

LETTER OF INTENT

S.O.A.R. Institute Charter School
(Successfully Overcoming Academic Restraints)
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May 10, 2015

Dr. Lewis Holloway
Starkville Board of Education
401 Greensboro Street
Starkville, MS 39759

RE:

Letter of intent to open S.O.A.R. Institute Charter School
In accordance with Mississippi State Board of Education

Please accept our letter of intent to establish the Successfully Overcoming Academic Restraints (S.O.A.R.) Institute Charter School in the Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District.

In order for us to move forward, we require your permission to apply. Therefore, we request the opportunity to present our proposal at the upcoming school board meeting on May 12, 2015. S.O.A.R.'s goal is to benefit the Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District as well as the Starkville community.

The mission of The S.O.A.R. Institute Charter School is to provide a well-rounded and challenging educational environment that enhances students, their families, and the community.

The instructional focus of The S.O.A.R. Institute Charter School is a blend of traditional and other innovative instructional methods. Our methods will prepare our students to successfully pass all mandatory state tests and master state benchmarks. Students will overcome academic restraints in science, technology, engineering, math and arts. We will develop students who soar in character, community, and creativity.

If approved, S.O.A.R. Institute Charter School will open for the 2016-2017 school year, serving approximately 60 PreK students.

We feel that we could provide an opportunity to bridge the gap of the students transitioning from PreK to kindergarten.

According to the Texas Association of School Boards:

- Students are more likely to graduate from high school, perform better on standardized tests, less likely to repeat a grade, and less likely to require special education services if they participate in a quality Pre-K program.
- A Pre-K education also provides students with an opportunity that research shows gives students better job prospects and alternatives for a brighter future.

In order for us to meet our time constraints, we respectfully request your assistance to us in this matter as we must have our complete package in to the Mississippi Charter Authorizer Board by May 26, 2015.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Linda Young
S.O.A.R. Coordinator

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