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To Whom It May Concern:

Louisiana Key Academy requests a transportation waiver as a Type 2 charter school with a unique mission that enrolls students from many districts in the state. Louisiana Key Academy's mission is to serve the community at large, to educate and remediate children with dyslexia in an evidence-based curriculum and to stand as an excellent model and resource for other schools and communities. As a specialized school, with a specialized mission to serve students with dyslexia, we enroll any student in Louisiana who is able to attend LKA Northshore. Our target parishes for enrollment are: Jefferson, Orleans, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. John, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington.

All students at LKA are tested for dyslexia and receive an IEP where the student is identified as SLD: Dyslexia and requires a specialized, evidence-based education.

LKA trains teachers to become Certified Academic Language Therapists where students receive daily small group, evidence-based instruction in reading and math. We offer students with dyslexia a unique opportunity to become as fluent a reader as close to grade level as possible in an environment that remediates the core deficit of dyslexia, which is decoding, and reinforces the dyslexic child's strengths of critical thinking, vocabulary, reasoning, concept formation, comprehension, general knowledge, and problem solving.

Sincerely,

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