



January 17, 2014

Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board
Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
3825 Ridgewood Rd.
Jackson, MS 39211

RE: Letter of intent to open The Jackson Medical Mall Community High School

**Jackson Medical
Mall Foundation**

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Dear Charter School Authorizer Board:

Please accept this letter of intent to submit a charter school application on or before January 22, 2014.

The name of the proposed charter school is: The Jackson Medical Mall Community High School. The primary mission of the community school is to create an educational environment that sustains and nurtures academics, character, health and active citizenship.

The student enrollment breakdown, by year, and the appropriate grades to be served, is as follows:

Grade:	Year 1 (2015)	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
9	300	300	300	300	250
10		300	300	300	250
11			300	300	250
12				300	250
Total # of students				1200	1,000*

*We do expect a 10% attrition leaving us with a stable enrollment of 1,000 high school students.

The facilities to be used are as follow:

The Jackson Medical Mall Foundation
350 W. Woodrow Wilson Drive
Jackson, MS 39213.

We look forward to working with you towards the completion of our application and successful start of our school year in 2015.

Sincerely,

Dr. Aaron Shirley,
Chairman of the Board
Jackson Medical Mall Foundation



Letter of Intent

This letter of intent (LOI) serves to provide a formal notice to the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board regarding The Jackson Medical Mall's intention to submit a proposal for opening a charter school. The information presented in this Letter of Intent is non-binding.

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Name of Proposed School	Jackson Medical Mall Community School
Grade Configuration	9-12
Model or Focus	Health focused and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
Primary Contact Person	Dr. A. Shirley
Phone	601 982-8467 Cell 601 622-8261
Email	ashirly@aol.com
District	Jackson Public School
Proposed Leader (if known)	
Replication?	No
Contract with ESP?	No

Enrollment Projections:

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Overview of the education program of the school:

Evolving features of national health care reform are creating an urgent need for preparing healthcare workers including physicians, dentists, registered nurses, community health workers, mental health technicians, emergency medical technicians, public health professionals and others. The location of the mall in the Mississippi HealthCare Corridor, makes it a prime site for preparing enrolled students to take full advantage of opportunities created by this demand.



Mission of the School:

The mission of the Jackson Medical Mall Community School is to create an educational environment that sustains and nurtures **academics, character, health, and active citizenship.**

Special Statement:

We subscribe to the **Mississippi First** Position that: “the effort to make our public education system one of the nations finest will require the adoption of several different policy solutions. Even if Mississippi is able to produce high-quality charter schools, Mississippi would still need to transform traditional public education to ensure an excellent education for all students. Mississippians who strongly favor or oppose charter schools, along with everyone else in the middle, must lend their support for Pre-Kindergarten, college/workforce-ready academic standards, and a host of other reforms that, in concert, can finally produce deep and lasting improvements in our state’s academic standing”.



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Jackson Medical Mall Community High School Governing Board

The Governing Board is the entity legally responsible for holding the charter, entering into the contract with Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board and overseeing the operation and academic performance of the charter school.

Board composition

Member Name	Occupation	Role plus key skills and areas of expertise
Aaron Shirley	Retired pediatrician Active JPS grandparent.	Chairs Jackson Medical Mall Foundation Board Promotes increasing number of minorities in health professions, reducing racial and geographic health disparities and improvement in public education.
Nancy Sylvester	Retired-Director of Student Services/Counselors-JPS	Master scheduling, testing, counseling, academic development, career development, social/emotional development and parental engagement
Robert Fortenberry	Retired School Administrator	Role: Promoting a culture within the Jackson Medical Mall Community School in which it is clearly understood that All Children Can Learn . Key Skills: A nationally recognized education consultant who has been instrumental in the growth of major educational software companies in the nation. A past Superintendent of Jackson Public School System in Jackson, Mississippi. Served in that capacity for over 17 years. Experience ranges from being the Vice President of the National Parent Teacher Association to holding the distinction of top educational advisor to major companies.
Mohammad Shahbazi	Professor of Public Health	I have been a faculty of public health with Jackson State University for over 13 years. As a medical anthropologist, I have worked with school children and their health internationally. Cultural competency in global setting is one of my unique skills. My other skills/expertise includes training community health workers within an integrated primary health care system in Mississippi and beyond.
Al Thomas	Retired Department Manager for Allstate Operations Center	Employed over 30 years for a nationally ranked Fortune 500 insurance company. Proficient in data analysis processes. Thorough knowledge of components of personnel files. Understanding of research based criteria for quality candidate selection. Experience in facilitating and organizing professional development sessions. Knowledgeable of appropriate benefit packages and plans. Expertise in evaluation tools to monitor personnel progress. Will serve as an advisor for the purchasing of the following: Contents coverage for the school, Liability coverage for the school, teachers, staff and board members. Retirement benefits, group health and life insurance and Personnel recommendations.



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Phil Reed	President/CEO, Voice of Calvary Ministries	Non-Profit management Community Development activities Fundraising Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from Indiana University; Master's Degree in Mathematics from Miami University (Oxford, OH)
Priscilla Sterling	Project Coordinator/ Secretary JSU Active JPS parent.	Organizer, Research and provide the necessary resources for communities.
Marietta Carter	Education Consultant	Certified Administrator AA 486; Certified in Elementary Education A 116 and A 117 – Experience includes: three years as a middle school principal; six years as a middle school assistant principal; and seven years as an elementary school teacher. Skilled in collecting, analyzing, and using data to identify school needs and planning school-wide improvement initiatives
Hazel Shields		Role: Board Member with duties to be assigned Skills/Expertise: Dedicated Leadership in School Management and Administration; Skilled at reviewing and using student data for teaching; Detailed Presenter with staff and public groups; Motivated worker; Excellent writer of evaluations, staff development plans, evaluations of staff and incorporates knowledge of teaching skills in these presentations; Researcher who is able to write and implement work study format for staff; Trainer who presents challenging workshops in house for staff and at the school district level; Excellently rated teacher at the K-3 level; Notable teacher in the Title I Remediation classes; Loyal; Honest; and Trainable.