

## **Vine's Preparatory School**

### **Business Plan**

Vines Preparatory School – Delaware, USA seeks to open a Charter School in Sussex County Delaware. VPS intends to ultimately serve students in the county with a premiere education option that will foster career focus, a sense of communal and patriotic pride as well as business and educational excellence. VPS will serve a multicultural population of ultimately 180 students at full capacity.

#### **Need for This Type of School**

The culture of Sussex County Delaware is a growing one with diverse needs both social and economic. Youth graduating from the school systems are often plagued with the inability to compete in the local market for lack of job readiness and unfocused career paths. Parents and student are often left searching for educational options that would best fit their individual educational needs. In order to succeed in this new market, workers in the next 50 years will require new skills, beyond the basic skills of literacy, numeracy, and citizenship. National reports identify the ability to think critically, communicate orally and in writing, and collaborate with others as the major workplace competencies of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Our great country will soon be in the hands of an emerging generation whose current education will need to compete on international platforms. The United States will need to produce a generation of young people who are equipped to succeed and who have a great vision to uphold the statutes of our country. Students will need a strong understanding of technology, language and business if they are to hold the integrity of the competing communal and global markets. As mentioned in the executive summary, there are many schools in the United States that offer a technical approach in middle school including Utah, California, Virginia, and Massachusetts. These types of programs afford students the opportunity of learning different trades as well as giving them a head start on making career choices. The future of many American young people is complicated by current circumstances within our nation's cities. Violence in our communities is a persistent problem, and one which grips a great many young people.

VPS seeks to provide hope to those who may otherwise feel hopeless. Many people in Sussex County feel that working at the local chicken plant is all they could ever do. While working for the local manufacturing plants is not a negative thing, we the board of VPS are seeking to ignite within students the desire they already have to see and achieve beyond the local chicken plant.

#### **Rationale for Charter School Model**

Vine's Preparatory School will serve as a model of academic excellence and patriotic pride. VPS will promote a culture that encourages educational and career focus thereby increasing student retention

and contributing to the improved graduation rates state wide. VPS will foster an “open house environment” that includes parents and community in the education process of our youth.

### **School Demographics & Enrollment Projections**

Vine’s Preparatory School will serve students of Sussex County Delaware in grades 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. The ultimate student capacity of the school over a three year time frame will be 180 student with a 15:1 student teacher ratio. Year one VPS will serve, 60 students in four classrooms (not to include specialty class rooms and additional school areas). Year two VPS will serve 120 students in 8 core classrooms. Year three VPS will serve 180 students in 12 core classrooms. VPS will hold open enrollment from November 1, 2015-February 1, 2016. Five groups will be afforded preference for admission, followed by a student enrolment lottery. (Please see attachment 7)

### **Strength of Leadership**

The Founding Board of Vine’s Preparatory School is comprised of leaders from various sectors of business and education with a committed vision to see our emerging generation succeed. All hold managerial positions within their professional field with proven commitment to their positions. The educators on VPS’s Founding Board are both award winning educators in our state. Board members currently hold positions of influence as volunteers in the social, religious and business communities of our state. (see attachment 1)

### **Scope of Community Backing**

The Founding Board upon approval will move forward more aggressively with additional funding options that will meet the expected budgetary needs of VPS. At the time of this application meetings have been set with interested benefactors of the vision and model of education proposed by VPS Founding Board Members.