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October 5, 2020

Mr. Johnny Key, Commissioner
Arkansas Department of Education
Four Capitol Mall, Room 304-A
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Key:

Please accept this letter in support of the Rivercrest School District as it applies for a conversion charter on behalf of The Academies at Rivercrest High School.

The proposed school will engage students and provide opportunities for them to take full advantage of unique learning experiences that would include an Agricultural Academy, a Virtual Academy, and a Freshman Academy to allow for technical professions, academic degrees, and career exploration. The charter will also benefit local businesses by targeting, recruiting, and retaining skilled students for positions in the region.

This innovative charter school will help motivate students toward lifelong learning and career advancement and build a foundation for future growth and economic development of the area. I respectfully ask you to give their application every possible consideration. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. If I can be of further assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Wallace".

Dave Wallace
State Senator
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October 9, 2020

Sally Bennett
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Rivercrest School District
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RE: Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

Arkansas Northeastern College (ANC) supports the efforts of the Rivercrest School District to become the Academies at Rivercrest High School. Arkansas Northeastern College partners with Rivercrest School District in meeting the following goals.

- Inform students of the varied types of careers which are available within Agricultural Science and Technology Education.
- Inform students of the types of education, interests, and skills which lead to success within their chosen agriculture career field.
- Provide an interactive experience for students through hands-on activities with people employed in agricultural science and technology careers.
- Provide the participants information about the types of Agricultural Science and Technology Education courses, degrees and careers available at the post-secondary level.
- Provide credit for college level technical and general education as well as learning opportunities offered through the ANC Secondary Career Center.

Arkansas Northeastern College's commitment to Rivercrest is demonstrated in providing assistance to help to ensure teachers and students are provided with opportunities for college credit coursework, professional growth, and continuous learning. We will work closely with Rivercrest School District to deliver the right combination of services needed to develop an effective program.

Sincerely,

Dr. James R. Shemwell
President