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September 7, 2016

Charter Authorizing Panel  
Arkansas Department of Education  
4 Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Panel Members:

It is my sincere pleasure to submit this letter in support of Arkansas Arts Academy as it applies for an amendment to its existing charter school contract with the Arkansas Department of Education. With approval, the Academy will remodel its campus to accommodate an additional 400 students and offer an expanded roster of specialized classes in the culinary arts, visual art, dance, theater and more.

As the second-oldest charter school in the state, Arkansas Arts Academy has for many years provided students with a quality education. It is my understanding the elementary and middle school grades have reached capacity and have waiting lists for admission. I hope those with the power to do so will give this amendment application every possible consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cecile Bledsoe".

Cecile Bledsoe  
State Senator  
District 3

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STATE OF ARKANSAS

# House of Representatives

September 14, 2016

RE: *Arkansas Arts Academy*

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my strong support for the Arkansas Arts Academy and the requested amendment to their charter.

This remarkable academy is exposing a growing enrollment to accelerated learning, through self-paced and blended instruction, that's unmatched in any other school in our state. Through its course offerings and early college experiences, the Arkansas Arts Academy is enabling its students through sessions with opportunities for every student.

This will allow the Arkansas Arts Academy to significantly expand its offerings to better serve traditional and non-traditional students, create the opportunity to increase its involvement with the communities and provide an environment in which its students can participate in many levels of arts. These benefits will lead directly to students being better prepared to contribute to the world of work upon their graduation.

Again, I am in full support of the Arkansas Arts Academy and urge the board to approve the amendment. If you have an questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
*Jana Della Rosa*

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State Representative

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Tuesday, October 04, 2016

Alexandra Boyd, Charter School Program Advisor  
Arkansas Department of Education  
Four Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Collaborative Efforts with Arkansas Arts Academy

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I had the pleasure of meeting with Mrs. Mary Ley, Chief Executive Officer for the Arkansas Arts Academy, to discuss possible collaborative efforts between our two institutions. This effort will focus on our proposed Lane Hotel Campus in Rogers.

We have identified some areas for collaboration in shared resources, educational programs, after-school programs, and tutoring. We are optimistic about the opportunity to forge ahead with our collective ideas.

Sincerely,

Dr. Martin W. Schoppmeyer, Jr.  
Founder and Superintendent  
MWS/hpt

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