

WALTON FAMILY
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August 6, 2021

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

Dear Charter Authorizing Panel Members,

I am writing to support the charter application of IDEA Public Schools to establish two schools/campuses in the central Arkansas area (specifically in Little Rock and North Little Rock Arkansas).

If the Panel and ultimately the State Board of Education approves the charter application, each school could qualify for an start-up grant of up to \$1,250,000 based on the formula of \$2,500 per student for schools above 60% Free and Reduced Lunch rate and serving up to 500 students at full growth, as well as facilities assistance as is appropriate.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding our Public Charter School assistance programs.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Stark
Senior Education Advisor

