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Abstract of Proposed Charter School:

The Gallup Montessori School, which will be located on the campus of University of New Mexico-Gallup and serve as a lab school for the Early Child teacher education program there, will begin with grades K-3rd. A pre-school program may be added, depending on a successful funding application. It is estimated that the initial enrollment will be 60 students. Two modular buildings with two classrooms each will need be installed initially, followed by up to two more at a later date.

The mission: "Our school will provide, for all interested families in the Gallup and McKinley County area, an alternative education based on proven Montessori principles for academic excellence. We will provide a safe, fair environment of high expectations where children celebrate individuality while contributing to their community, where they acquire habits of the mind that promote life-long learning, and where they engage the real world in their learning, involving parents and community members in the process."

The philosophy and approach will be to provide an alternative, publicly funded, well tested and renowned early child educational method that was previously unavailable and unaffordable to many of McKinley County's low-income families. The academic success of the school's students will help improve the AYP of area schools in the higher grades. Gallup Montessori School will set a precedent for excellence in the community.