



PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

LEARN - INNOVATE - SUPPORT - ACHIEVE

AMENDMENT REQUEST

OCTOBER 2021

BACKGROUND



LISA Academy is a tuition-free public charter school with a comprehensive college preparatory program focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. All LISA Academy schools have been accredited by the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education since opening in 2004. For 21-22 school year, we are serving more than 3600 students in our 7 buildings with over 400 staff members.

9-12

LISA West High School
Little Rock

6-8

LISA West Middle
Little Rock

K-5

LISA West Elementary
Little Rock

K-12

LISA Arkansas
Hybrid

6-12

LISA North Middle/High
North Little Rock

K-5

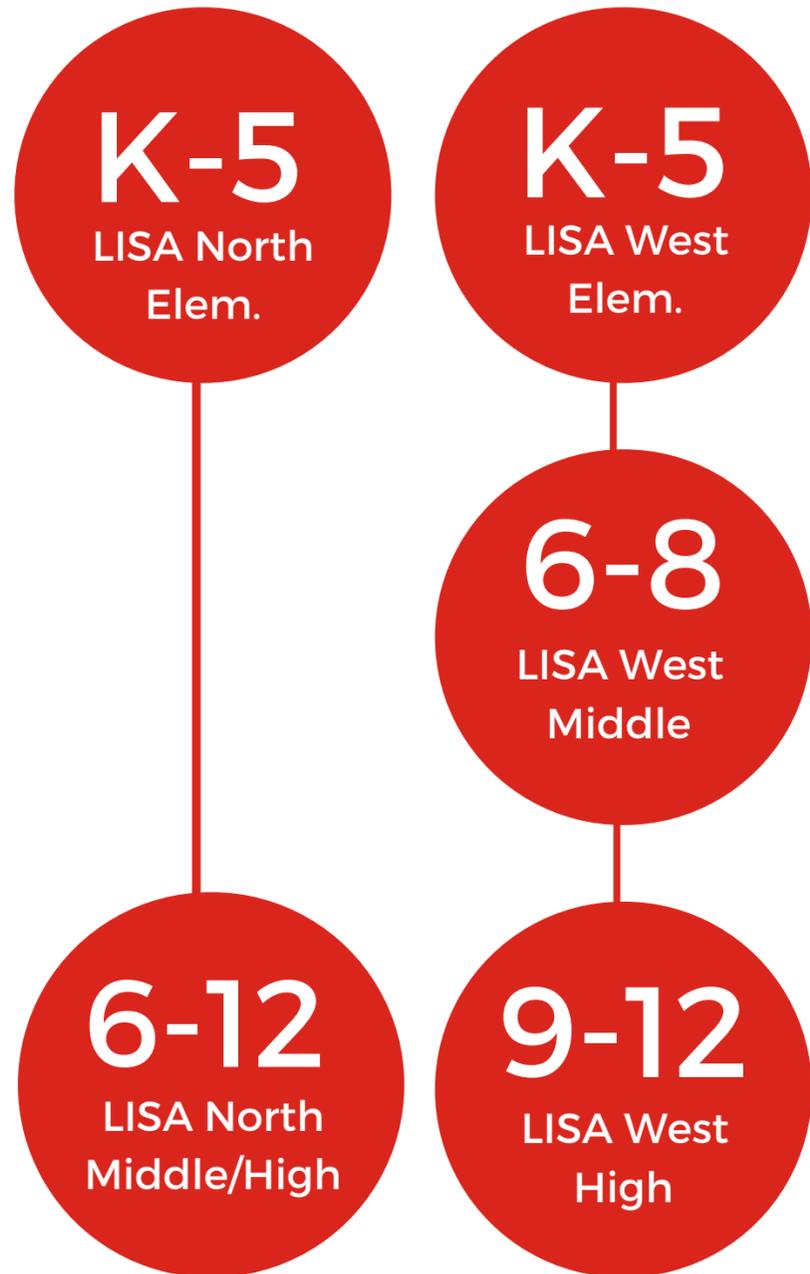
LISA North Elementary
Sherwood

K-8

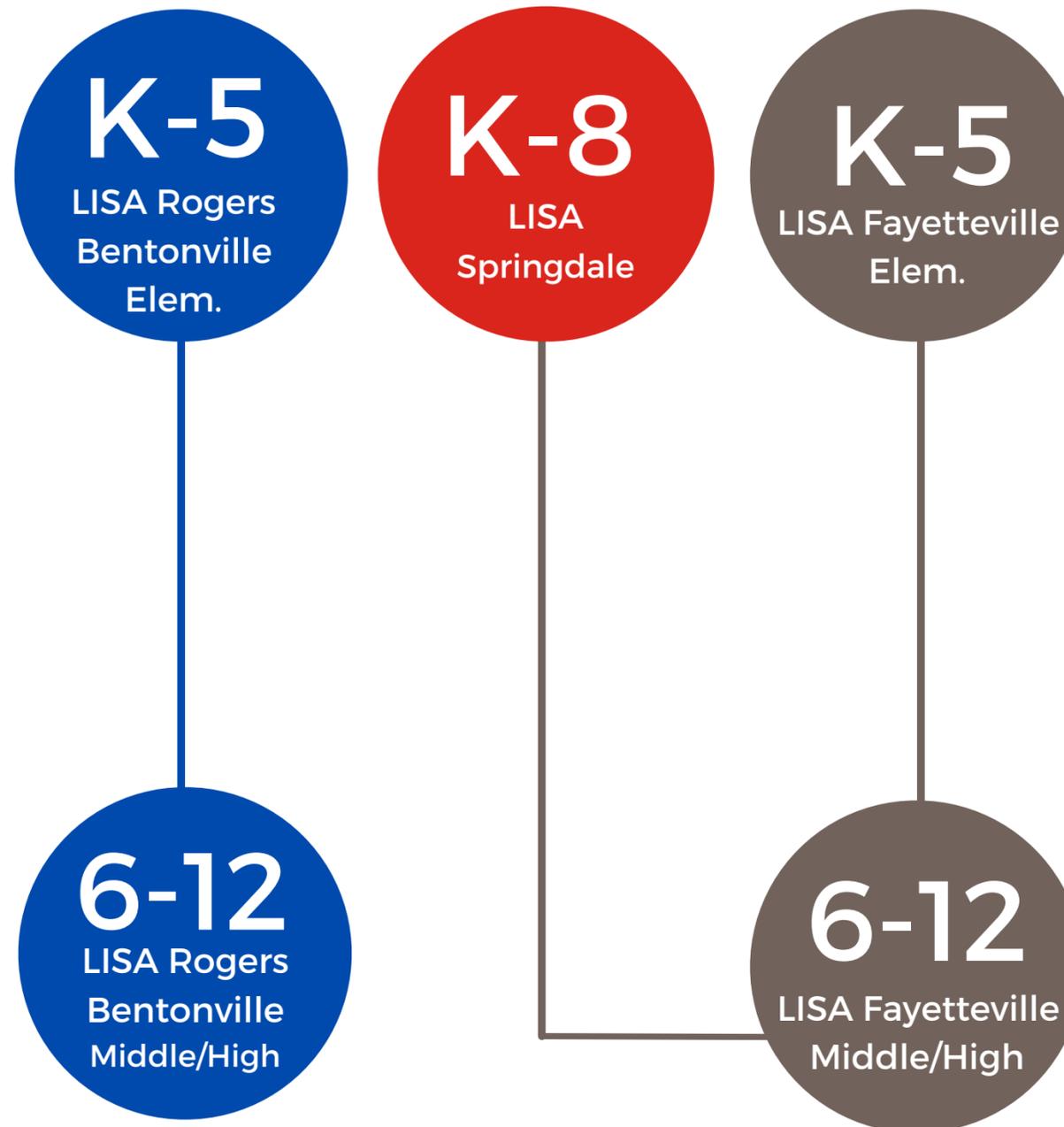
LISA Academy
Springdale

GROWTH PLAN

Central Arkansas Hub



NW Arkansas Hub



Statewide Learning Centers



-  Current Schools
-  Approved/In Progress
-  New School Plans



WHAT MAKES LISA ACADEMY SUCCESSFUL?

- Planning academic success for all students
- Embracing diversity
- Preparing all students for college and career
- Embedding STEM engagement
- Involving parents
- Collaborating with others





All LISA campuses demonstrated significant yearly growth on most recent state testing.

All LISA schools scored above state average in 2021.

School	2019 ESSA Letter Grade	2021 ESSA Value Added Score	2021 State Value Added Avg
LISA North High	A	82.41	79.62
LISA North Middle	A	82.51	80.38
LISA North Elementary	B	81.23	80.26
LISA West High	C	81.11	79.62
LISA West Middle	B	80.74	80.38
LISA West Elementary	C	81.94	80.26
LISA Springdale	N/A	83.99	80.38

CONSISTENT PERFORMANCE

95% +

Graduation
rate

90% +

College
Acceptance Rate

12:1

Student to
teacher ratio

16

Average
class size



GROWTH AND SUCCESS



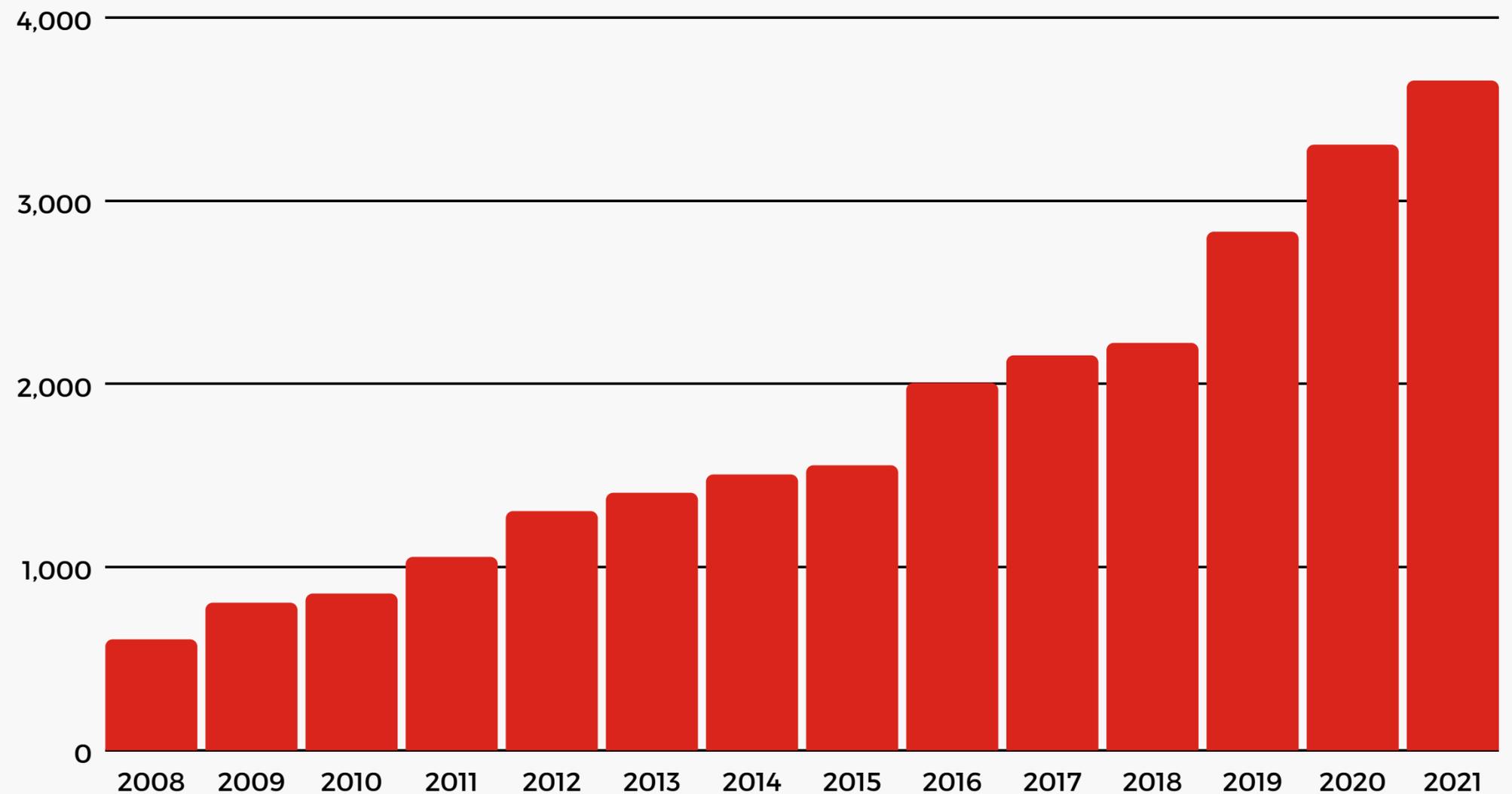
#1 Best High School in Little Rock Metro Area

#3 in Arkansas High Schools (US News, 2021)

#2 in Best Charter Elementary Schools in Little Rock Area

#9 Best Charter High Schools in Arkansas (Niche, 2022)

Student Enrollment Yearly Increase



EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Named "Most Diverse School District" in the state of Arkansas
(Niche, 2022)

35+

Languages spoken
by LISA families

80%

minority
enrollment

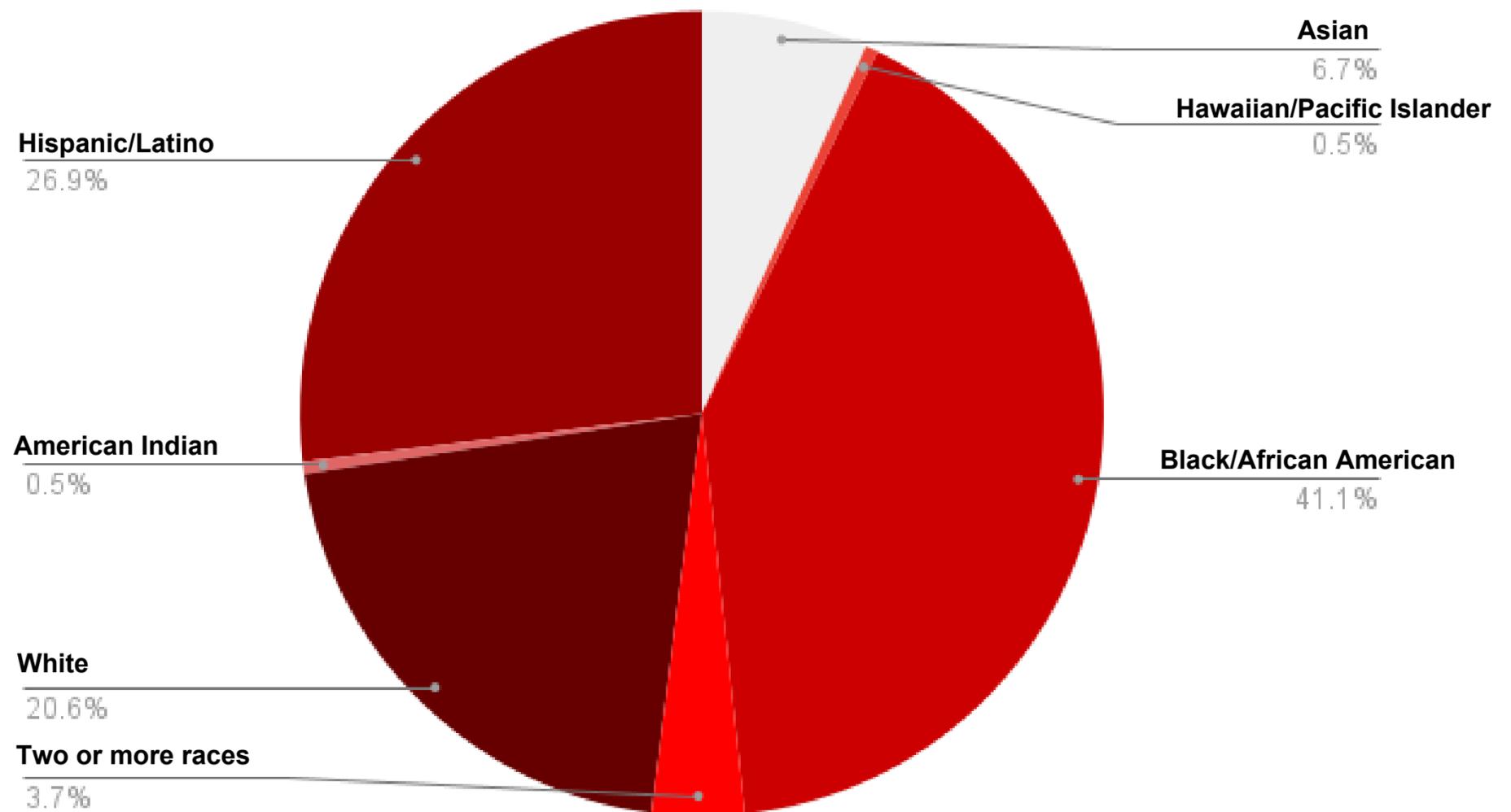
61%

Low Income



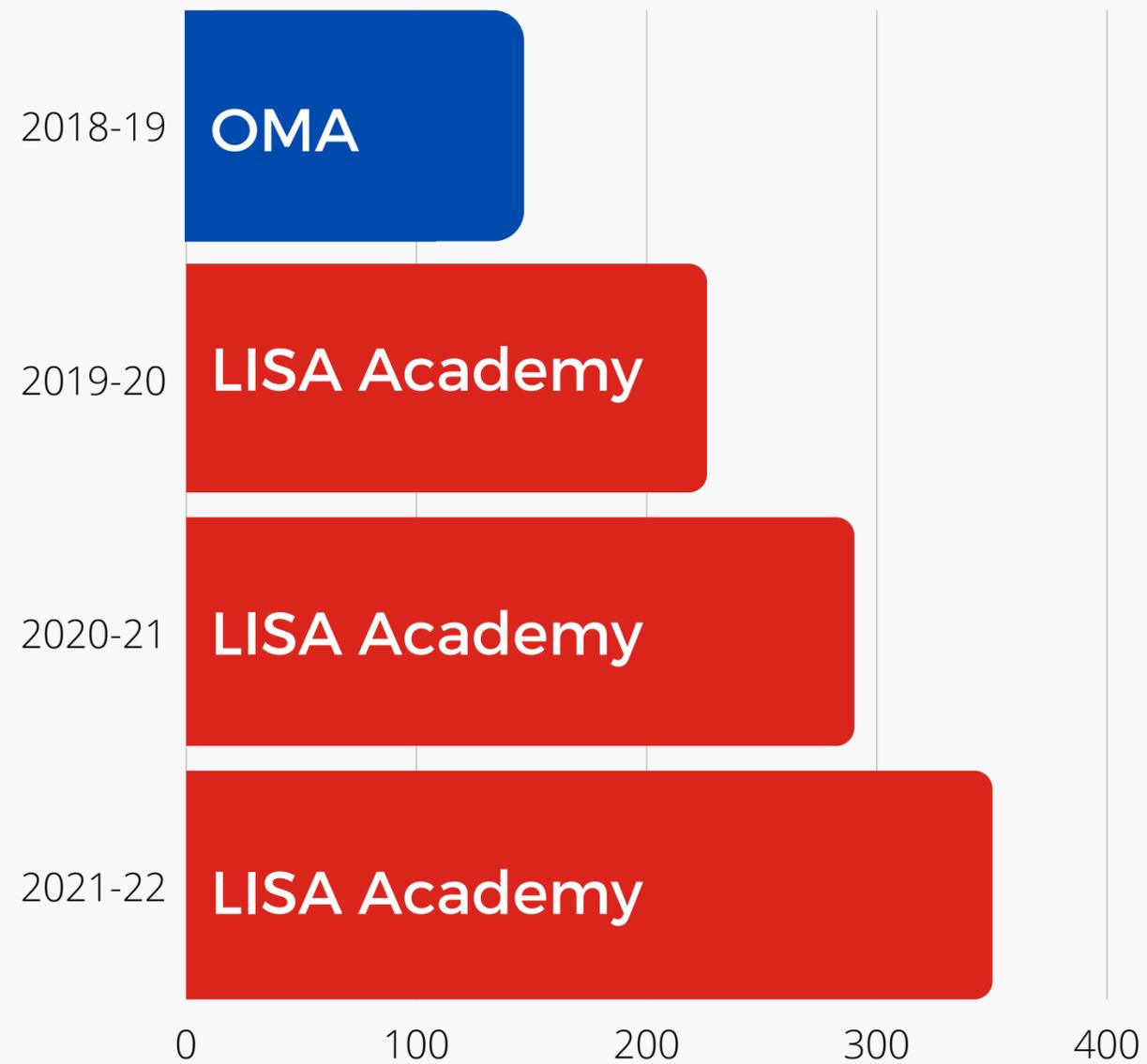
EMBRACING DIVERSITY

LISA Academy has steadily increased low income and minority student populations each year since its inception



SUCCESSFUL NWA EXPANSION

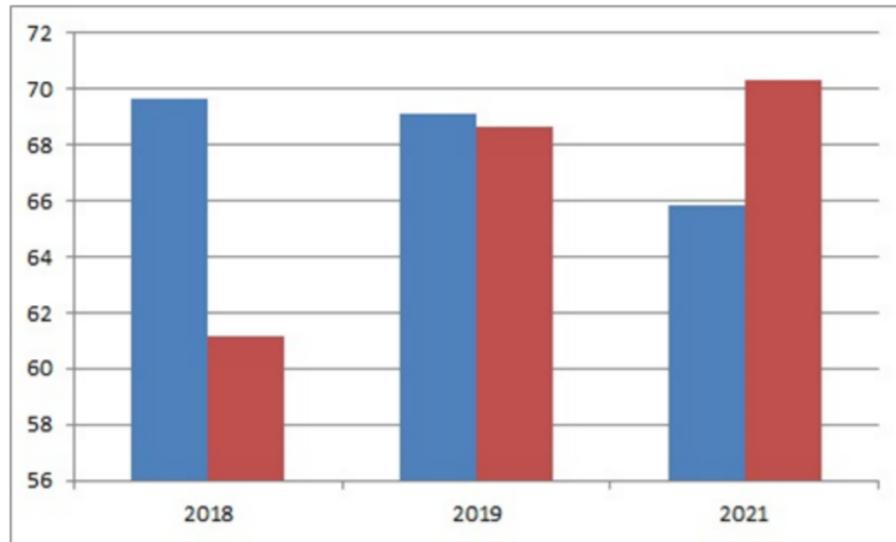
LISA Springdale Enrollment Increase



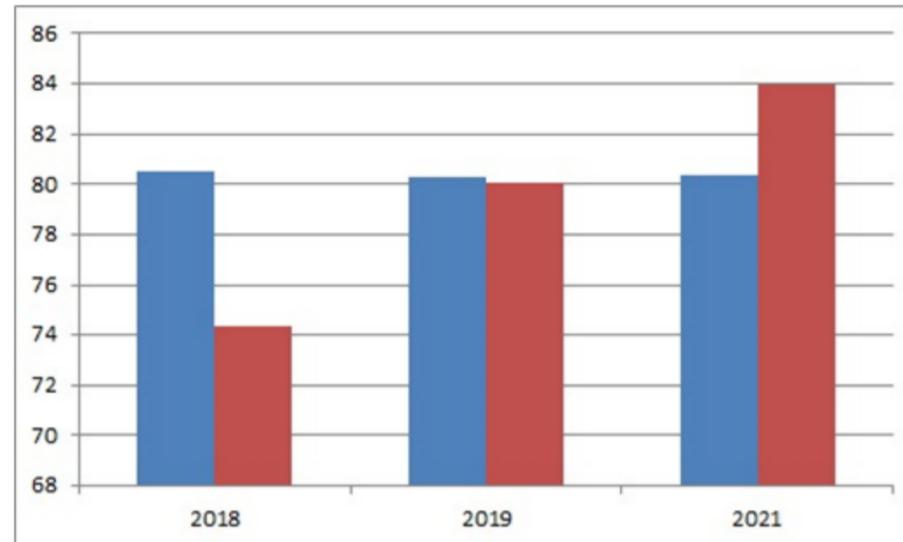
ACADEMIC GROWTH

Successful transition from Ozark Montessori to LISA Academy Springdale

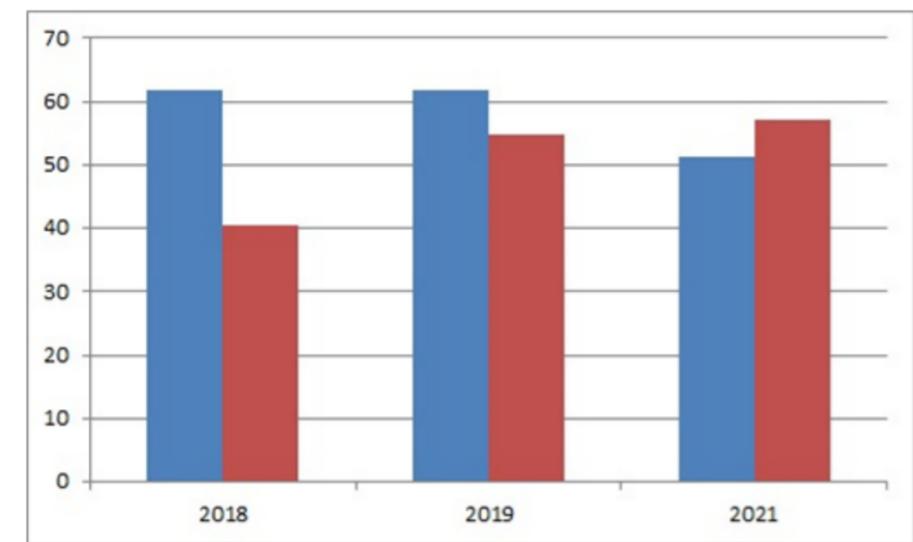
ESSA Index Score



Value-added Growth Score



Weighted Achievement Score



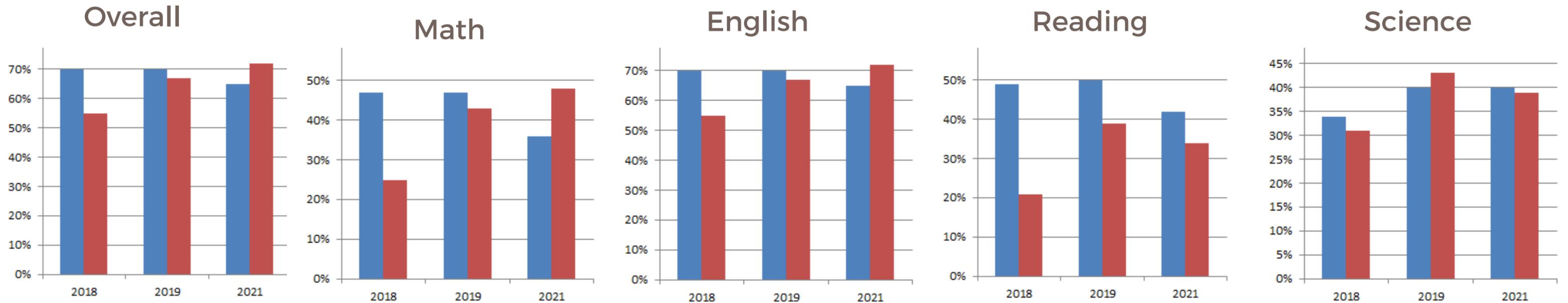
ACT Aspire Test Scores

2018: OMA
2019: OMA + LISA Academy
2020: No Testing
2021: LISA Academy

■ State
■ LISA Academy Springdale

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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Academic Competitions:

- Science Fair
- 2021 NWARSEF (LISA Academy-Springdale)
 - 3 First place, 2 Second place, 1 Fourth place, and 2 Honorable Mentions
- Science Quiz Bowl (1st Place State)
- Robotics (3rd Place State)
- Science Olympiad (1st Place State)
- Destination Imagination (1st Place State)
- MathCounts



PROMOTING STEM



Arkansas STEM Festival

April 2021

State Fairgrounds



NWA STEM Day

May 2021

NWA Mall



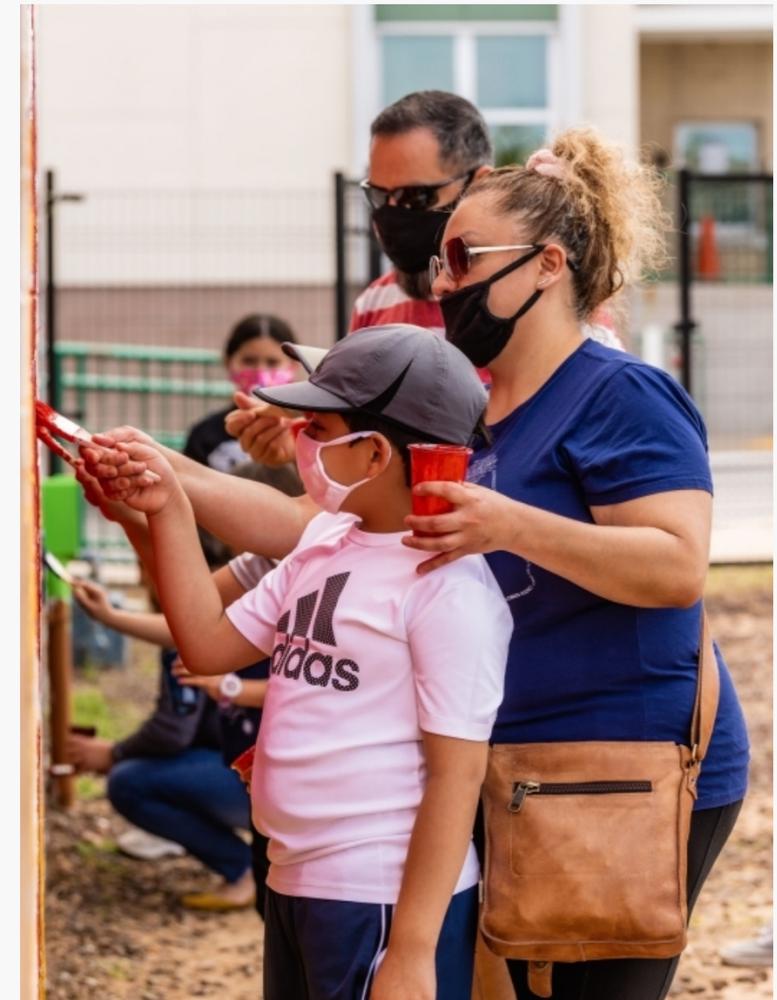
Solar Car Team

Only team
representing
Arkansas

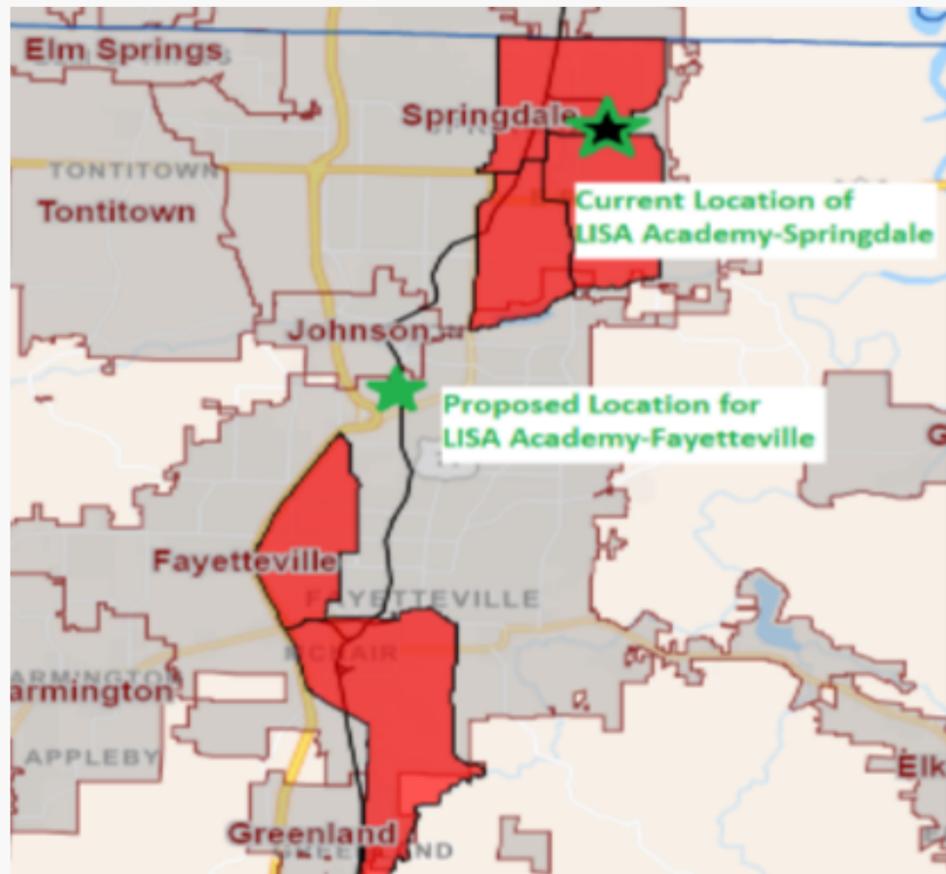


PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

- Virtual Home visits (translation provided)
- Virtual Open Houses
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Volunteer opportunities
- Virtual Parent Academy
- Reading Festival
- STEM festival



PROPOSED LOCATION FOR LISA ACADEMY FAYETTEVILLE



Proposed location serves both opportunity zones
(Approx. 1.5 miles from each zone)

2020 Census

Fayetteville	pop. 73,580	2nd largest city in AR
Springdale	pop. 69,797	4th largest city in AR

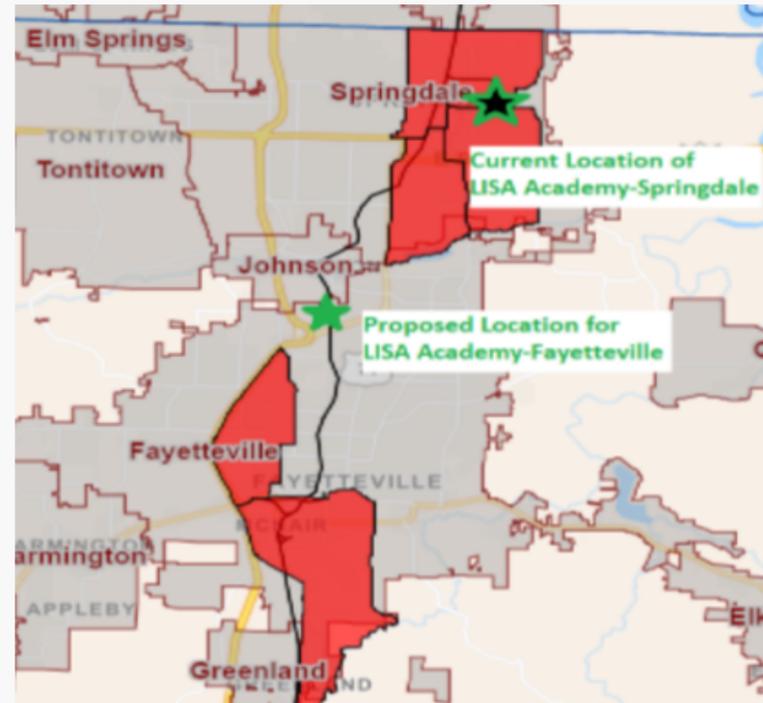
Source: US Census Bureau, 2021

Projected Growth Rates - 2040

Springdale	113%	Projected population: 150,932
Johnson	156%	Projected population: 8,578
Fayetteville	94%	Projected population: 142,496

Source: Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, 2021

STUDENT POPULATION



37,000+

2025 projected population of children
ages 0-19 within 5 mile radius of proposed location

Surrounding School District Student Populations

Fayetteville Public School District: 11,000+

Springdale Public School District: 22,000+

Farmington Public School District: 2,000+

Others: 4,000+

Source: My School Info, 2021



LISA FAYETTEVILLE ENROLLMENT PROJECTION

Grade	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26		2026-27		2027-28		2028-29		2029-30		2030-31 and after	
	Section	Total	Section	Total												
K	3	40	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60
1	2	50	3	50	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75
2	2	50	2	50	3	50	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75
3	1	25	2	50	2	50	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75
4	1	25	1	25	2	50	2	50	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75
5	2	40	2	45	3	60	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75
6		0	2	48	3	70	3	81	4	92	4	104	4	108	4	108
7		0			2	52	3	72	3	81	4	92	4	104	4	108
8		0					2	54	3	72	3	81	4	92	4	104
9		0					1	27	3	81	4	104	5	125	5	125
10		0							1	25	4	100	5	102	5	125
11		0									1	24	4	97	4	100
12		0											1	23	4	95
Total	11	230	15	328	21	467	26	644	32	786	38	940	45	1086	48	1200



PARENT ENDORSEMENTS

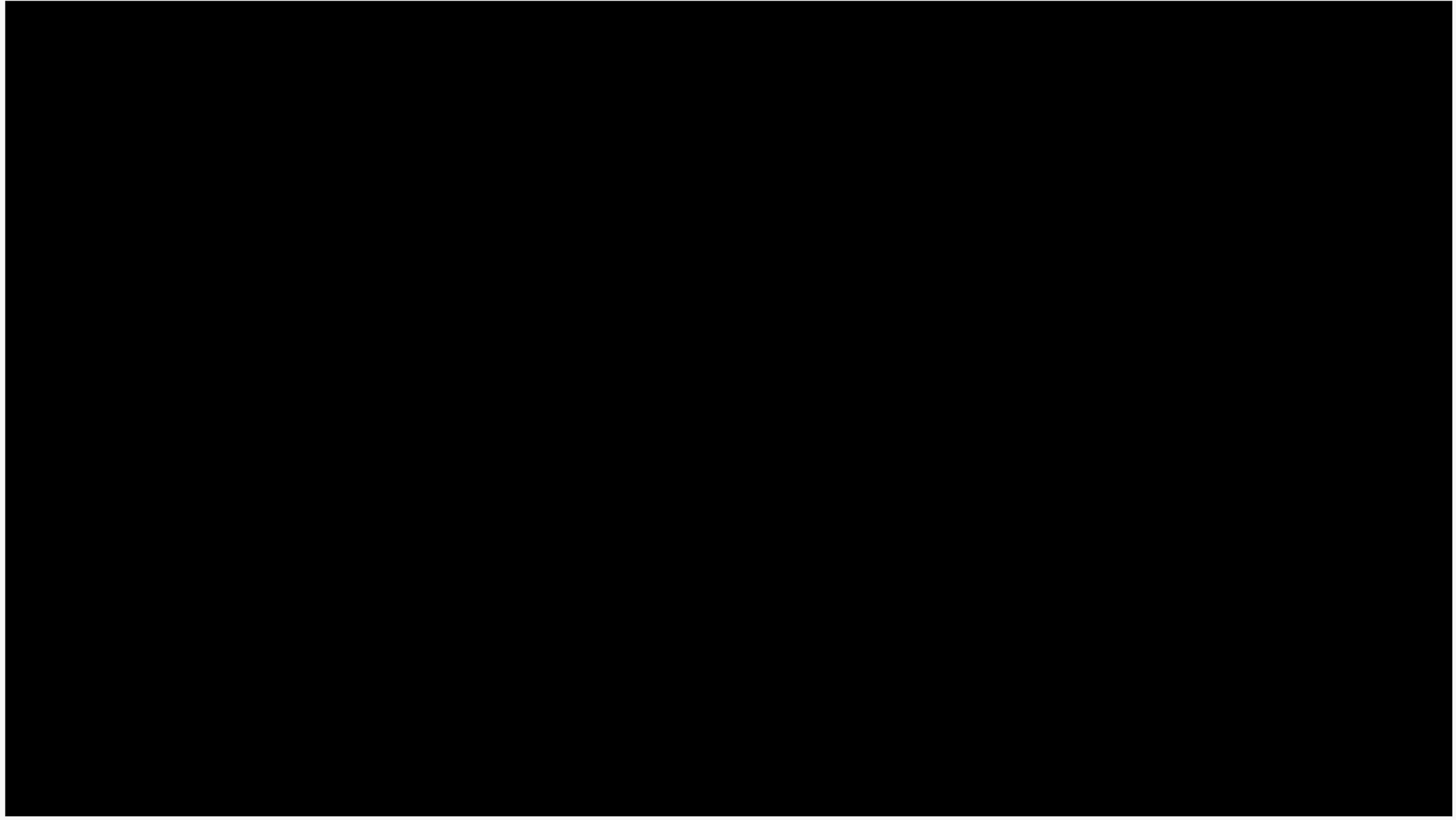
Johnny Gunsaulis

LISA Academy Springdale 6th Grade Parent

Ben Temple

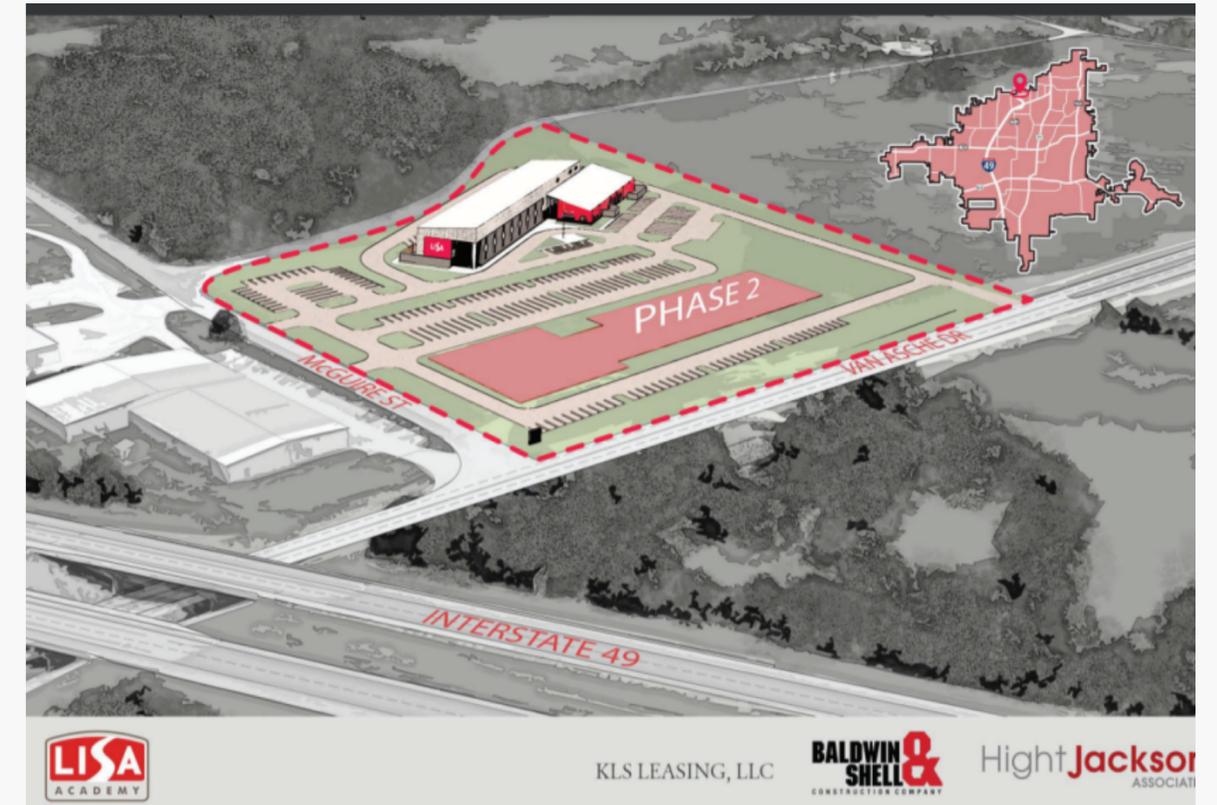
**Former Ozark Montessori Academy Board Chair
Current LISA Academy Springdale Parent**





AMENDMENT REQUEST

1. Adding a new K-12 campus in Fayetteville, opening in fall of 2023 with flexible grade configurations
2. The eventual campus would house the following schools in two buildings:
 - LISA Academy Fayetteville Elementary School (K-5)
 - LISA Academy Fayetteville Middle School (6-8)
 - LISA Academy Fayetteville High School (9-12)
3. Waivers – maintain all current waivers held by LISA Academy North Middle and High School for this new campus
4. Increasing LISA Academy’s enrollment cap by 1,168 (for the Fayetteville campus), to be implemented in phases over multiple years (The projected year to reach this cap is 2030.)



THANK YOU



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