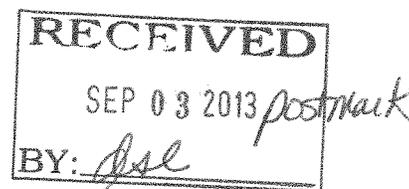


Inspire ME Academy

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State Charter School Commission
111 Sewall Street, 5th Floor
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Augusta, ME 04333

Greetings:

This letter indicates Inspire ME Academy's intention to submit an application in response to the RFP issued by the State Charter School Commission.

Inspire ME Academy intends to locate in the city of Sanford/Springvale located in York County. We will serve grades 4, 5 and 6 in the first year with the addition of grades 7 and 8 in the next two years respectively. Our goal is to offer an educational option that provides a supportive yet challenging environment. We believe every student is capable of reaching his or her potential when provided with a meaningful education. Sanford maintains a high population of economically disadvantaged students, currently averaging 62% (in grades served) of students receiving free and reduced lunch. Sanford also has a high population of students with special needs, currently averaging 22% (in grades served), that are performing below their typically developing peers. With a low-income population, there are not many options for families who are interested in better opportunities. We aim to fill that need. We will fill this need by eliminating barriers to learning that economically disadvantaged students often experience. In order to eliminate those barriers all students will receive free meals (breakfast, lunch, and snack), uniforms will be required and provided, a longer school day giving students more access to education and resources they may not have at home, and an environment where all students will feel safe and cherished.

Inspire ME Academy's projected enrollment in the first year is 120 students with anticipation of 200 students after 3 years. We are looking forward to opening in the Fall of 2014. Attached you will find a brief description of our school program design.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renee Morin".

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School Program Design: Inspire ME Academy

At Inspire ME Academy, our mission is to *Inspire Greatness*. In order to achieve greatness we will develop curriculum that not only bridges gaps in students learning but also challenges them to go above and beyond, maximizing their potential. Our curriculum will be developed directly from the Common Core Standards using rigorous standards based unit design. During instruction, our classes will be ability grouped based on the results of progress monitoring with the idea that groups are ever changing depending on the needs of the students. A longer day will allow more time on academics and more opportunities for differentiation. Our GREAT values will be taught and practiced, providing a safe and caring environment where all students feel capable of success. Our leaders and teachers will educate with the belief that **all** students are capable of learning. This belief will drive curriculum development, instruction, and classroom environment that will instill a high expectation for learning.