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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.*

The NOI must be submitted by 5:00 PM Mountain Time by **the second Tuesday of January**. 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: charter.schools@state.nm.us
- By mail or personal delivery: PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION
c/o New Mexico Public Education Department
Attn: Options for Parents and Families/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, the representative student population in the intended location, enrollment projections, key innovations, etc. (not to exceed 5 pages)

1. General Information

AMIKids Sandoval Charter School (ASCS) will be co-located on the campus on AMIKids Sandoval in Cuba, NM, a CYFD licensed NM residential treatment center that serves 13 NM students. ASCS will offer credit recovery classes to help at-risk students to help them get back on track and graduate with their NM high school diploma, General Equivalency Degree or a Career Technical Certificate. ASCS will simultaneously provide students individualized clinical services to support emotional stability, behavioral health, life skills, and substance abuse needs. The Founding Members seeks to establish a charter school in order to offer a curriculum aligned with NM state standards as well as increase the number of at-risk youths we can positively impact.

Name of Proposed School

AMIKids Sandoval Charter School

- Grade levels to be offered and enrollment projections

Grade Levels to be Offered	Projected Total Enrollment
6 th -12 th	75

- Primary Point of Contact

	Mr. Dan Bacallao		
	20 Pond Road		
	Cuba	NM	87013
	505-346-0075		
	Sandoval-ed@amikids.org		

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.

Names	Role on Team	Qualifications: Education, Employment, and Experience
The Honorable Rick Miera	Founding Board Member	House Majority Leader and House Education Chairman, retired; Licensed Drug & Alcohol Counselor
Mr. Donny Leonard	Founding Board Member	Sandoval County Commissioner, retired Owner, Leonard Tires, Albuquerque
Ms. Clementine Garza	Founding Board Member	Co-Owner, Garza Enterprises, McDonalds Corporation, New Mexico
Mr. Dan Bacallao	Executive Director	AMIKids Sandoval; Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration
Dr. Amy Bradshaw Hoppock	Founding Board Member	MS in Clinical Psychology; PhD in Human Services; Licensed Practical Clinical Clinician, New Mexico.

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

AMIkids Sandoval Charter School (ASCS) will use a credit recovery model in a residential setting so that students may graduate with NM high school diploma, General Equivalency Degree or a Career Technical Certificate. Our academic program will focus on meeting the customized needs of the whole student utilizing differentiated instruction, experiential learning, computer assisted instruction, career and technical opportunities and college preparation. ASCS will simultaneously offer individualized and evidence-based clinical interventions to address risk factors that negatively impact school and life success.

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.

AMIkids Sandoval is a New Mexico non-profit organization governed by a local board of directors who oversee the residential treatment center. AMIkids Inc. is a non-profit organization that partners with a network of 44 affiliated treatment and education programs in nine states, including New Mexico and AMIkids Sandoval. AMIkids Inc. uses a unique combination of education, behavior modification, and treatment services in a safe environment with a caring team help children with a troubled past turn their lives around to become productive citizens. Each of AMIkids' programs has a local governing board comprised of local community members who work together to put kids first and keep their communities safe.

AMIkids Inc. is expected to provide some oversight on the treatment plans the charter school will implement and work with the local governing council and school leadership to give insight on the school's direction.

**5. Does the applicant team or any members of the team currently operate any other schools? Yes No
If YES, describe the entity and the role it will have in the school's operational plan.**

NONE

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

Mission: The mission of AMIkids Sandoval Charter School is to provide at-risk students with an excellent education along with individualized academic support, mental health treatment and behavioral modifications to positively impact their futures.

Vision: Leaving the past behind to become educated, self-motivated and self-directed citizens.

7. 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.

The targeted geographical area could include many school districts since New Mexico has many at-risk students with mental health issues, substance abuse and/or involvement in the youth juvenile justice system. Parents may choose to enroll their child if they will benefit from the ASCS's educational focus, academic program and treatment needs. Students may also enroll by referral from the NM Juvenile Probation and Parole, CYFD, Juvenile Courts and the NM Department of Health and Human Services.

- Describe the student population including key demographic data (academic performance, home languages, English Learners (ELs), and special education populations) in the location in which the school intends to locate.

The Target Population for ASCS is very distinct and may have the following characteristics:

- Youth aged 12-18 years of age who may speak Spanish or another language at home.
- Youth with a diagnosis from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders from the Fifth Edition (DSM-5) diagnosed classifications: Disruptive, Impulse Control, and Conduct Disorders, and /or Substance-Related Disorders.
- Youth at risk for delinquency or with a history of delinquency or a behavior referral.
- Students in need of academic remediation, special education services, behavioral health services and/or substance abuse services.

8. 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. surveys or other measures of local demand for the proposed educational program).

The need to establish ASCS is clear. The latest data from 2014 shows that 3,435 youths were arrested (3,084 is the national average). Due to the 2018 closure of New Mexico's largest residential treatment facility, Desert Hills, located in Albuquerque, CYFD was forced to send approximately 130 New Mexico children outside the state to receive appropriate treatment services and educational opportunities. Research shows that evidence-based programs offered close to home reduces recidivism, substance abuse relapses and feelings of isolation while in the residential program. ASCS seeks to bring these children back to New Mexico so they may benefit from family visits, community connection and our continuum of services. New Mexico currently has only four residential treatment centers in the state. It is critical to grow this number so that more New Mexican children can finish high school while simultaneously receiving treatment services to address their social, emotional and behavioral health needs and substance abuse issues in a treatment center close to home. CYFD has recognized this need for a school and residential treatment center for our vulnerable youth by licensing AMIkids Sandoval as a residential treatment center. According to CYFD Juvenile Justice Services 2018 Annual Report, the top four assessed criminogenic needs for juveniles who are referred to the justice system are Emotional Stability, Life Skills, Substance Abuse, and Education. The same report states that the top two Behavioral Health services recommendations for youth under Juvenile Justice supervision is Individual Therapy and Residential Treatment. We expect demand to be high for ASCS since state data shows the need for more residential school and treatment centers to address the top four criminogenic needs cited by the CYFD Juvenile Justice Services 2018 Annual Report.

9. Describe the significant innovation features the school will implement in order to help it realize its vision/mission (e.g. non traditional school year, longer school day, partner organizations).

The most innovative feature of ASCS is that it will be the first charter school in the state to provide at-risk youth with an array of treatment programs and services in a residential center. Other innovations include very small class sizes (8-10 students) in a blended learning environment, which are necessary to meet the individual learning and treatment needs of our students. We will offer a non-traditional school day so that students can learn, work on campus or in the community, take vocational classes or other hands-on classes and receive treatment. Additionally, ASCS will operate as a year-round school so that our students can stay engaged with their education and treatment services. Our partner organizations include: **New Day**, to provide housing and family support in Bernalillo upon transition from AMIkids Sandoval Charter School; **University of New Mexico** that will provide additional treatment services as needed; **Central New Mexico Community College** that will provide career technical training certificates and college courses; **Lighthouse Treatment Center** that will provide additional treatment services to siblings who are enrolled in other schools as needed; and, **AMIkids Inc.** that will provide treatment and support services to ASCS.

10. 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.

The ASCS program design draws on AMIkids Inc. proven track record with providing services to at-risk and juvenile justice-involved youth for over 50 years. ASCS will exceed the performance of students with similar demographic characteristics because the school will offer a sound educational program using student-driven academic, life and career goals supported by evidence-based treatment programs within a safe and structured treatment center.

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):



Date:

14 Jan 20

Daniel Bacallao, E.D.

[PRINT NAME]

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January 14, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

We are pleased to submit the Notice of Intent to Submit Charter Application.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our application. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Executive Director, AMI Kids Sandoval

