



Pulaski County Special School District

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Dr. Mary Ann Brown, Unit Leader
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Dear Dr. Brown:

It is a pleasure to inform you that it is the intent of Pulaski County Special School District to submit a Charter School grant application during the 2009-2010 school year. The district contact person for the conversion charter school will be Assistant Superintendent June Elliott, 925 East Dixon Road, Little Rock, AR 72206, 501-490-2000 district office, 501-490-0483 fax or jelliott@pcssd.org, email.

The proposed name of the charter school will be STAR Academy. The location of the proposed charter school is 201 Sharp Street, Jacksonville, AR 72076, however it is a part of the Pulaski County Special School District. Secondary students will be served.

The proposed emphasis of the charter school will be to establish a school for students who are failing within the current system. Students will be exposed to and follow the state curriculum, including benchmark exams, while incorporating and immersing students in the research based curriculum, STAR. The emphasis of the best of the best from both domains, with students being immersed in the STAR curriculum is the focus of the school's offerings.

Pulaski County Special School District looks forward to working with you in the days ahead regarding the application process. Exciting ideas and concepts impacting the education of so many students are at hand. PCSSD looks forward to expounding upon the charter school concept of STAR with you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rob McGill
Acting Superintendent