



**A Proposal:**

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***Mountain View  
Agricultural  
Academy***

# A School ??

- Extension of the prior Learning Center concept
- Perfect location – the County Complex
  - Former nursing home availability
  - Open acreage
  - Fiber optic network
  - Between Conway and Wolfeboro

# Why a Charter School?

- A NH Public School
- Possibility of Federal Start-up Funding
- Alternative Start-up Petitioners
- NH Department of Education Guidance
- NH Association of Charter School Guidance
- Existing Charter School Guidance

# Contacts

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- National groups including  
Excellence in Education Foundation
- Commissioners of Education and  
Agriculture
- NH Technical Institute
- UNH Cooperative Expansion
- Other Charter Schools
- Education consultant
- Other State Representatives

# Obstacles

- Stalled Federal Charter School Grant
- Project champions?
- County approval, leasing, contract
- Community interest?
- Local School Objections - competition

# Who Can Start A Charter school?

- A local school district
- A nonprofit organization including, but not limited to, a college, university, museum, service club, or similar entity.
- A group of 2 or more New Hampshire certified teachers.
- A group of 10 or more parents.

# How Start a Charter School ?

- Application to the State Board of Education
- Application requirements include:
  - Mission
  - Organization Structure
  - Grade levels
  - Curriculum
  - Staffing
  - Achievement assessment
  - Budget & funding sources
  - School calendar
  - Admission procedures
  - Fiscal accounts administration

## Next Steps

- Commissioner's approval of concept
- Gauge community/student interest
- Continue discussions with interested parties
- Monitor charter school grant acceptance
- County approval & use of buildings/land