

2017 CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSAL Letter of Intent and Demonstration of Eligibility

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

Name of applicant organization: INSPIRE CHARTER SCHOOL
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We plan to apply as a:

- New operator Existing operator Conversion operator

Do any of the following describe your organization, or the school/campuses you will propose?

- Seeks approval for multiple campuses under a single charter.
 Already operates schools elsewhere in the US.
 Will contract or partner with an education service provider.

If so, identify the provider:

- This provider already operates schools in this state or elsewhere in the US.

Provide the names of all members of the applicant team (add lines as needed):

Full Name	Current Job Title and Employer	Position with Proposed School
Darren Leach	Senior Pastor, Genesis Church	Board of Directors
Claude Simpson	Retired	Board of Directors
Mark Crigler	President, Bank of Commerce	Board of Directors
Dr. Stanley McCrary	President, Lowndes County United Way	Board of Directors
Vince Davis	Engineering Change Management Manager, Paccar	Board of Directors

Provide the names of all members of the proposed governing board of the school (add lines as needed):

Full Name	Current Job Title and Employer	Position with Proposed School
Darren Leach	Senior Pastor, Genesis Church	Board of Directors
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Provide the names of all members of the proposed leadership team of the school (add lines as needed):

Full Name	Current Job Title and Employer	Position with Proposed School

COMPLETE THIS PART FOR EACH SCHOOL/CAMPUS YOU INTEND TO PROPOSE. Duplicate as needed.

Proposed School/Campus Name	Opening year	Grades served year one	Grades served at capacity
Inspire Charter School	2018*2019	Grade 5	Grades 5-6

Proposed Location

School District: <i>Identify the school district where the charter school will be located.</i>	Columbus Municipal School District
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Model/Specialty (check all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative	<input type="checkbox"/> Career and Technical Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Disability (list):	<input type="checkbox"/> Montessori
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> College Prep	<input type="checkbox"/> Language Immersion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STEM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended Learning	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (list):	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	

Proposed School Description

Provide the mission statement of the proposed school.	To create and sustain a culture that inspires and equips students to become champions.
In 100 words or less, briefly describe the instructional focus of the proposed school.	The instruction plan is focused on inspiring scholars, teachers and parents to engage fully in the educational process and assume accountability for educational outcomes. A combination of blended learning, project-based learning, character education and incentives will enable the development of skills for critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration. Each student will be encouraged to achieve to the best of his or her ability in a nurturing environment that promotes individualized and group learning opportunities. By creating a stimulating and learning-focused culture, the school will model and instill excellence as a way of life for the scholars.

Certification

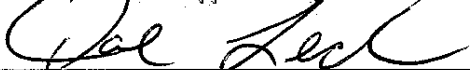
We understand that upon receipt of this letter and accompanying documentation, the MCSAB will evaluate our organization and applicant team against the legal eligibility requirements to determine whether we are eligible to hold a charter in the state of Mississippi.

We further understand that in order to be considered in this RFP cycle, we must submit a complete proposal by 3pm CST on March 7, 2017.

I certify that I have the authority to submit this LOI and that all information contained herein is complete and accurate, realizing that any misrepresentation could result in disqualification from the application process. The person named as the contact person for the application is so authorized to serve as the primary contact for this application on behalf of the organization.

Darren Leach, Member of Board of Directors

Name, Role with Applicant Organization



Signature

March 7, 2017

Date