

Voice of the Vikings



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“OUR CHILDREN, OUR SCHOOL, OUR FUTURE”

Mt Jewett Area Charter School Board of Trustees Announces CEO

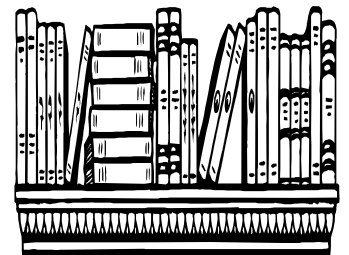
The Mt Jewett Area Charter School Board of Trustees is pleased to announce their choice for the first Chief Executive Officer for the proposed Mt Jewett Area Charter—Mr. Thomas L Brown.

Mr. Brown has been working with the Charter Coalition for several months in completing the charter application and is

currently Director of Curriculum and Instruction at the Tidioute Community Charter School in Tidioute, PA. Mr. Brown has been an educational administrator in elementary, middle and high school settings. He is a retired United States Air Force officer and has a corporate human resources background. His experience in charter school and small rural school districts made him the logical choice for the new CEO.

Mr. Brown holds a Master’s Degree in

Educational Administration from St. Bonaventure University and is a certified elementary education teacher and administrator. He also has a superintendent letter of eligibility for the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Brown hails from Shinglehouse, PA and is the father of two children. He currently resides in Youngsville, PA.



Charter School Officers

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Vice President

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Secretary

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We can always use your input and your help. If there is something you would like to help us with, PLEASE contact an officer or send us an email.

Don’t forget to send in your letter of support. Again it can be mailed or sent via email.

Charter School Letter of Support Example

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Mt. Jewett Charter Coalition's effort to open a charter school in Mt. Jewett. The base of a child's education begins in elementary school and I believe that having a smaller school with smaller classroom sizes allows for better academic achievement. The previous Mt. Jewett elementary school was known for its high academic scores and that is a direct result of the small class sizes and the small community in which it resided. The school in Mt. Jewett has always been the "Heart" of the community.

The fact that two school districts, Kane and Smethport, have students on both sides of Mt. Jewett, makes it attractive and a more feasible location to have a school. These students would no longer have to travel 12 to 14 miles one way to attend school at such a young age.

Having a school located in Mt. Jewett helps parents be more active in the school since they will not have to travel such a long distance to attend programs or functions. In addition, it allows students to participate in after school activities because they will be in their hometown area where parents will be much more able to pick them up when traveling from work.

So, it is my belief that Mt. Jewett is the perfect place for a charter school. The community welcomes this school with open arms and will support it 100%. A charter school benefits the students, the residents and area businesses.

Sincerely,

Mt. Jewett Charter School Letter of Intent

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this confidential letter of intent to the Board of Trustees of the Mt. Jewett Charter Coalition, to inform them of my intent to send my child(ren) to the Mount Jewett Area Charter School of Academic Excellence for the 2008-2009 school year. I feel the opportunities my child(ren) will receive at the school will exceed their current offerings at the district school. My child(ren) deserve the individualized attention and instruction that the Mt. Jewett Charter School promises to deliver through its small class size, data driven procedures and teaching modalities, as well as community participation.

I understand this letter in no way guarantees my child(ren) enrollment, nor does it legally bind me to enroll my child(ren). I realize that if the school exceeds its enrollment capacity, the school will hold a public lottery to determine the student body. I also understand that students currently enrolled in the chartering district will have first priority as well as their siblings.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School Currently Attending: _____

Grade student will enter as of Fall 2008: _____

ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL

Please print:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail address: _____

**To accurately project staffing, please list any special needs of your child(ren) such as IEP, speech & language, etc.

Optional Information:

Please list any you would like to see offered at the Mt. Jewett Charter School of Academic Excellence:

Please list in which ways you may be willing to volunteer in support of the school:

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Act 22 of 1997 states "the charter school may give preference in enrollment to a child of a parent who has actively participated in the development of the charter school and to siblings of students presently enrolled in the charter school."

"The Mt. Jewett Area Charter School for Academic Excellence exists to inspire each student to academic greatness using both traditional and innovative means and resources, community involvement, and individualized attention to create a unique and focused educational opportunity that will equip students with analytical thinking skills, a passion for learning, leadership skills and a solid foundation of knowledge."

*"Our Children, Our School,
Our Future"*

Mt. Jewett Area Charter Coalition is now accepting donations in memory or honor (birthdays, anniversaries) of loved ones. Please send your memorial or honorarium to Loretta Howard, P.O. Box 308, Mt. Jewett, PA 16740. Thank you.

In this issue we would like to thank all that have donated time and or money towards the realization of our Charter School. Again a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all. We would like to offer a special thank you to Mary Ann and John Lambertson, The Sons of the American Legion, "Chappy" Snapp and TRW Mechanical for their generous donations.

We have reached our goal for the application process. GREAT JOB!!!

Funds raised from this point forward will be used to initially open our school.

We still have a lot to do and your continuing support is appreciated.

Our Goal

