



**MIDTOWN COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL INITIATIVE**

February 1, 2014

Kriste Dragon, CEO  
Citizens of the World Charter Schools  
5371 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 210  
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Dear Kriste:

After reviewing responses to our Request for Proposals, the Midtown Community School Initiative in Kansas City, Missouri would like to move forward in partnership with Citizens of the World Charter Schools with the goal of launching a CWC network in Midtown Kansas City, Missouri.

As you know, we issued a RFP last fall soliciting school partners with the capacity and willingness to run a high-quality school serving families in Midtown Kansas City. After receiving three responses, we spent several months thoroughly evaluating each one. We researched best practices, spent countless hours poring over response documents, and met extensively with each respondent.

When we first reviewed your proposal, we were blown away by how closely your values and curriculum align with our goals. From the creation of diverse learning environments, to a commitment to the local community, to a focus on student achievement, Citizens of the World is an education partner that will be a great fit for Midtown. Our conversations with your team over the past few months have further convinced us that bringing Citizens of the World to Midtown will help our community and our children continue to grow and thrive.

We look forward to the work ahead. Thank you for being a part of our initiative's journey toward better schools and a stronger community in Midtown.

Sincerely,

Andrew Johnson  
Jacob Littrell  
Kristin Littrell  
Danica Lyons  
Jessie Rosell



March 6, 2014

Dear Andrew, Jacob, Kristin, Danica and Jessie:

Thank you so much for your letter and all of our conversations to date. We are delighted to partner with you and the Midtown Community School Initiative (MCSI) to explore the creation of new learning opportunities that serve your communities' needs in Kansas City.

We have greatly enjoyed getting to know you over the last 6 months. We have been in conversations with representatives from cities across the country considering new school models, and MCSI has really stood out among them. We really appreciate the level of rigor with which you approached this process and your strong interest in a community-wide collaboration.

As you note, we share many of the same values. It is important to us that parents have the opportunity to be closely involved in their schools. It is important to us that children have the opportunity to realize their potential in academically rigorous environments that enable them to learn alongside those from diverse backgrounds. And it is important to us that schools provide opportunities to strengthen the bonds among our communities and our citizenship. We are thrilled to build upon these values with you.

We look forward to spending time this year working with you to reach out to communities across Kansas City to explore the possibility of any new school in fall 2016. Through informational sessions, community events, focus groups and other venues, we intend to learn from parents, universities and other community leaders and use that process to inform our future efforts.

More to come!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kriste Dragon". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kriste Dragon

Co-founder and CEO

Citizens of the World Schools