

**Board of Education**

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**ACTION**

**TITLE:** Consider Approval of the Submission of an Intent to Apply for an Arkansas Public Charter License

**DATE:** March 8, 2021

**RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:** Martin Mahan  
Deputy Superintendent  
  
Dr. Samantha Hall  
Assistant Director of Innovation

**VISION 2023 STRATEGY:** Strategy 3: Instruction  
Strategy 4: Learning Environment  
Strategy 6: Technology

**BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will continue to allow standards and regulation waivers for the virtual option to continue during the 2021-22 school year.

If approved, the district will begin the application process of pursuing a charter school license. This license is necessary to pursue a charter license that would allow for the necessary waivers needed to create a Virtual Option Conversion Charter School.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: *move to* approve the submission of the Notice of Intent to Apply for an Arkansas Public Charter School License document to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

**VISION 2023 STRATEGIES** - **1. Career Planning:** Develop and implement education and career pathways so that each student graduates with a viable plan and relevant skill set for his or her future. **2. Equity:** Develop and implement a system-wide plan to provide all students with the resources they need to optimize their learning. **3. Instruction:** Design, develop and implement programs to promote rigor, relevance, collaboration, critical- thinking skills and learning environments designed to meet each student's unique needs and aspirations. **4. Learning Environment/Facilities:** Align resources, facilities and technology strategically and equitably across the district to maximize security and enhance the learning environment. **5. Staffing:** Recruit and retain highly-qualified faculty, staff and administration. **6. Technology:** Provide appropriate technology that is consistently available, effectively supported and equitably distributed for group and individual instruction. **7. Wellness:** Develop and train empathetic and nurturing employees to be sensitive to and supportive of the needs of all children and families.