



October 19, 2015

Commerce ISD Board of Trustees
President Ted Oats
3315 Washington St.
Commerce, TX 75428

Dear Mr. Oats:

This letter is to inform you that Texas A&M University-Commerce intends to submit an application to the Texas Education Agency in response to the Generation Twenty-One Open-Enrollment charter school application process. Statutory guidelines require that applicants send the enclosed *Statement of Impact* form and a copy of the completed *Application Coversheet* to each district and open-enrollment charter school that may be affected by the proposed charter school. Your district or charter school is receiving this information because the proposed charter school's designated geographic boundary (or transfer boundary) overlaps with your district's or charter school's boundary. The proposed charter school's designated geographic boundary will include the following districts: Bland ISD, Boles ISD, Caddo Mills ISD, Campbell ISD, Celeste ISD, Commerce ISD, Greenville ISD, Lone Oak ISD, Quinlan ISD, and Wolfe City ISD.

The attached *Statement of Impact* form provides a district or charter school with an opportunity to inform the commissioner of whether the proposed charter school may adversely impact it financially or in some other respect. Completed forms may be returned to:

Texas Education Agency
Attention: Rick Salvo
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

Forms must be received no later than **Friday, December 18, 2015**, for the information to be considered. If you have questions about the process for approval of open-enrollment charter schools, please contact the Division of Charter School Administration at (512) 463-9575 or visit http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Schools/Charter_Schools/. If you would like a complete application for the open-enrollment charter school, please contact Texas A&M University-Commerce at 903-886-5159.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dan R. Jones'.

Dan R. Jones, Ph.D.
President

Enclosures: Statement of Impact form
Application Coversheet

cc: Legislative Representative(s)
State Board of Education member

Office of the President

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**Generation Twenty-One Charter Application
Statement of Impact**

Purpose of this form: The sponsoring entity identified on the cover letter is submitting an application to the commissioner of education for approval to operate an open-enrollment charter school. The name and location, if known, of the proposed charter school are provided below. As required in Texas Education Code §12.1101, this form must be sent to the President of the Board of Trustees of each traditional district and charter from which the proposed school intends to draw students, to each member of the legislature, and the State Board of Education member that represents the geographic area to be served by the proposed school. A district or open-enrollment charter school **may** submit this form to provide the commissioner with information relating to any financial difficulty that a loss in enrollment may have on the district or open-enrollment charter school, and any other information that a district or open-enrollment charter school wishes to share with the commissioner. For more information about the proposed charter, please contact the sponsoring entity.

Instructions: Should you choose, to respond, return the completed form no later than Friday, December 18, 2015 to:

Texas Education Agency
Attention: Rick Salvo
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

Note: See Texas Education Code §12.106 for information about state funding.

Name of Proposed Charter School: A&M-Commerce STEM Laboratory Academy

Physical Address or General Location of Proposed Charter School: Greenville, Texas

Check the appropriate response below:

- The proposed open-enrollment charter school **is not** expected to adversely impact the district or open-enrollment charter school to a significant degree.
- The proposed open-enrollment charter school **is** expected to have a major impact on the district or open-enrollment charter school in the following manner:

(Describe the impact in the space below and/or attach any supporting documentation.)

District/Charter School Name

County-District Identification Number

District/Charter School Address

Signature of Superintendent

Signature of Board President

Print Superintendent's Name

Print Board President's Name

Date

Phone Number

A&M-Commerce STEM Laboratory Academy

Proposed Charter Name

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Name of Sponsoring Entity

Note: If the sponsoring entity is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the name must appear exactly as it appears in the Articles of Incorporation or any amendments therein.

The sponsoring entity is a (Check only one.):

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Governmental Entity College or University

Chairperson of Governing Body of Sponsoring Entity: Mr. Cliff Thomas, Texas A&M System Board of Regents

CEO of Sponsoring Entity: Dan R. Jones, PhD, President

CEO/Superintendent of Proposed Charter School: Chuck Holt, EdD

Contact Name: Arlene Horne Contact E-mail Address: arlene.horne@tamuc.edu

Contact Phone #: 903.886.5159 Contact Fax #: 903.886.5129

Board Member Who Attended an Applicant Conference: Dr. Arlene Horne & Dr. Tim Letzring Date of Conference: 9/15/2015

Applicant Mailing Address (This address will be used for contact regarding this application.):

Texas A&M University-Commerce, attn: Dr. Arlene Horne, PO Box 3011, Commerce, TX 75429-3011

Physical Address of Proposed Administrative Offices (if different from above):

Number of Campuses Being Requested: One

Physical Address of Each Proposed Campus (Please include street address, city, state, zip, and county.). If the specific address is unknown at this time, please provide the county and general location of the proposed campus:

Hunt County, Greenville, TX

State the estimated enrollment and check all grade levels to be served for each school year. By Year 3, at least one grade in which the state assessments are administered must be offered.

- Year 1: Estimated Enrollment: 280 [Pre-K3, Pre-K4, K, 1-12]
Year 2: Estimated Enrollment: 320 [Pre-K3, Pre-K4, K, 1-12]
Year 3: Estimated Enrollment: 380 [Pre-K3, Pre-K4, K, 1-12]
Year 4: Estimated Enrollment: 440 [Pre-K3, Pre-K4, K, 1-12]
Year 5: Estimated Enrollment: 500 [Pre-K3, Pre-K4, K, 1-12]
At Capacity: Maximum Enrollment: 1300 [Pre-K3, Pre-K4, K, 1-12]

I certify that I have the authority to submit this application and that all information contained herein is complete and accurate, realizing that any misrepresentation could result in disqualification from the application process or revocation after award. In accordance with TEC §12.120, I further certify that no members of the governing body of the sponsoring entity or of the proposed charter school or any officers or employees of the proposed school have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or of any felony. I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered. As part of the application submission process, I certify that I have read and reviewed the Generation Twenty-One Open-Enrollment Charter Application Instructions and Guidelines document.

(BLUE INK) Signature of Chief Executive Officer of Sponsoring Entity Date Printed Name Dan R. Jones

(BLUE INK) Signature of Application Preparer Date Printed Name Arlene Horne

With what company is the application preparer associated? Texas A&M Univer-Commerce Was preparer paid? Yes No