organizations, etc.).

Strong tie with local manufacturing companies allowing for hands-on learning, job specific internships, and individualized learning plans designed to meet state graduation requirements while obtaining work specific certifications.

11. Describe 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.

“There is a new reality for workforce developers and education/training providers: that a significant segment of today’s labor force does not have the requisite skills demanded by employers”(A Better Measure of Skills Gaps, ACT.Org, 2011 by ACT). SOMBA will provide on the job skills training as part of an educational option much needed within this community. Programs that combine hands on workforce readiness and high school diploma possibilities are currently not offered in Valencia County. This school will appeal to students at risk of dropping out and will reengage students that have already dropped out.

Please Note: Should your charter be awarded, the founding governing body could undergo a background check to determine if it qualifies to be a board of public finance in the state of New Mexico.

Signature of founder(s)

Michael S Ogas
Michael S Ogas
[PRINT NAME]

Date: 1/13/2015

January 13, 2015

Ron Marquez, Superintendent
Belen Consolidated Schools
520 N Main St
Belen, NM 87031

Dear Superintendent Marquez,

Please accept this letter, and attached Notice of Intent to Submit Charter Application, as official notification of our intent to apply for a state authorized charter school during this 2015 application process. The proposed school will be located within the Belen School's boundaries.


Sincerely,



Michael S Ogas
Founder

Xc: Attachment

Belen Consolidated Schools

Received: 

Date: 1/13/2015

Print Name: RON MARQUEZ