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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT CHARTER APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

According to NMSA § 22-8B-6(B) the Notice of Intent to Submit a Charter Application (“NOI”) must be filed by the organizers of a proposed charter school to the Public Education Commission at the address below **AND** to the superintendent of the school district in which the charter school is proposed to be located. *Failure to notify may result in your application being rejected.*

The NOI must be submitted by 5:00 PM Mountain Time by **the second Tuesday of January**. Notices of Intent that are not received by the Public Education Commission **and** the superintendent of the local school district by the deadline may result in the application being rejected. When you send the NOI to the superintendent of the school district in which your charter is to be located, you are strongly encouraged to send it by certified mail return receipt requested, or request a signed receipt when you deliver the NOI. Contact the local district regarding electronic filing.

Notice to the Public Education Commission should be delivered by one of the following methods:

- Electronically to: [charter.schools@state.nm.us](mailto:charter.schools@state.nm.us)
- By mail ~~or personal delivery~~\*: PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION  
c/o New Mexico Public Education Department  
Attn: Options for Parents and  
Families/Charter Schools Division 300 Don  
Gaspar, Room 301  
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The NOI is intended to provide the Public Education Commission with the primary point of contact among the charter developers, and preliminary information about the charter proposal, such as the school’s mission statement, the school’s focus, the representative student population in the intended location, enrollment projections, key innovation, etc. (not to exceed 5 pages).

*\*Due to the health crisis, the PED Building may be closed and, therefore, unable to accept personal deliveries.*

1. General Information

- Name of Proposed School

Sandoval Institute for Math and Science @ UNM

- Grade levels to be offered and enrollment projections

Grade Levels to be offered	Projected Total Enrollment
6-12	400

- Primary Point of Contact

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2. Names, roles, and current employment of all persons on the applicant team, and qualifications of the team members to establish a high-quality charterschool

Names	Role on Team	Qualifications: Education, Employment, and Experience
Katharina Sandoval-Snider	Lead member	Current Administrator of AIMS@UNM
Dr. Stephen Eckert	Special Ed Administrator	Current lead Administrator of Special Education AIMS@UNM
Jolene Jaramillo	Business Manager	Current Business Manager of AIMS@UNM
Robert Cordova	Assistant Principal	Current Assistant Principal AIMS@UNM
Jerry Delmorep	Science/Student Advocate	Current Head of Math Department/Lead instructional Technology AIMS@UNM

3. Model or focus of the proposed school (e.g., performing arts, dual language, college prep, STEM, Montessori, IB):

The Sandoval Institute of Mathematics and Science is committed to preparing its students (grades 6 thru 12) for college, community and beyond through a rigorous focus on math and science and an emphasis on global participation and participation in Dual Credit classes necessary for graduation.

The mission of the school is to prepare and provide an extra ordinary education to students in the State of New Mexico who are interested in pursuing careers requiring advanced math, science and technology skills. The school is a STEM based, dual credit secondary school with a requirement of 30 dual credit hours necessary for graduation

4. Does the school expect to contract with another entity for either management, or substantial oversight or direction in the school’s operation?  Yes  No

If YES, describe the entity and the role it will have in the school’s operational plan

5. Does the applicant team or any members of the team currently operate any other schools?  Yes  No

The Albuquerque Institute for Math and Science @ UNM

6. Vision/Mission statement (2-3 sentences)

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7. Student population and geographical setting of the school

- Define the targeted geographical area of the proposed school from which you expect to draw a significant number of your students.

The Sandoval County region, namely Rio Rancho School District, and surrounding Native American populations.

- Describe the student population including key demographic data (academic performance, home languages, English Learners (ELs), and special education populations) in the location in which the school intends to locate.

Rio Rancho School District has 17,231 students.

5% Black/African American

4% Native American

31% Anglo

56% Hispanic

15% Special Education

Math Proficiency is 32%

Reading Proficiency is 44%

Science Proficiency is 55%

Jemez Valley School District:

356 students

73% are Native American

14 % Special Education

Math Proficiency is 4%

Reading Proficiency is 17%

Science Proficiency is 18%

8. Identify where these students are most likely being educated currently and why they are expected to choose the proposed charter school for their future educational needs.

Currently these students are educated primarily in the Rio Rancho Public School District. Native American students living of the Pueblo are primarily from Jemez.

The AIMS model, which would be used for SIMS, has a focus on Math and Science with a requirement for Dual Credit credits. Currently, SIM would have a student size similar to Jemez Valley, however the emphasis on Math, Science and Reading would be attractive to the college bound students and families searching for a more academic choice for their students. Currently the AIMS model outperforms both of these school Districts.

Provide evidence that the applicant team has assessed community need for a school of the nature that will be proposed in the application (e.g., objective surveys or other measures of local demand for the Proposed educational program).

The AIMS model has been the subject of numerous news stories, as well as a large amount of community input. The Rio Rancho City Council has provided written support for this school in the form of a resolution. News articles are provided for your consideration via the links here:

1. [Editorial: Why isn't NM replicating its top-performing schools?](#)
2. [AIMS Renews Effort to Open Campus in Rio Rancho](#)
3. [Charter Schools Aim to Make a Difference](#)
4. [NM High School Recognized by MSN](#)
5. [Grassroots on RRPS](#)
6. [AIMS Open House Letter to the Editor](#)
7. [Let's celebrate, emulate these education successes](#)
8. [Taking AIM at EXCELLENCE](#)
9. [AIMS vs Rio Rancho State PARCC](#)
10. [AIMS National Recognition](#)
11. [Published Letter to Editor "Making NM Children the Priority"](#)
12. [AIMS PISA Scores International Recognition](#)
13. [Journal Editorial - Replication](#)
14. [AIMS State Report Cards](#)
15. [Journal Editorial - RRPS Lawsuit](#)

9. Identify significant innovative features that the school will implement in order to help it realize its vision/mission (e.g., non-traditional school year, longer school day, partner organizations, etc.).

The school will operate on an extended school day (7:30 am to 3:30 pm.) Tutoring is provided for students falling behind after school. Additionally, the school is arranged into "Houses" which serve as an advisory for students. Houses are arranged longitudinally (Seniors through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and meet daily.

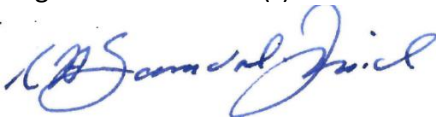
Dual credit is a major requirement of the school, with dual credit classes required beginning in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

10. Describe how the school will be more effective than the schools currently serving the targeted student population, and/or plans to improve student achievement and exceed the academic performance of existing public schools in the targeted service area and any data you have to support this assumption.

Currently AIMS performs at the highest level in the State of New Mexico. The school is the #1 performing school in New Mexico, and the top 100<sup>th</sup> in the Nation. The format of instruction has proven performance

*Please Note: Should your charter be awarded, the founding governing body could undergo a background check to determine if it qualifies to be a board of public finance in the state of New Mexico.*

Signature of founder(s):



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Date: 1/11/2021

Katharina Sandoval-Snider

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