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Dr. Mary Ann Brown
Arkansas Department of Education
Public Charter Schools Office
4 Capitol Mall, Room 105-C
Little Rock, AR 72201

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Dear Dr. Brown,

Please accept this as KIPP Delta, Inc.'s letter of intent to apply to open a new school for the 2010-2011 academic year in West Memphis, AR. KIPP Delta, Inc. is a non-profit organization that was established in 2001 for the sole purpose of creating high quality charter schools in Eastern Arkansas. KIPP Delta, Inc. received its 501(c)(3) status in March of 2002. KIPP Delta, Inc. will either apply for a license to expand off of its initial charter or apply for a new charter. The school, KIPP Delta West Memphis, will serve students in West Memphis, AR and the surrounding communities of Earle and Turrell.

KIPP Delta West Memphis will initially serve students up to 90 students in grade 5 for the 2010-2011 school year and expand to a full K-12 site by the year 2018. At full enrollment and full size, the elementary, middle, and high school would reach up to 1,170 students in those thirteen grades. KIPP Delta West Memphis will be a rigorous college preparatory school with an extended day and school year. The curriculum will be designed to put students from low income communities on a path to college. Teachers will be available to tutor well into the evenings and by cell phone for their students after that. The School Director will be trained through KIPP National's prestigious Fisher Fellow Program.

Further information about KIPP Delta Public Schools and its expansion to West Memphis can be found at www.kippdelta.org or by contacting:

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KIPP Delta is committed to providing a high quality education to students in Eastern Arkansas as it has in Helena for the past seven years. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Scott Shirey
Executive Director