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Delaware Department of Education
Charter School Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: DELAWARE STEM ACADEMY

I am writing to offer my support for the opening of the Delaware STEM Academy in September 2016.

The students that graduate from the school will be job-ready out of high school, or will be able to continue on to higher education (as we expect a great majority will). Whether they obtain a high school diploma, a two-year degree or a four-degree, the students will have the academic and scientific training to work in demanding technical environments that are required for the jobs of today. The rationale for the mission of the school is that all parties benefit: the students, employers, and the economy which is extremely important our firm and the State of Delaware.

As a 1965 graduate from Penn State with a BS in Civil Engineering and over 50 years of worldwide experience in the design and construction industry, I enthusiastically support the overall advancement of technical skills of our high school students in Delaware.

I look forward to the opening of the school and my participation in supporting its educational mission.

Sincerely yours,

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my full support for the pending decision to open the doors of Delaware Stem Academy to our students this fall.

I understand the school is currently under academic review due to low enrollment. This organization has done a tremendous job of promoting this great opportunity to attend such an innovative and unique school environment for our children. Unfortunately, the school is new and with any new product there comes hesitation from the greater masses as some folks are afraid of the "unknown". But trust me, this will catch on and I know this program will be a success.

I attended one of the open houses for Delaware Stem Academy back in March and I have to say I was pretty amazed. I could have only dreamt of such an opportunity to attend a school of this caliber when I was a high school student. The teaching approach is truly original and the potential to learn is endless. In this day and age, our youth is easily bored and distracted. Our education system needs to evolve as the way of our world, living, and technology has drastically changed in this generation. Both of my sons, Tayon and Tamon Hamlett, have enrolled and committed to this school for their sophomore year. They are absolutely excited to attend in the fall; Tamon literally cannot stop talking about it. I pray that I will not have to deliver them bad news.

I urge you to move forward on the decision to open Delaware Stem Academy in September. Please do not take away this excellent educational option for our youth.

I am looking forward to your response!

Sincerely,



Tamesha Garnett