

THE DELORES TAYLOR ARTHUR SCHOOL FOR YOUNG MEN

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January 11, 2019

Dear Mr. Juakali:

Please accept our letter of intent in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the Orleans Parish School Board Spring 2019 Charter Cycle. As such, our corporate entity, Lyceum Schools, Inc will submit an application according to the timeline established and articulated by your office.

Lyceum intends to open The Delores Taylor Arthur School for Young Men, a Type 1 charter school with a mission that is focused on educating young men in New Orleans. Specifically, we offer the following:

Mission Statement

The Delores Taylor Arthur School for Young Men is committed to preparing each young man to utilize his intelligence for the benefit of the community in which he lives.

Vision Statement

The Delores Taylor Arthur School for Young Men envisions a world where all young men have an opportunity to contribute to the communities in which they live regardless of race, ethnic origin, socio-economic position, or disability. We prepare students for success by increasing college readiness, career readiness, and 21st century learning skills of communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking.

We intend to reach these ends through an academic program that is rooted in project-based learning as well as debate, deliberation, and dialogue across the curriculum. Our plan is to welcome 150 9th Grade students in the 2020-21 academic year and reach a capacity of 600 students serving Grades 9-12 by the 2023-24 academic year adding no more than 150 students each year. Our data suggests that there is significant student population in New Orleans East and Gentilly so we have given priority to locations in those geographic areas. However, should OPSB need a school option such as ours in a different part of the city, we are certainly open to that conversation.

Thank you for your work and our team looks forward to working with you throughout this process.

Byron R. Arthur

Sincerely

President/CEO

The Delores Taylor Arthur School for Young Men