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DU BOIS CHARTER SCHOOLS CONSORTIUM

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This letter of intent serves to provide a formal notice to the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board regarding an applicant's intention to submit a proposal for opening for planning in the 2014-2015 school year cycle.

Name of Proposed School: Du Bois Delta Prep
Tunica

Grade Configuration: K-5

Model or Focus: Du Bois Elementary Schools of Arts & Technology

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Proposed Leader
(If known):

Replication: Yes No

Contract with ESP: Yes No

Enrollment Projections: *Provide additional rows and columns if necessary.*

GRADE	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
x	K-5	K-5	K-5	K-5	K-5
x					
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Total students	100	100	100	100	100
	FRL %		SPED %		ELL %
Proposed Demographics	85		12		3
Mission of School	Our mission is to adequately prepare economically and socially deprived at-risk students for college and careers.				
Provide a brief overview of the education program of the proposed school:	The Du Bois Elementary School of Arts & Technology will accelerate cognitive development and foster academic achievement for economically disadvantaged students, kindergarten through 5 th grades, with a focus on the arts and the use of technology. These students are considered at-risk. Building learning capacity and the retention of students who have been labeled as "difficult to teach" will be two main goals. The school will implement multiple approaches and comprehensive, coordinated instructional strategies to arouse the interests and stimulate the learning capacities of students by connecting language arts, science, technology and mathematics to music and drama. Staff, students and parents will work together to provide an environment which revolutionizes the education process for each member of the learning community. The focus will be on high student achievement, effective teaching, high expectations, character development, parental engagement, strong leadership and positive results.				

Complete the following table to list Board members for the school at this time.

Name	Current Profession Title and Organization	Board Role	Focus/Expertise
Tanya Dawson	Accountant	Chair of Audit Committee & Finance and Budget Committee Member	Ms. Dawson is a solid member of the financial industry with knowledge of financial markets, experience in auditing and accounting methods as well as State of Tennessee financial reporting.
Michael Gray	Retired from Law Enforcement	Chair of Finance and Budget Committee & Policy and By-Laws Committee Member	Michael Gray is a former Deputy Director of both the Memphis Division of Public Service/Neighborhoods and the Public Library. He is accomplished in executive projects, developing and managing budgets. Mr. Gray holds two master degrees to include a Master in Crisis Management and a MBA. He is licensed as both a real estate broker and residential and commercial contractor in the state of Tennessee. Mr. Gray has over thirty-one years of law enforcement expertise and has a working knowledge of laws, policies and regulations that governs organizations.
Roland McElrath Jr.	Controller of Memphis Light Gas and Water Division	Audit Committee Member & Finance and Budget Committee Member	As the former Director of Finance and Administration for the City of Memphis, Mr. McElrath was responsible for managing all aspects of the City's major financial operations, as well as developing strategies and tactics for financing the city's operating and capital improvement program needs.
Keith McGee	Pastor of St. Marks Baptist Church	Chair of Board	As the former Chief Administrative Office for Memphis, TN, Mr. McGee was responsible for the operations and management of 15 divisions with over 10,000 employees. Coupled with the fact that he is involved in community outreach ministries, Mr. McGee understands the students the school will serve.
Ernest D Strickland	Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce Director of Workforce & Public Policy	Chair of Personnel Committee & Audit Committee Member	Mr. Strickland has an extensive broad-based business and economic development background. He has a genuine interest in developing leadership in children and youth and his experiences will aid in shaping their leadership and career development.
Brent Taylor	Business and Political Consultant	Policy and By-Laws Committee Chair & Personnel Committee Member	Mr. Taylor is a former member of the Memphis City Council and has owned and operated funeral homes and cemeteries in the community for 25 years. His expertise in management will be a great benefit to school operations.
Janika White	Attorney with Law Firm of Walter Bailey	Personnel Committee Member & Policy and By-Laws Committee Member	Atty. White has served as a judicial clerk in the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee and in the Chancery Court for Shelby County Tennessee. She is a member of the Memphis Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association and American Bar Association. Atty. White remains involved in the community and serves as chair on the Young Lawyers Division Board for the MBA.

*Parent will be added upon school approval