



Charter Amendment Request
AMS Schools – Arkansas
March 2025



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Note: Per instructions from the ADE Director of Charter Schools, Dorie Summons, AMS Schools – Arkansas is not submitting a Facilities Utilization Agreement as facility identification and selection is still underway as detailed herein and in our AMS Schools – Arkansas Amendment Request Presentation. We affirm that the facilities we operate will be compliant with ADE/IDEA accessibility regulations and will remain so while AMS occupies the location.



February 12, 2025

Ms. Dorie Summons
Director of Charter Schools
Arkansas Department of Education
Four Capital Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: AMS Schools – Arkansas Amendment Request

Dear Ms. Summons,

Pursuant to Section 4.02.4 of the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Public Charter Schools, we are submitting a Charter Amendment Request Form with additional documentation pertaining to the request. The purpose of this submission is to request the following amendment to the AMS Schools – Arkansas charter:

1. Add a new K-8 campus in Fort Smith, Arkansas to open in the Fall of 2026 as AMS Fort Smith.
2. Add a new K-8 campus in Jonesboro, Arkansas to open in the Fall of 2027 as AMS Jonesboro.
3. To increase AMS Schools – Arkansas' enrollment cap to 2,010 to account for:
 - AMS Fort Smith serving up to 810 students beginning in the Fall of 2026.
 - AMS Jonesboro serving up to 600 students beginning in the Fall of 2027.
4. To maintain all current waivers held by AMS Little Rock for both new campuses.

We ask that this amendment request be placed on the March 20, 2025 meeting agenda of the Charter Authorizing Panel for consideration.

We appreciate the Department's time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kate Bracher
Executive Director, AMS Schools – Arkansas
&
Erik Greenberg
Chief Executive Officer, AMS Impact Group
&
Kristina Winters
Superintendent, AMS Impact Group
&
Zachary Larison
Chief of Staff, AMS Impact Group

Cc:

- Dr. Terry Morawski, Superintendent, Fort Smith Public Schools
- Dr. Kim Wilbanks, Superintendent, Jonesboro Public Schools

Sent via email



Charter Amendment Request Form

The Charter Amendment Request Form and all required documentation must be received via email (ade.charterschools@ade.arkansas.gov) at the Arkansas Department of Education at least 35 days prior to the Charter Authorizing Panel meeting.

Charter Name: AMS Schools - Arkansas **LEA:** 6065702

Superintendent or Director: Kristina Winters

Email: kwinters@amsschools.org **Phone:** 501-295-3415

Type of Amendment(s) Requested

Add a New Campus (Must also submit the Facilities Utilization Agreement)

Address: AMS Fort Smith, Location TBD & AMS Jonesboro: Location TBD

School District: Fort Smith Public Schools, Jonesboro Public Schools

Relocate Existing Campus (Must also submit the Facilities Utilization Agreement)

Campus Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Proposed Address: _____

School District: _____

Increase Enrollment Cap

Current Cap: 600

Proposed Cap: 2,010

Change Grade Levels Served

Current Grade Levels Served: _____

Proposed Grade Levels Served: _____

Waiver(s)

Statute/Standard/Rule to be Waived: Maintain all current waivers held by AMS Little Rock
for AMS Fort Smith and AMS Jonesboro.

Rationale for Waiver:



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II. Budget Projections – AMS Fort Smith

AMS Fort Smith Campus Proforma					
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Projected# of Students	753*	753	753	753	753
Revenue per Student	10,384	10,540	10,698	10,858	11,021
# of Staff	57	57	57	57	57
Revenue					
Federal	887,589	900,903	914,417	928,133	942,055
State	6,934,535	7,038,553	7,144,131	7,251,293	7,360,063
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	7,822,124	7,939,456	8,058,548	8,179,426	8,302,118
Expenditures					
Salary & Benefits	3,605,997	3,668,676	3,732,452	3,797,344	3,863,372
Prof Tech & Other Services	1,465,773	1,490,255	1,515,221	1,540,684	1,566,654
Building Lease	1,575,000	1,567,111	1,558,669	1,549,636	1,539,972
Building Services and Utilities	147,268	162,124	166,177	170,332	174,590
Supplies and Materials	423,382	433,966	444,815	455,936	467,334
Other Expenditures	355,963	356,386	356,963	357,553	358,159
Total Expenditures	7,573,383	7,678,518	7,774,298	7,871,486	7,970,080
Year End Balance	248,741	260,939	284,251	307,941	332,038

*753 assumes enrollment at 93% of total capacity (810).



II. Budget Projections – AMS Jonesboro

AMS Jonesboro Campus Proforma					
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Projected# of Students	558*	558	558	558	558
Revenue per Student	10,384	10,540	10,698	10,858	11,021
# of Staff	38	38	38	38	38
Revenue					
Federal	657,474	667,336	677,346	687,506	697,818
State	5,136,693	5,213,743	5,291,949	5,371,328	5,451,898
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	5,794,166	5,881,079	5,969,295	6,058,834	6,149,717
Expenditures					
Salary & Benefits	2,488,558	2,531,682	2,575,560	2,620,207	2,665,635
Prof Tech & Other Services	1,123,281	1,141,381	1,159,840	1,178,666	1,197,866
Building Lease	1,470,000	1,462,637	1,454,758	1,446,327	1,437,307
Building Services and Utilities	124,087	127,190	135,836	146,042	158,137
Supplies and Materials	216,635	222,051	227,602	233,292	239,124
Other Expenditures	352,780	353,123	353,618	354,125	354,645
Total Expenditures	5,775,341	5,838,063	5,907,214	5,978,659	6,052,713
Year End Balance	18,825	43,016	62,080	80,176	97,004

*558 assumes enrollment at 93% of total capacity (600)



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III. Current year to date enrollment by race and grade

AMS Little Rock	Hispanic or Latino of any Race (Ethnicity)	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Two or more races	Grand Total
K - Kindergarten	5	1		40		7	1	54
01 - First Grade	13	1		41		6		61
02 - Second Grade	9	2		45		1		57
03 - Third Grade	8	2	2	43		5		60
04 - Fourth Grade	7			43		2		52
05 - Fifth Grade	11		1	44	1	5		62
06 - Sixth Grade	8	1		46		1		56
07 - Seventh Grade	2			20		4		26
08 - Eighth Grade	5	2	2	46		12	1	68
Grand Total	68	9	5	368	1	43	2	496

IV. Current year to date free and reduced lunch

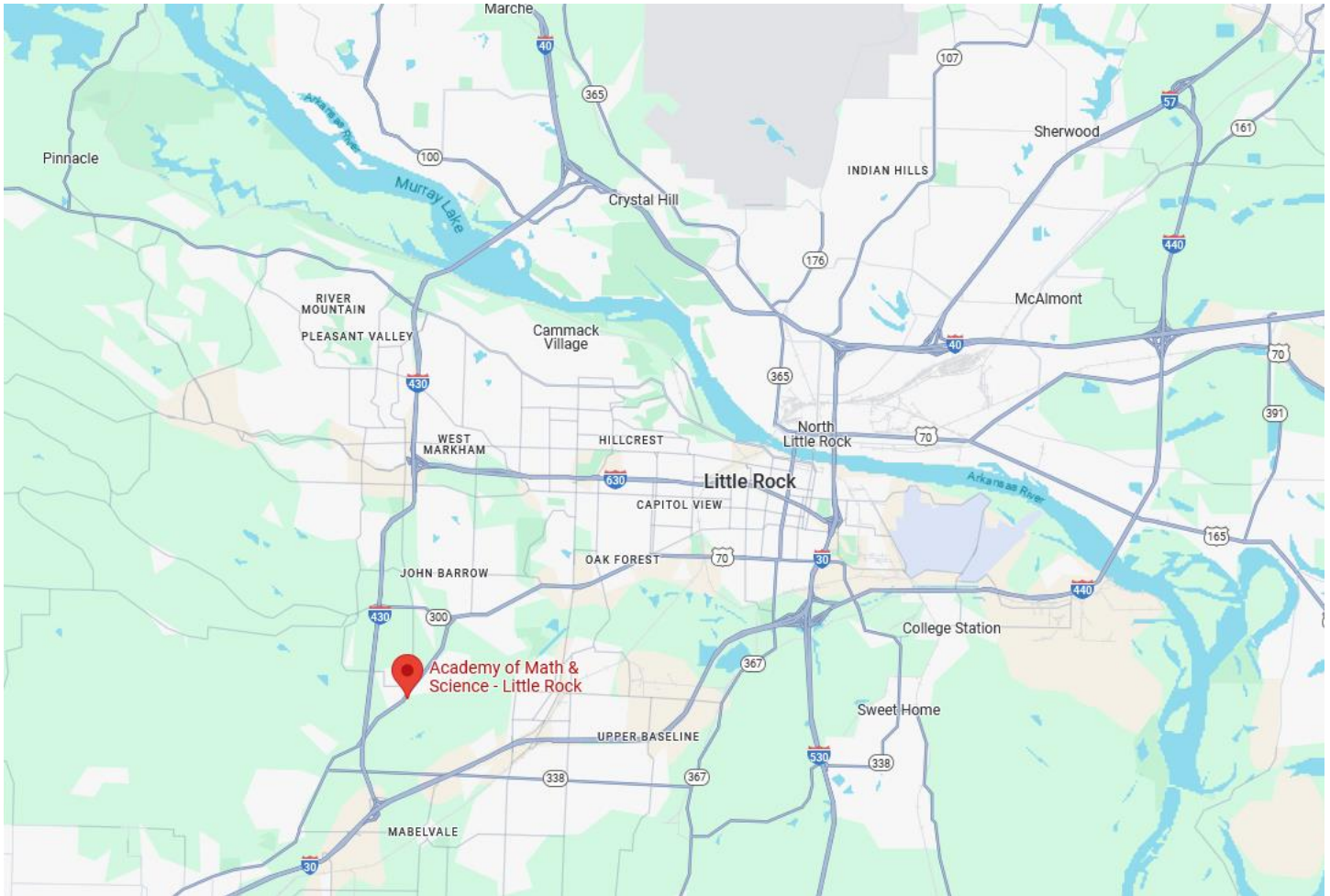
School	# Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible Students	Total Enrollment	FRL Percentage
AMS Little Rock	371	496	74.8%



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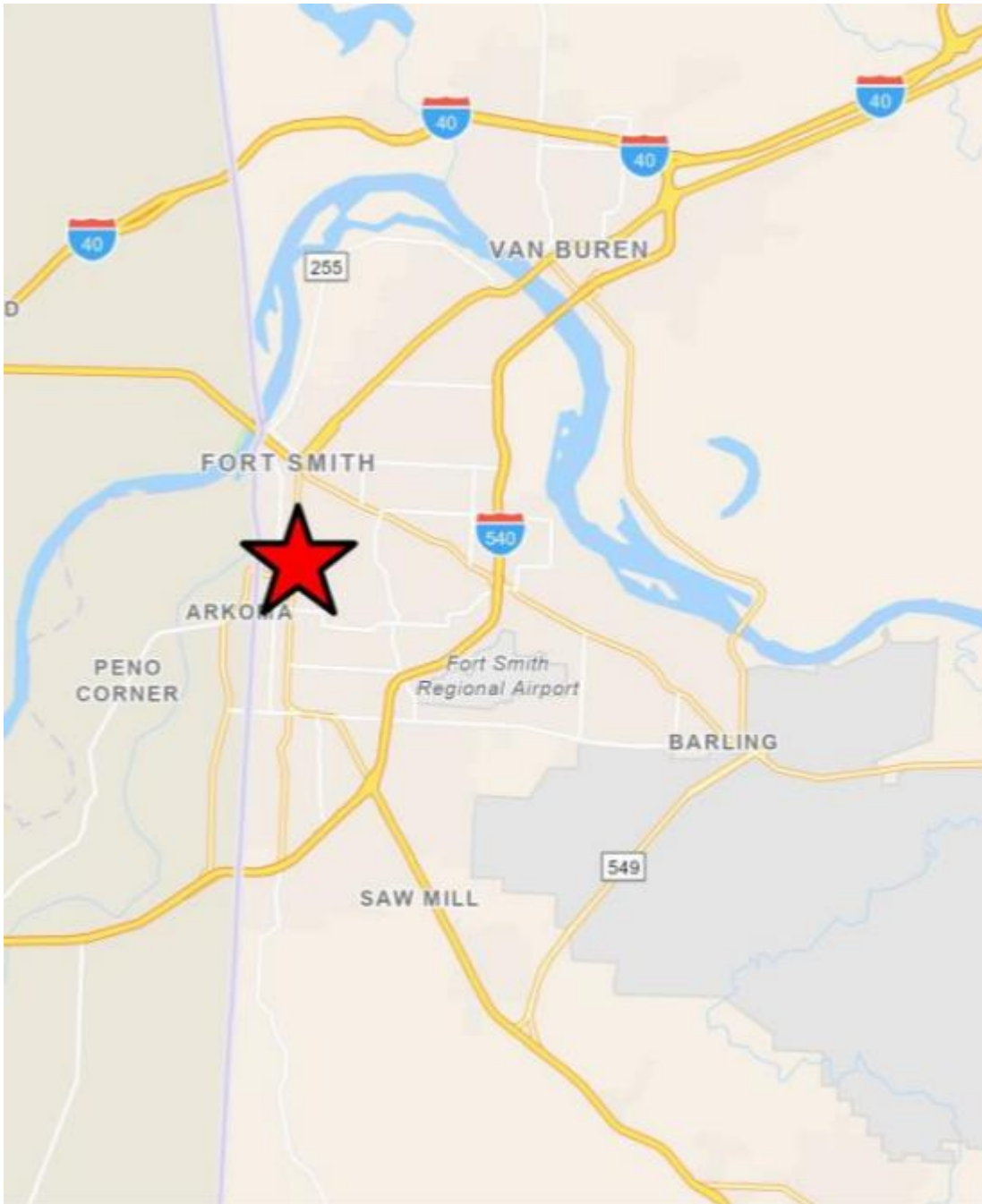
V. Map of present location

AMS Little Rock: 6423 Stagecoach Rd, Little Rock, AR 72204



VI. Map of proposed locations – AMS Fort Smith*

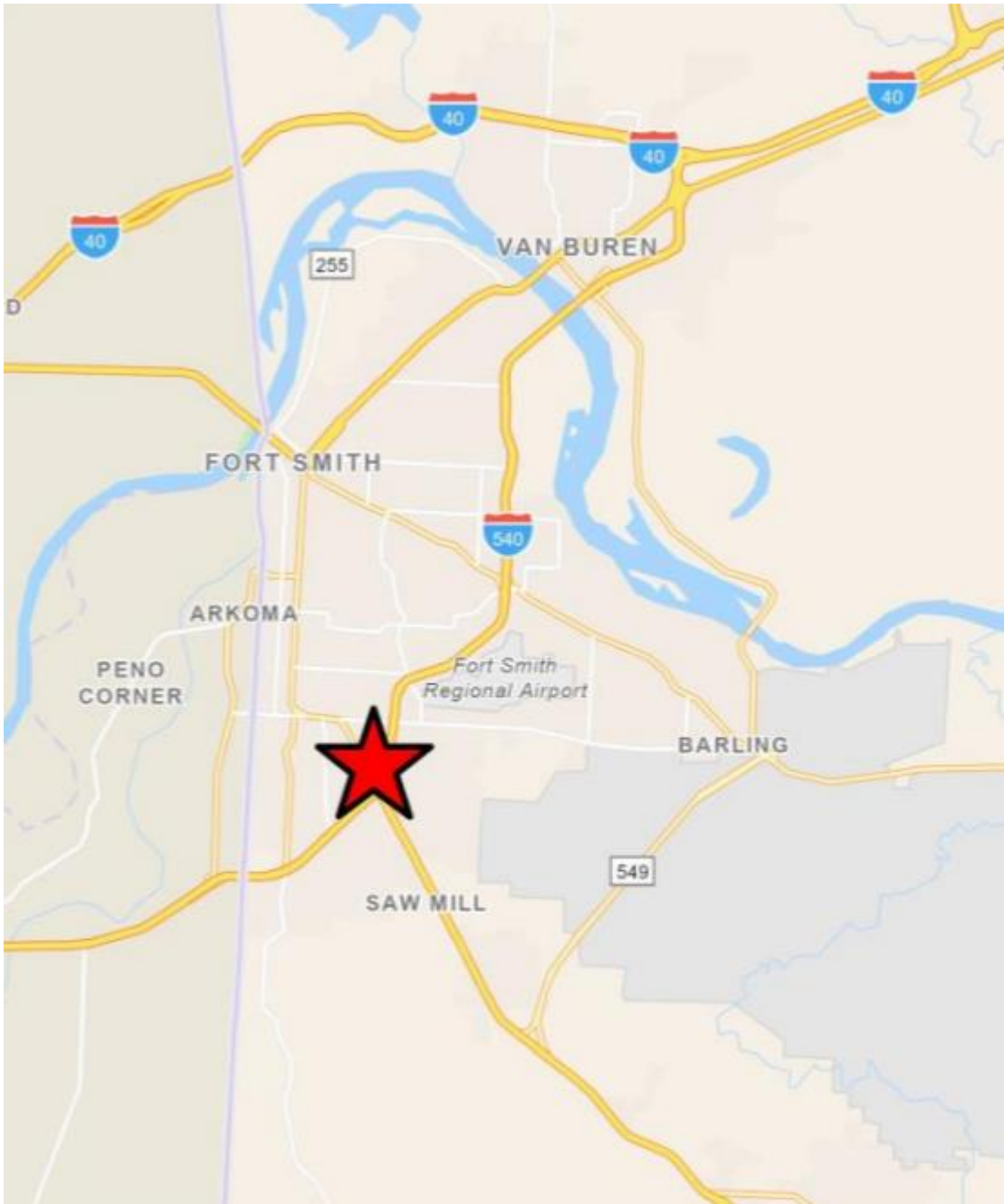
Potential Location #1: 2121 Towson Ave, Fort Smith, AR 72901



*Additional details regarding Fort Smith locations included in the AMS Schools – Arkansas Amendment Request Presentation.

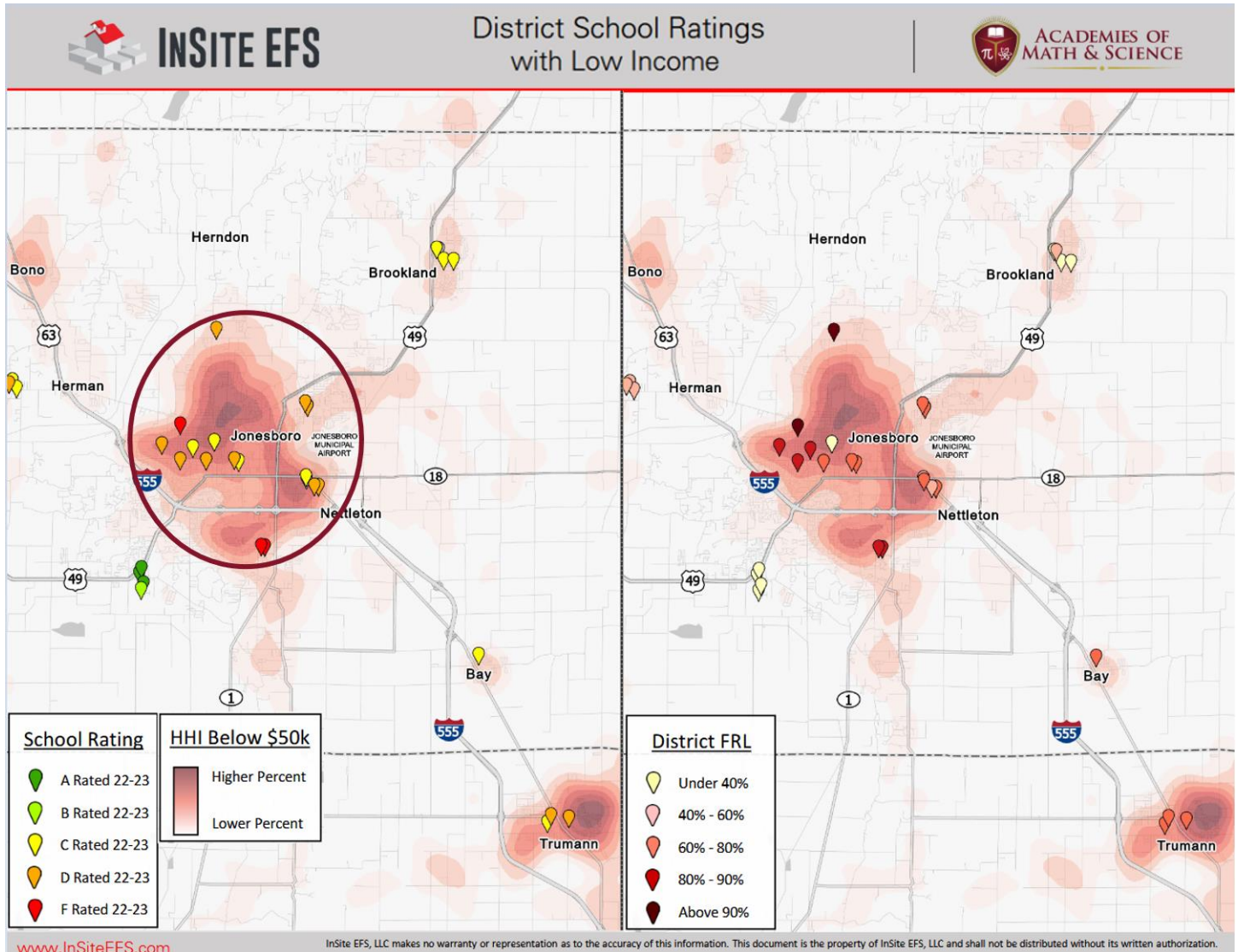
VI. Map of proposed locations – AMS Fort Smith (cont.)

Potential Location #2: 6600 S Hwy 71, Fort Smith, AR 72908



VII. Map of proposed location – AMS Jonesboro*

AMS Schools – Arkansas is currently in the initial stages of facility identification in Jonesboro. In alignment with our mission, vision, and values, we will pursue a viable school facility and/or land in Jonesboro to serve economically disadvantaged students who otherwise attend schools with poor academic performance. The focal point of this search will be in the areas of Jonesboro with the highest density of families with a Household Income (HHI) below \$50k (circled below). The circled area below contains 16 C, D, and F-rated schools serving a high FRL student population. Jonesboro also does not have any charter schools with further exacerbates the need for an AMS K-8.



*Additional information regarding Jonesboro needs analysis included in the AMS Schools – Arkansas Amendment Request Presentation.



VIII. Desegregation Analysis

I. Introduction

AMS Schools-Arkansas (AMS) is seeking an amendment to open two (2) new campuses within the boundaries of the Fort Smith and Jonesboro School Districts. The Fort Smith campus will house Grade Levels K-8 with a maximum enrollment of 810 students. The Jonesboro campus will house Grade Levels K-8 with a maximum student enrolment of 600 students. The Fort Smith campus, as an open-enrollment public charter school campus unconfined by district boundaries, expects to obtain most of its students from within the boundaries of the Fort Smith (FSSD), Alma (ASD), Charleston (CSD), Greenwood (GSD), Lavaca (LSD) and Van Buren (VBSD) School Districts. The Jonesboro campus, as an open-enrollment public charter school campus unconfined by district boundaries, expects to obtain most of its students from within the boundaries of the Jonesboro (JSD), Brookland (BSD), Greene County Tech (GCTSD), Nettleton (NSD), Valley View (VVSD) and Westside (WSD) School Districts. This analysis is provided to inform the decision making of the charter authorizer regarding the effect, if any, that the opening of new charter school campuses in Jonesboro and Fort Smith would have on the efforts of the JSD, BSD, GCTSD, NSD, VVSD, WSD, FSSD, ASD, CSD, GSD, LSD and the VBSD to comply with court orders and statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools.

II. General Analysis

AMS, in this analysis, has carefully reviewed the potential impact that the opening of new charter school campuses in Jonesboro and Fort Smith would have upon the efforts of affected school districts to comply with court orders and statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools. In conducting its review, AMS has found that neither FSSD nor its surrounding school districts listed above (ASD, CSD, GSD, LSD and VBSD) are under any court orders concerning their desegregation obligations, and are unitary in all aspects of their school operations. As to the Jonesboro campus, AMS has found that neither JSD nor its surrounding school districts listed above (BSD, GCTSD, NSD, VVSD and WSD) are under any court orders concerning their desegregation obligations, and are therefore unitary in all respects of their school operations. Therefore, the opening of new AMS charter school campuses in Jonesboro and Fort Smith cannot be said to have a negative impact on the JSD, BSD, GCTSD, NSD, VVSD, WSD, FSSD, ASD, CSD, GSD, LSD and VBSD's ability to comply with their statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools.

III. AMS Student Information

According to enrollment figures provided earlier in this charter amendment request form as of February 3, 2025, the AMS Little Rock campus had a student population of 496 students, of whom 74.2% were Black; 13.7% were Hispanic, and 8.7% were White.

IV. Fort Smith Campus Student Information

Concerning the proposed Fort Smith campus, the FSSD had a student population of 13,683 students, of whom 37.4% were Hispanic; 35.7% were White, and 9.8% were Black. The ASD had a student population of 3,052 students, of whom 80.8% were White and 6% were Hispanic. The CSD had a student population of 875 students, of whom 92.5% were White. The GSD had a student population of 3,850 students, of whom 78.8% were White, and 7.9%



were Hispanic. The LSD had a student population of 747 students, of whom 82.8% were White and 5.2% were Hispanic. The VBSD had a student population of 5,603 students, of whom 62.4% were White, and 21.8% were Hispanic. Ark. Code Ann. §6-23-106 also requires that AMS's operation of the charter school campuses will not serve to hamper, delay or in any manner negatively affect the desegregation efforts of a public school district or districts within the state. AMS's careful review of the relevant statutes and orders affecting the JSD, BSD, GCTSD, NSD, VVSD, WSD, FSSD, ASD, CSD, GSD, LSD and VBSD, and the student populations of such districts, shows that such negative effect is not present here.

V. Jonesboro Campus Student Information

Concerning the proposed Jonesboro campus, the JSD had a student population of 6,447 students, of whom 47.2% were Black, 31% were White, and 15.6% were Hispanic. The BSD had a student population of 3,063 students, of whom 86.5% were White. The GCTSD had a student population of 3,334 students, of whom 90.4% were White. The NSD had a student population of 3,806 students, of whom 54.9% were Black, 24.6% were White, and 12.3% were Hispanic. The VVSD had a student population of 2,875 students, of whom 81.4% were White, 5.1% were Black, and 5.1% were Hispanic. The WSD had a student population of 1,737 students, of whom 91.4% were White.

VI. Conclusion

In conclusion, AMS submits that upon the basis of its review, no statutory or other impediments concerning the creation and operation of desegregated public schools prohibit the State's charter school authorizer from granting its amendment request to open two (2) new AMS open-enrollment public charter school campuses, AMS Fort Smith to open in 2026 and AMS Jonesboro to open in 2027, within the boundaries of the Fort Smith and Jonesboro School Districts.



IX. APPENDIX (a) – AMS Schools – Arkansas Board Approval

At a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of AMS Schools – Arkansas, Inc., an Arkansas nonprofit corporation, held on Friday, February 7, 2025, the Board unanimously approved the following agenda items*:

- Agenda Item 4: Consideration to approve a new K-8 campus in Fort Smith, Arkansas to open in the Fall of 2026

Ms. DeLisa Shaw	Aye
Ms. Rosa Perez Leal	Aye
Ms. Brandi Adams	Aye

- Agenda Item 5: Consideration to approve a new K-8 campus in Jonesboro, Arkansas to open in the Fall of 2027

Ms. DeLisa Shaw	Aye
Ms. Rosa Perez Leal	Aye
Ms. Brandi Adams	Aye

- Agenda Item 6: Consideration to approve an increase to AMS Schools – Arkansas' enrollment cap to 2,010 to account for:

- AMS Fort Smith serving up to 810 students beginning in the Fall of 2026
- AMS Jonesboro serving up to 600 students beginning in the Fall of 2027

Ms. DeLisa Shaw	Aye
Ms. Rosa Perez Leal	Aye
Ms. Brandi Adams	Aye

**Voting results by agenda item excerpted from meeting minutes*

IX. APPENDIX (b) – Additional Amendment Support Materials

For more information supporting this amendment request, please refer to the submitted PowerPoint file “AMS Schools – Arkansas Amendment Request Presentation” (attached separately), which includes:

- AMS Little Rock Update
- AMS Fort Smith Needs Analysis and Facility Identification Information
- AMS Jonesboro Needs Analysis and Facility Identification Information

On behalf of AMS Schools – Arkansas and AMS Impact Group, we appreciate the Charter Authorizing Panel’s time and consideration of this request. We look forward to serving Arkansas students and families in need for years to come.

Thank you!

