



Missouri
Charter Public School Commission

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Ms. Jocelyn Strand
Coordinator, School Improvement Office/Charter School Office
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
205 Jefferson Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0480

RE: SPONSORSHIP OF ATLAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Jocelyn:

I am pleased to inform you the Missouri Charter Public School Commission voted to serve as the sponsor of Atlas Public School. This school is a diverse-by-design charter school, using real world and placed-based learning, as well as an anti-racist and anti-bias approach to curriculum, instruction and school wide practice. This year-around school located in the City of St. Louis seeks to open in the 2021-2022 school year. Atlas will open with a kindergarten and first grade serving 130 students. The charter school will eventually serve 468 students in kindergarten through 5th grades.

The Commission reviewed the accompanying charter school application, held a public hearing in the community the school wishes to serve, and interviewed the founding board. This charter and the board meets the requirements of sections RSMo 160.400 to 160.425 and sections 167.349. We have confidence the board and school leaders will provide a high-quality public education.

As required by RSMo 160.405.3, the Commission is formally submitting this application to the Missouri State Board of Education for their approval at the earliest board meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robbyn G. Wahby
Executive Director

CC: Mr. Russell Kirk, President Atlas Public School Founding Board
Mr. Colby Heckendorn, Ms. Genevieve Backer, Founders
Dr. Chris Neale, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
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