



Missouri
Charter Public School Commission

June 25, 2018

Mr. John Robertson
Coordinator, Charter Schools Office
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
205 Jefferson Street
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Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480

RE: SPONSORSHIP OF DELASALLE CHARTER SCHOOL

Dear John:

The Missouri Charter Public School Commission voted to assume sponsorship of the DeLaSalle Charter School in Kansas City. This letter serves as notice of sponsorship effective July 1, 2018.

Please find attached a letter from the board of directors requesting sponsorship from the Commission and a letter from the current sponsor, University of Missouri-Kansas City agreeing to this transfer. The five year term of this charter ends in June 30, 2020. This charter school will continue to meet the requirements of sections RSMo 160.400 to 160.425 and section 167.349, and has agreed to the terms in the Commission's performance contract.

We are delighted to partner with School Smart Kansas City and the new board of directors in establishing "DeLaSalle 2.0" at renewal. We have confidence this school board and their partners have the capacity and vision to transform this school to the high-quality 21st century alternative school Kansas City desires and needs.

Sincerely,

Robbyn G. Wahby
Executive Director

CC: Mr. David Oliver, Chair DeLaSalle Board of Directors
Dr. Roger Dorson, Interim Commissioner Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Honorable Charlie Shields, President Missouri State Board of Education
Mr. Awais Sufi, President/Chief Executive Officer School Smart Kansas City
Missouri Charter Public School Commission Members

ATTACHMENTS



To: Missouri Charter Public School Commission

Re: DeLaSalle Education Center Sponsor Transfer

Dear Mrs. Robbyn Wahby, Executive Director:

DeLaSalle Education Center (DLS) and its board of directors write this letter to request sponsorship by the Missouri Charter Public School Commission (MCPSC). Presently, DLS is sponsored by the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) Charter School Center, which has held sponsorship since its inception as a charter school in 2011. UMKC has agreed to relinquish sponsorship and supported transfer of sponsorship to the MCPSC.

DLS is the only stand-alone alternative charter high school in the state of Missouri. The 2017-18 school year has been a challenging one for DLS:

- a) DLS was placed on Missouri's "fiscally distress" list for falling below the state required 3% reserves;
- b) New leadership (Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer) became appointed in the Fall to help address the financial, programmatic, and academic challenges;
- c) Board members pursued outside, philanthropic funding, to meet the financial deficit faced by the school in order to ensure the school could remain open, which was outlined in the 45 Day Financial Plan;
- d) The day-to-day operations of the school remained challenging, as staff and students were concerned about the ability of the school to stay open.

Despite these challenges, the board of directors, current DLS leadership, our community, our families, and our city believes in the students at DLS and the importance of DLS for serving our most vulnerable children. To this end, DLS has worked with local Kansas City philanthropy to secure funds to remain open for this year and beyond, for a rebirth of the school to best meet the needs of our families and students.

DLS recognizes the importance of a full restart, inclusive of a new board and new governance. As part of this, we request sponsorship transfer from the UMKC Charter School office to the Missouri Charter Public School Commission, which has been endorsed by UMKC.

We look forward to hearing from you and the opportunity to be under your sponsorship.

Respectfully,

David Oliver
DLS Board President

April 8, 2018

DeLaSalle Education Center
3737 Troost Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64109

Re: Sponsor Transfer

Dear Mr. David Oliver, Board President, and Dr. Elizabeth Sanders, Executive Director:

The University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) Charter School Center has been pleased to sponsor the DeLaSalle Education Center (DLS) since its inception as a charter school in 2011. As you know, DLS is the only stand-alone alternative charter high school in the state of Missouri, providing trauma-informed care to its student population.

Throughout the 2017-2018 school year, DLS and UMKC have worked with local Kansas City philanthropy to secure funds to generate a rebirth of the school to best meet the needs of our families and students. We recognize the importance of a full restart as part of this rebirth, inclusive of a new board and new governance. Accordingly, the UMKC Charter School office agrees to relinquish sponsorship of DLS in support of a sponsorship transfer to the Missouri Charter Public School Commission.

We have appreciated our engagement with DLS and wish the current and future students at DLS well.

In service,



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