

# Letter of Intent

C. C. Smith Leadership Academy

*The information presented in the Letter of Intent is non-binding.*

Name of Proposed School: CC SMITH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Grade Configuration: Kindergarten through Sixth Grade

Model or Focus: LEADERSHIP AND HEALTHY LIVING

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District: Jackson Public Schools

Proposed Leader: Niah or Thomas Spriggs

Replication? None

Contract with ESP? None

**Enrollment Projections:** *Provide additional rows and columns if necessary. Replace "Year 1" with the academic year the applicant plans to begin operating and the four subsequent academic years.*

Grade	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Pre-K	40	40	40	40	40
K	40	40	40	40	40
1	20	40	40	40	40
2	20	20	40	40	40
3	20	20	20	40	40
4	20	20	20	20	40
5	20	20	20	20	40
6	40	40	40	40	40
7		40	40	40	40
8			40	40	40
9				60	60
10					60
Total # of students	220	260	300	360	420

**Mission of School:**

Using leadership training, increased self-esteem, life and healthy living skills to increase education performance in under-served communities. To produce students ready for college and ready for life.

**Provide a brief overview of the education program of the school:**

The CC Smith Academy is founded on one main principal; children in under served communities need more support than the traditional school provides. Urban students come to school with many different issues and skill sets. The CC Smith Academy plans to offer these children a 21<sup>st</sup> century education that will meet the children where they are and offer them the services needed to make them a better student as well as a better citizen.

The curriculum will focus on intense leadership training, focusing on leaders that were born in urban communities and similar economic circumstances. Integrated into all classes will be citizenship and esteem training, our goal is to not only improve education bench marks but to rebuild and expose these children to all the opportunities the world has to offer. This type of education will ensure that Jackson students are ready to tackle college and to be successful in life.

To assist in achieving these goals the academy plans to provide free tutoring, family counseling, longer school days, gender focused core classes, computers technology, leadership classes and health education programs. To recruit the best teachers we plan to provide junior teachers for core subjects, offer assistance with student/ parent interaction, free tutoring to increase student achievement and increase teacher pay and incentives. To provide additional support to the staff, we have devised a plan to offer structure and boundaries to assist with classroom management. Our goal is to decrease the gap that is left by societies breakdown in dealing with this under served community.

Complete the following table to list Board members for the school at this time. Add rows as is necessary.

Name	Current Professional Title and Organization	Board Role	Focus/Expertise
THOMAS SPRIGGS	RETIRED NFL PLAYER AND HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH	BOARD MEMBER	Mr. Spriggs attended Jackson Public schools and is a product of the city of Jackson. His role will be to encourage the use of health education to work with at risk young men.

Name	Current Professional Title and Organization	Board Role	Focus/Expertise
NIAH SPRIGGS	CHARTER ORGANIZOR	BUSINESS MANAGER & CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER	BA in Business & MBA Currently perusing a Master in Education Leadership

Name	Current Professional Title and Organization	Board Role	Focus/Expertise
ROB BUFKIN	DETECTIVE JACKSON PD	BOARD MEMBER	EXTENSIVE TRAINING AND WORKING WITH AT RISK YOUTH

Name	Current Professional Title and Organization	Board Role	Focus/Expertise
VERONICA REDD	MANAGER/ TRAINER FINANCIAL PLANNER  VALIC FINANCIAL	FINANCIAL MANAGER	FINANCIAL PLANNING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT NUMEROUS FINANCIAL LICENSES

Name	Current Professional Title and Organization	Board Role	Focus/Expertise
NAJIYYAH CRAYTON	PRESIDENT OF PATRICK CRAYTON	BOARD MEMBER	PREVIOUS BOARD EXPERIENCE AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH SCHOOLS