

**Background** [14 Del. C. § 512(1)]**Explain the circumstances and motivations that brought the Founding Group together to propose this school.**

Vine's Preparatory School's Founding Board has had the honor of working with children and their parents in education and community in varying sectors for well over two decades. As the field of education continues to grow and evolve so too does the greater demand for choice in education as well as a quality person centered approach. Our vision is to honor that need and demand by providing the students, parents & community of Sussex County Delaware with the opportunity to join our school as part of this great movement to improve the lives and future of individuals of our great United States.

Collectively and individually VPS Founding Board members have had the invaluable opportunity to advocate for children in education. Having seen the dangerous repercussions that have followed young people who lose interest and focus in an educational system that they feel may not meet their individual career paths, the vision for Vine's Preparatory School was birthed. Board members have been privileged to be part of networks and teams that have given a voice, a face, a platform and a greater system of support to many. The board of VPS is seeking to provide the children and families of our great state with tools to be positive contributors to their own destiny and motivators of their own success. VPS is part of a vision that will provide one additional step, a house of education for Sussex County Middle School children. It is the vision of board members to introduce children to a career path at the middle school junction thus promoting their focus and commitment to continuing and completing their education at the high school level and increasing Delaware's high school and college graduation rates.

VPS Founding Board intends to work closely with the Sussex County community and Delaware's DOE to develop a charter school that will become and remain a model of local and national excellence in education.