

2018 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: The Piney Woods Preparatory School
Primary contact person: Willie Levi Crossley, Jr.
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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
Willie Levi Crossley, Jr.	President / The Piney Woods School	Board Member
Monica A. Crossley	Dean of Faculty/The Piney Woods School	Board Member
Marjorie Renee' Tillman	Chief of Staff / The Piney Woods School	

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
Willie Levi Crossley, Jr.	President / The Piney Woods School	Board Member
Monica A. Crossley	Dean of Faculty/The Piney Woods School	Board Member
Sharon Gill	County Director of Human Services / State of Mississippi	Board Member
Willard E. Garrett, II	CPA / U.S. Federal Government	Board Member
Lee A. Unger	Retired City Administrator / Jackson, MS	Board Member

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
(unknown)		

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
The Piney Woods Preparatory School		2019	5-8	5-8
Proposed Location				
School District: <i>Identify the school district where the charter school will be located.</i>		Rankin County		

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arts	<input checked="" 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.	The Piney Woods Preparatory School mission is to provide excellence in education through creation of an exceptional academic model, which supports the tenet that all students can learn, develop a strong work ethic, deserve a high quality educational opportunity, and can lead extraordinary lives through academic achievement and responsible citizenship.		
In 100 words or less, briefly describe the instructional focus of the proposed school.	The proposed school would serve students in grades 5th through 8th grade. The focus and preparation will be to ensure students develop cognitive skills suitable for successfully achieving Mississippi educational standards and that students receive a high quality education preparing them to succeed in high school, college and beyond.		

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 May 8, 2018.

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.

Willie Levi Crossley, Jr., J.D., Board Member

Name, Role with Applicant Organization



Signature

March 21, 2018

Date