



Intent to Submit a Charter School Application (for School Opening 2026)

Proposed Charter School Name: __The New School_____

Proposed School Location: __38 York Street, Kennebunk_____

Proposed Grade Levels: __9 through 12_____

Target Population: Self-directed high school students in York and Cumberland counties who are interested in a learning environment that allows for exploring personal passions within the guardrails of a standards-based Maine high school diploma program, with a foundation in social and environmental responsibility.

Anticipated First Year Enrollment and Projected Targeted Enrollment: __First year: 20;
Projected: 80_____

Contact Person: __Christine Knowles_____

Relationship to Applicant Entity: __Education Director_____

Name of Applicant Organization: __The New School_____

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School Program Design (150 words or less): *Include a brief description including any anticipated contracts with an Education Service Provider (ESP).*

The New School in Kennebunk is designed as a progressive, democratic, student-centered educational experience to ignite students' talents and passions. Established in 2000, it currently provides a flexible, inclusive learning environment with small class sizes and a supportive community where diverse learning styles thrive. The curriculum integrates traditional subjects with unique programs like three-week intensive studies, enabling students to explore specific topics through immersive, hands-on activities, often including travel.

As a charter school, The New School would continue to prepare students for college and beyond by engaging them in community involvement and real-world applications, promoting personalized learning and critical thinking in a nurturing environment where they can develop essential life skills. More students would be able to reap the benefits of an educational environment that emphasizes experiential learning, social and environmental responsibility, and a strong community spirit.

This indicates our intention to submit an application in response to the RFP issued by the Maine Charter School Commission. I understand this document is not part of the application, but that I must provide this document to the Commission within 15 days of the issue of the RFP if I wish to submit an application.



Signature: _____ Date: 7/9/24_____

If different than Contact Person, please print name: MaryBeth Luce_____