

ABSTRACT

WATERFORD MONTESSORI ACADEMY

REPLICATION AND EXPANSION OF HIGH-QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS

APPLICATION FOR NEW AWARD

Waterford Montessori Academy as a Michigan Public School Academy authorized by Saginaw Valley State University is seeking [REDACTED] for a one year award period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 for the purpose of expanding and replicating its current program. Currently Waterford Montessori Academy operates at 4860 Midland Avenue in Waterford Michigan 48329 offering K-7 instruction in a Montessori format. The Board of Directors of the Academy seeks to expand the grade offerings to include 8th grade and in addition, replicate the existing K-3 elementary program to a new campus at 4350 Elizabeth Lake Road (ELR) in Waterford Michigan 48329.

This grant will allow the academy to properly equip the new K-3 and 6-8 classrooms at the ELR campus with age appropriate furniture and Montessori appropriate teaching aids. In addition, grant funds will be used to equip a state-of-the-art computer lab that will be used for state-mandated and authorizer-mandated testing. Additional funds will be used to provide Michigan certified teachers at the new campus with specific Montessori training to support their classroom instruction and thereby advance student achievement as measured by the computerized, on-line assessment programs. Finally, funds will be used to implement a Parent Resource Center at the Academy and provide a regular schedule of parent workshops designed to increase parental involvement in the students' learning processes.

This application is approved by the Board of Directors of Waterford Montessori Academy and supported by Saginaw Valley State University.