



**Letter of Intent: Achievement School District Charter School applying to Tennessee Public Charter School Commission**

Any eligible Achievement School District (ASD) charter school operator intending to apply for authorization by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission (Charter Commission) must file a Letter of Intent to the Charter Commission by October 15<sup>th</sup> of the school year prior to the school year the charter school would operate under the Charter Commission. This letter must be delivered to the Charter Commission and the Tennessee Department of Education no later than **October 15<sup>th</sup>** at 11:59p.m. Central Time. When the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or State observed holiday, the letter of intent is due on the next business day.

Submit the letter of intent via email to the Charter Commission at [CharterSchool.Appeals@tn.gov](mailto:CharterSchool.Appeals@tn.gov) and Tennessee Department of Education at [charter.schools@tn.gov](mailto:charter.schools@tn.gov).

**Name of ASD Charter School:** Lester Prep

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**Sponsor of the School (e.g. KIPP, Green Dot, etc.):** Capstone Education Group

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Provide the name of the person who will serve as **the primary contact** for the application. **The primary contact** should serve as the contact for follow-up, interviews, and notices regarding the application.

**Name of Primary Contact Person:** Drew Sippel

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**School Address:** 320 Carpenter Memphis TN 38112

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**Primary Contact's Telephone:** 901-416-9569

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**Primary Contact's E-Mail Address:** dsippel@cornerstoneprepmemphis.org

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**Name of Current School Leader:** Latasha Harris

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**Projected School Year that the school would open under the Charter Commission:** 2022-23 school year

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**Does the charter school have years remaining on its charter agreement with the ASD? (Y/N):**

**If yes, the school year the current ten-year charter term expires:** Yes, term ends in June 2024

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**Enrollment Projections for remainder of charter agreement OR for all 10 years if applying for a new charter agreement.** Note: Schools with time remaining on their agreement with the ASD would be authorized by the Charter Commission for the remaining years on their ASD agreement, not for a new ten-year term.

	School Year	Grade Levels	Total Student Enrollment
<b>Year One</b>	2022-23	6-8	300
<b>Year Two</b>	2023-24	6-8	300
<b>Year Three</b>			
<b>Year Four</b>			
<b>Year Five</b>			
<b>Year Six</b>			
<b>Year Seven</b>			
<b>Year Eight</b>			
<b>Year Nine</b>			
<b>Year Ten</b>			

**Current Leadership**

List all current governing members and their roles on the table below (adding rows as needed).

Full Name	Current Job and Employer	Focus/Expertise*	Role on Governing Board
Scott Walker	Banker, First Horizon	Finance, leadership, mgt	President
Tom Marino	Partner, Poplar Foundation	Education, Community Dev	Vice President
Yolanda Bass	Instruction Leader, MTR	Education, coaching	Member
Octavius Nixon	Owner, Nixon Construction	Building, ops, community relations, parent engagement	Member, parent
Paul Edwards	Attorney, Evans Petree	Law, finance, personnel	Secretary
Cam Echols	Exec Dir Refugee Empowerment Program (REP)	ESL, family engagement	Member
Jay Harvill	Partner, Lipscomb and Pitts	Comm Involvement, Fund Raising, Mgmt, Personnel	Member
Elliot Perry	Partner, Poplar Foundation	Education, Community Involvement, Public Relations	Member

*\*Community Service/Outreach, Legal Expertise/Attorney, Public Relations, Education, Management/Organizational Experience, Parent/Community Involvement, Finance, Marketing, Fundraising/Grant Writing, Personnel/Human Capital, Other (please elaborate)*

**Applicant Eligibility**

Tennessee law limits the charter schools that may apply directly for authorization under the Charter Commission to qualifying charter schools authorized by the ASD. Please read the following statements and confirm eligibility to apply:

- An ASD-authorized school allowed to apply to the Charter Commission based on the determination of the Commissioner of Education under T.C.A. 49-1-614(k)(2)(B).
- An ASD-authorized school allowed to apply to the Charter Commission by meeting the priority exit criteria set forth in the state’s accountability model under T.C.A. 49-1-614(k)(4).



**Conflict of Interest**

Please identify any potential conflicts of interest that you or any governing board member may have in the space below. This is in alignment with best practices for both non-profit and charter school governance and is also aligned with T.C.A. § 49-13-111(g), which states “with regard to conflicts of interest, the governing body of a charter school shall be subject to T.C.A. §§ 12-4-101 and 12-4-102. These portions of Tennessee law govern public contracts and personal interests of officers and boards of directors.

None

By my signature below, I affirm that all of the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Drew Sippel*

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(Signature)

October 7, 2021

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(Date)