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RE: Letter of Intent to Open Ignite New Orleans Schools - High School

In accordance with the Orleans Parish School Board request for applications, please accept our letter of intent to submit an application during the Spring 2019 Charter Cycle for Ignite New Orleans Schools - High School.

Our vision for Ignite New Orleans Schools is to equip students with the skills, knowledge, and credentials to begin meaningful, productive careers and improve economic outcomes for Orleans Parish public school students.

The mission of Ignite New Orleans Schools is to ignite student learning in order to discover their passions, develop critical skills, and apply learning for productive careers and informed citizenship.

The instructional model/innovation of Ignite New Orleans Schools - High School is that every student will explore postsecondary options to discover their passions and interests and engage in opportunities that will provide them with college credits and/or career certifications. By graduation, each student will have the opportunity to earn up to an associate's degree or advanced industry-based credentials along with their high school diploma.

Ignite New Orleans Schools - High School proposes opening for the 2020-2021 school year, serving grade 9, increasing to grades 9-12 over four years. Ignite New Orleans High School is projecting an initial enrollment of 150 students and proposes to add 150 students per year.

We are interested in a location in Gentilly, in order to increase access to a variety of postsecondary and workplace experiences.

We look forward to working with Orleans Parish School Board toward the completion of our petition, application, and the successful start of our school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Ferris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emily Ferris
Ignite New Orleans Schools
Founder/CEO