

August 29, 2016

Mr. Chris Gdowski
Superintendent
Adams 12 Five Star Schools
1500 E 128th Avenue
Thornton, CO 80241

Dear Mr. Gdowski:

On behalf of the founding Board of Directors of NorthPoint Academy (NorthPoint), I am pleased to submit an application for the establishment of a charter school in the Adams 12 Five Star School District (Adams 12). We submit this application not just with an optimistic vision of a new educational choice, but also a keen awareness of the need in this community that drives our proposal.

Our founding Board members have been key leaders in this community for decades, with involvement varying from serving on local boards to teaching in local classrooms. During this time, we have seen our neighborhoods grow tremendously and have recognized the necessity for new schools to fill the needs of our developing community. The Adams 12 district has grown by 4,200 students since 2004. We know the district has identified Anthem and Lewis Point as two areas with significant space constraints, and that population growth in these areas is likely to continue in the next five to 10 years. We believe NorthPoint can be part of the solution for additional capacity in Broomfield or these areas.

We propose to address this need by offering a new public charter school choice to provide a quality education for families in the area, and submit the enclosed application for a long-term charter. What's more, we envision a school where the commitment to academic excellence and character growth will prepare our students for success building and enriching similar communities tomorrow.

Here are some key distinguishing characteristics about the school we propose:

- **Our vision:** Our school will offer a robust academic program that inspires students to think critically and master content. Instruction in every grade will be strategic, targeting each child's learning level and style. To stimulate students to develop into responsible, positive, and contributing individuals, our character education program will teach and model accountability, high expectations, and admirable behavior. These programs operate together, preparing students for life beyond our school.
- **Our mission:** Through a program of rigorous academics, character development, and a focus on the individual progress and needs of students, our school develops critical-thinking scholars who are well prepared for high school, college, career, and life.
- **Serving our students:** NorthPoint proposes to open as a K-6 school as early as August 2017 and to add one grade each in years two and three until it is fully operational as a K-8 school by 2019-20.
- **Four pillars:** In collaboration with our intended management partner, National Heritage Academies (NHA), we plan to build on an educational philosophy that emphasizes four pillars – *academic excellence, student responsibility, moral focus, and parental partnerships*. Our emphasis on moral focus will be embedded in all aspects of school operations and academics.

With this vision, an unmistakable need in our community, and our Board's experience, we humbly submit this proposal. We look forward to hearing from you and to having opportunities to answer your questions and discuss our proposal with you. In the interim, your primary contact person will be me:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Vagher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ben" being more prominent than the last name "Vagher".

Ben Vagher
Board President
NorthPoint Academy

Cc: Patti Gilmour, Charter Liaison Adams 12 Schools
NorthPoint Academy Board of Directors
Matt Cawood, PhD, National Heritage Academies