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**Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board
Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
3825 Ridgewood Road
Jackson, MS 39211**

Dear Board:

Over the next few weeks we, the Founding Board of Sojourner Truth Academy, intend to complete an application for a Charter School in Leake County, Mississippi. I have attended 95% of your meetings and thank you for the tremendous educational opportunity.

Our school will be named Sojourner Truth Academy and will be a K-8 school serving students in Carthage, Thomas Town, Edinburg, Walnut Grove and surrounding school districts.

I look forward to working with the Board as we:

- 1) improve student learning;**
- 2) close achievement gaps between high- and low-performing groups;**
- 3) increase educational opportunities for all students, but especially for those with a likelihood of academic failure;**
- 4) allow teachers and school administrators to have a direct voice in the operation of the school;**
- 5) encourage the use of high-quality models of teaching, governing and scheduling;**
- 6) provide for exceptional levels of results driven accountability; and**
- 7) create expanded opportunities for involvement in the education system by students, parents and community members.**

**Once again, this is our letter of intent to complete an application for the development of the
Sojourner Truth Academy Charter School in Leake County, Mississippi.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Gardner", written over the word "Sincerely". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Bishop Dr. Cynthia King Bolden Gardner, J.D., D.Div.

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