



## 2016 OPSB Notice of Intent to Replicate

For schools qualifying for Automatic Replication, OPSB requests a completion of the following Notice of Intent to Replicate be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. CST on Saturday, December 31, 2016. Notice of Intent to Replicate documentation, saved in a single PDF file and emailed to Taina Knox, (taina\_knox@opsb.us).

School Contact Information			
Name of Charter School Governing Board (as registered with Louisiana Secretary of State)		InspireNOLA Charter Schools	
Name of Charter School Intending to Replicate		Edna Karr High School	
School Name	Opening Year	Current Charter Term Length	Grades Served
Edna Karr High School	2005	5	9 - 12
School Leader/CEO		Board Chair/President	
Name	Jamar McKneely	Name	Wayne Crochet
Phone	[REDACTED]	Phone	[REDACTED]
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Please provide a current one-page resume, professional bio, and recent background check for the school leader.

### Renewal Considerations

- |   | Yes                                 | No                                  |
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| 1. Does the school qualify for Automatic Replication?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2. Does the school plan to propose modifications to charter operating agreement?  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3. Does the school plan to add a school-specific goal?  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Does the school plan to replicate as a conversion of a Type 3 charter school?<br>If so, which school located in Orleans Parish will you convert? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Certification

I certify that I have the authority to submit this document and that all information contained herein is complete and accurate. I recognize that any misrepresentation could result in disqualification from the renewal process or revocation after award.

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 Signature of Leader of Non-Profit (CMO/Network)

12/20/16  
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 Date

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 Signature of School Leader/Principal (if different)

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 Date

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 Signature of Board Chair or President

12/21/16  
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 Date

# JAMAR R. MCKNEELY

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## **EDUCATION:**

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE** BATON ROUGE, LA  
Master of Education: Administration and Supervision, 2001  
Certification through Louisiana State University

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE** BATON ROUGE, LA  
Bachelor of Science in Economics, 1999  
Concentration: Finance/Accounting

## **EXPERIENCE:**

**INSPIRENOLA CHARTER SCHOOLS – Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer** 2013-Present  
NEW ORLEANS, LA

- Operates the highest performing open-admissions CMO in New Orleans
- Manage and develop the leadership of Edna Karr High School, Alice Harte Charter School, and Andrew H. Wilson Charter School
- Supervise administrative, instructional and personnel for InspireNOLA schools and Central Office
- Created InspireNOLA leadership program to build leadership capacity within the organization
- Implemented performance pay structures and InspireNOLA Cares program to incentivize retention and reward achievement for InspireNOLA staff and teachers
- Created administrative procedures necessary for implementing personnel and fiscal policy
- Organized YouthRise program for 5000 students during Hurricane Katrina anniversary and March to Excellence rally featuring Congressman John Lewis for 1500 students

**ALICE M. HARTE CHARTER SCHOOL – Head of School** 2009-2014  
NEW ORLEANS, LA

- Increased Alice Harte academic performance from a D to an A letter grade
- 100% of eight grade students enrolled in Algebra I passed the EOC Algebra I assessment
- Implemented Study Skill block that increased test scores by 20%, Success Academy to tutor students with low grade point averages, Holt literacy program to increase reading comprehension, and mentor program that awarded 175 academic jackets to students

**MCDONOGH 32 LITERARY CHARTER SCHOOL - Turnaround Specialist/Head of School** 2012-2013  
NEW ORLEANS, LA

- Developed and implemented academic plan to increase academic achievement of students and classroom matrix for classroom design
- Created professional growth plans for administrators and secured funding to purchase needed supplies for teachers.
- Implemented study skills block for academic achievement and increased rigor in classes by developing academic framework and procedures

**EDNA KARR HIGH SCHOOL – Assistant Principal** 2007-2009  
NEW ORLEANS, LA

- Implemented Karr 21 program that raised GEE test scores in math by 10% and English by 8%
- Developed Senior Academy to increase graduation rate of seniors
- Served as School Improvement Plan Coordinator, Summer School Program Coordinator, and School Coordinator for Title Funds

**EDNA KARR HIGH SCHOOL - Business Education/Technology & Math Teacher** 2003-2006

## **Jamar McKneely, Biography**

Mr. Jamar McKneely's educational philosophy is derived from a quote by Marian Wright Edelman: "The question is not whether we can afford to invest in every child; it is whether we can afford not to."

Mr. McKneely earned a Bachelor's degree in Finance and a Master's degree in Educational Administration, both from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Prior to becoming an educator, he worked in the field of finance as a budget analyst for two non-profit organizations in Baton Rouge. He then served as a teacher and Assistant Principal at Edna Karr High School for seven years, after which he transitioned to Principal of Alice Harte Charter School in 2009. In 2013, while still serving as Principal of Alice Harte, Mr. McKneely co-founded and formed InspireNOLA Charter Schools, a new charter management organization in New Orleans focusing on educating the youth of the city. InspireNOLA currently manages three schools: Alice M. Harte Charter School and Edna Karr High School, which are two of the top performing charter schools in New Orleans, and Andrew H. Wilson Charter School, a turnaround school which achieved the highest academic gains of any school in New Orleans in 2015-2016.

Under his leadership during Mr. McKneely's tenure as principal, Alice Harte and its students experienced numerous successes, including: increased School Performance Score by 25 points; improved structure and discipline; matriculated all 2011-2012 eighth grade students to the top five performing high schools in New Orleans; fulfilled 22 out of 24 school-wide assessment goals set from 2010-2012; ranked in top 10% of schools in New Orleans; earned a Value-Added score of 5 for academic growth; incorporated a belief that all students can achieve levels of basic or above on all state test and DIBELS; and added an Academic Games and student leadership program. During the last seven years, Alice Harte has been ranked as one of the top five charter schools in New Orleans. During the 2013-2014 school year, Alice Harte achieved an A letter grade, and has continued to achieve this exemplary grade since.

As Chief Executive Officer of InspireNOLA, Mr. McKneely currently focuses on creating a leadership pipeline and coaching mid-level and potential InspireNOLA leaders, supervising the administrative and instructional personnel of InspireNOLA schools and central office, and establishing and communicating a clear vision for the organization's mission and goals. Mr. McKneely founded the Alliance for Diversity and Excellence in New Orleans, and recently completed the Pahara Institute NextGen Leaders program, a national leadership development program for senior education leaders. He is also a member of LA Superintendent John White's Visionary Committee and a founder of the NexusCity program in New Orleans. Additionally, he was recently accepted to the prestigious Broad Academy.