

Manhattan Confucius Teachings Elementary Charter School (MCTECS)

(Manhattan Chinatown Campus)

Letter of Intent

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Proposed School Name:

Manhattan Confucius Teachings Elementary Charter School (MCTECS)

Proposed Location:

Community School District 1, Manhattan Chinatown, New York

Planned Grades and Enrollment in 1st to 5th Year of Operation

Grades	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year5
K	80	80	80	80	80
1	80	80	80	80	80
2		80	80	80	80

3			80	80	80
4				80	80
5					80
Total	160	240	320	400	480

Initial Facility Plans:

The Confucius Building on the Canal Street of Manhattan Chinatown has been the initial link between our projects in Queens, and we now have a store front where we can use to carry out the community outreach activities in the coming months. We are actively working on the finalization of the Charter School Facility within this building, starting from this store front. The contact person is: Ms. Lishan Cai (646-267-9981); email: hailen45@163.com; Ms. Cai is the store owner and has a large store front at the first level of this building; with her business network in Manhattan China, we are confident that we will be able to soon identify a suitable school campus for our Charter School.

We also have submitted an application on February 17, 2013 for seeking DOE permanent facility.

We have been working with a real estate expert from the Charter School Facility Inc. who has also proposed a potential site (see **Blog** on www.confuciuscharters.org): Maureen at 917-992-8029

School Description:

Confucius was a great teacher in Chinese history. He devoted his entire life in education. The mission of Confucius in his education was to turn learners into true scholars who reach such a goal through “Cultivate the Mind, Harmonize the Family, Govern the Nation and Bring Peace and Prosperity to the World”(Xiushen, Qijia, Zhiguo, Pingtianxia). Therefore, the Confucius Teachings Elementary Charter School is based upon the philosophy of Confucius “Kindness, Loyalty, Etiquette, Wisdom and Faith” (Ren, Yi, Li, Zhi, Xin) and carries the mission of systematically introducing the authentic traditional Chinese Language and Culture to the young learners as the nutrients for the mind to prepare a new generation of bilingual experts who can play the role of inheriting the essence of traditional Chinese Culture, which is now considered by more and more people all over the world to be a precious gift to all of us in the modern world. To the new immigrant children from China, they have been facing major difficulties in entering the mainstream American Society due to language and culture barrier, poisonous influence of the communist mentality, as well as financial difficulties of the immigrant parents. Teachers in public schools are also facing difficulties in providing these children with sufficient help in assisting them to understand the American culture, history,

government system and the law, which are essential for them to be an integral part of the local community. Under such a situation, more and more Chinese immigrant families are sending young children back to China to study the language and culture, although they were born here in America. When these children return to America, they usually are faced with emotional and mental issues and feel lost between the gaps of two different types of culture. The establishment of the Confucius Teachings Elementary/Middle/High Charter Schools will allow these children to fully master the authentic traditional Chinese culture which will nurture their mind and allow them to embrace with full maturity the gift from the Western World. On the other hand, for the young learners with the Western culture as their native heritage, the mastering of Chinese Language and Culture will similarly expand their wisdom, enlarge their vision and enhance their ability in all aspects. This is because the Chinese Language and Culture are a precious gift to all world people and have the innate power to transform the mind and heart for people to live in a life style of *Being One with the Nature* (Tian Ren He Yi) a life style that is key for health and happiness. Therefore, the Confucius Teachings Charter School shall be a school for children from ethnic groups and will surely bring peace and prosperity to our community and bring a new stream of fresh air into the American Education System. All Core Curriculum of English, Math, Social Studies and Science shall be taught in Chinese and English, and all students shall be trained to be bilingual in English and Chinese and also become scholars of Chinese Language and Culture, as a special feature of the graduates of our Charter School.

Proposed Management or Partner Organization:

The Confucius Teachings Charter School Association (CTCSA), which is in the process of being registered, will be the management organization that will coordinate the establishment of all three levels of schools: Elementary, Middle and High Charter Schools. The CTCSA will be established as a non-profit organization to support the establishment of similar Charter Schools in different states of the United States of America, and serve as a management and education platform for the future of the nationwide education programs that follow the same philosophy. Partner Organizations may include the New Tang Dynasty Television Station (www.ntdtv.com); the Kanzhongguo Newspaper (www.secretchina.com); and the Minghui Schools which are a chain of special after-school programs successfully operating with a mission to teach traditional Chinese Language and Culture.

Evidence of Community Outreach:

1. A brochure of the introduction of the proposed Confucius Teachings Charter School, mission, location, grades and enrollment, with lead applicant's contact information and seeking for community feedbacks is made and distributed within the local Flushing Community as well as the Manhattan Chinatown and the Brooklyn Chinatown (*see Attached File 1*).

2. A website is created for the Confucius Teachings Charter School as a platform for community outreach, seeking public feedback and timely integrating all feedbacks into the preliminary proposal. The website address is: www.confuciuscharters.org.
3. A large group of emails have been sent to inform all local Chinese and English Media, Community Education Council; Community Education District Superintendents; Community Board Members (see Attached File 2; uploaded onto the **Blog** of www.confuciuscharters.org). Social media using Facebook and LinkedIn are being created to reach out to the general public and seeking for feedbacks.
4. Two advertisements are being published regarding the Confucius Teachings Charter School (Elementary, Middle and High) in two international Chinese Newspapers (Kanzhongguo News and the World Journal) (Contact Person: Ms. Huihong Chen: 347-828-0789).
5. A community meeting is being scheduled to be held on February 24, 2013 to invite local community leaders, school board, community board, community education council, parents, media, local politicians to attend our meeting to seek for public comments and for final integration into our preliminary proposal in April (see **Blog** “Community Outreach” on www.confuciuscharters.org).
6. The Board of Trustees are actively sending the introduction flier to all key personnel of different social groups in the different ethnic groups in the community through community leaders on our team, via emails and phone calls. The website (www.confuciuscharters.org) and a designated phone number (718-669-5540) will be used for collecting community comments and feedbacks regarding the proposed Confucius Teachings Charter Schools (see **Blog** “Community Outreach” on www.confuciuscharters.org).