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Dear Dr. Brown:


The Forrest City School District submits this letter of intent to apply for a Conversion District Public School Charter. The following information is presented in accordance with the required format:

- School District: Forrest City
- Contact Person: Shirley Taylor, Principal – Lincoln Middle School
- Address: 149 Water Street – Forrest City, AR 72335
- Telephone: 870-633-0310
- Fax #: 870-261-1838
- Email: Shirley.Taylor@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Name of School: Lincoln Middle School
- Name of Proposed District Conversion School: “Lincoln Middle Academy of Excellence”
- Describe the location of the proposed district conversion charter school: Lincoln Middle School is located on Water Street in a historic section of Forrest City’s African American community. Lincoln Middle, the original home of Lincoln High School, is located among modest homes, a historic funeral home and a long established community grocery store. The building site consists of two large sections including a music room constructed in the historic Rosenwald School style. Lincoln Middle School holds the distinction of being the oldest school in the Forrest City School District.
- Identify the grade levels of students to be served by the district conversion charter school; and: Grades 5 & 6

The Lincoln Middle School “Academy of Excellence” will serve the purpose of providing the most rigorous, yet student centered learning environment possible. Lincoln Middle School is the school where our district’s students at Central and Stewart Elementary first come together. This meshing of students coupled with a myriad of engaging learning activities creates the perfect culture for student success. Plans are for the school to support very rigorous research embedded curriculum emphasizing math and science.

Please accept our sincere thanks in advance for your consideration and support of our district’s endeavor.

Sincerely,


Jerry Woods, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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