

## Letter of Intent

This letter of intent (LOI) serves to provide a formal notice to the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board regarding an applicant's intention to submit a proposal for opening a charter school.

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

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| Name of Proposed School    | Kingdom Way Performing Arts School    |
| Grade Configuration        | Grades 6-9                            |
| Model or Focus             | MS Visual & Performing Arts Framework |
| Primary Contact Person     | Rhoshawnda Baker                      |
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| District                   | Jefferson County Public Schools       |
| Proposed Leader (if known) | Rhoshawnda Baker                      |
| Replication?               | No                                    |
| Contract with ESP?         | No                                    |

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 Levels        | Year 1- 2015 | Year 2- 2016 | Year 3- 2017 | Year 4- 2018 | Year 5 - 2019 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 6                   | 120 students  |
| 7                   |              | 120 students | 120 students | 120 students | 120 students  |
| 8                   |              |              | 120 students | 120 students | 120 students  |
| 9                   |              |              |              | 120 students | 120 students  |
| Total # of Students | 120          | 240          | 360          | 480          | 480           |

**Mission of School:** The mission of the Kingdom Way Performing Arts School is to educate youth through a curriculum committed to excellence in performing arts and academics, training them to be future leaders throughout the world. Kingdom Way Performing Arts provides an environment that will not only cater to a student's academic requirements but also understands the gifts and talents that a child has been given in music, dance, theatre or visual arts; helping them to perfect those gifts with the purpose of sharing them with the world.

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

The Kingdom Way Performing Arts School will educate its students using the holistic approach of teaching. Our target community is the Jefferson County Public School District. Our target student population includes families with students (grades 6-9) who are interested in an inquiry-based curriculum with a focus on the performing arts. We are committed to reaching students that would not have access to this type of school or learning process.

It the belief of Kingdom Way Performing Arts Center that every child is gifted and has talent in some area. Kingdom Way will seek to discover, nurture, and encourage the development of that talent, so that every student will meet or exceed world-class standards, both academically and in the arts. In order to reach this vision, we will offer a comprehensive education program which equally emphasizes academic and artistic excellence.

The Kingdom Way Performing Arts School objectives are:

- To Educate each child according to age and development so that learning and growth are united
- To Integrate the developing mind and body of the child with academics and the performing arts; visual, theatre, dance and music.
- To nourish this spirit and curiosity so that students continue to flourish long after the end of formal training.

Kingdom Way will augment the current curriculum per national and State Common Core Standards and best practices, and continue integrating technology into our academic program in order to raise our students' levels of achievement through individual attention, individualized instructional practices, differentiated instruction, adapted and modified practice activities, and accommodations to afford all students access to the curriculum, materials, and instructional strategies needed to receive an enriching education.

Kingdom Way Performing Arts School will adopt the **Mississippi Visual & Performing Arts Framework** as it foundational and instructional guide. The 21st century skills that are necessary to be "college and career ready" are more successfully developed through arts integration; exploring all four art forms- dance, music, theatre and visual arts - while learning about other core subjects- English, Math, Science and Social Studies.

### **Board Members**

| Name               | Current Professional Title and Organization                 | Board Role                   | Focus/Expertise  |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|--|
| Rhoshawnda Baker   | Secondary Educator;<br>Teacher Consultant,<br>Arts Educator | Founder & Executive Director | Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment;<br>Fundraising                             |
| Larry Shannon      | Counselor, Women & Children Rights                          | President                    | Workforce Leadership, Administrative Leadership                                  |
| Claudine Middleton | Retired K-12 Principal<br>Retired Federal Programs Officer  | Financial Advisor            | Financial, Business & School Operations;<br>Federal Programs;<br>Title I Funding |
| Bobbie Chambliss   | Health & Human Services                                     | Community Organizer          | Parent & Community Engagement  |
| Gregory Harris     | Maintenance Supervisor, Carpenter                           | Advisor                      | Facilities Management  |