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Enoch Muhammad
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Dear Michael Johnson of Kemet Leadership Academy,

I write on behalf of Hip-Hop DetoxX in support of the launching of Kemet Leadership Academy for boys in the city of Chicago. As an educator, empowerment specialist and youth program provider for nearly 20 years, this innovative undertaking is needed tremendously. As a public health non-profit that has served 300K plus youth in Chicago and around the U.S., we work with populations of great potential and critical needs for development. Advancement of our youth requires a holistic and not a silver bullet approach.

This endeavor of (KLA) includes the empowering of not only the student but also the boy's home and neighborhood that he resides in. This culturally relevant component is key in sustain relationship bonds which are key in the maturation process of each boy. We strongly support this undertaking of offering a holistic approach of serving black boys on a school campus that's unlike any other in the city of Chicago.

We, as partners look forward to implementing our expertise in a collegial manner with Kemet Leadership Academy, as to ensure sustainable success in the years to come. This is truly a vision whose Time has arrived!

Sincerely,

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Many of our families would gladly attend after school social, emotional and academic growth opportunities for students if they knew that their child would benefit from the offerings of the additional support. This would improve family engagement with school as well as serve as mental health services - leading to improved outcomes in both areas. Kemet Leadership Academy will provide an atmosphere that supports the growth of the whole child. This grant application is another example of their commitment to providing enriching opportunities that will ultimately lead to academic success for our youth and extend into our communities.

Sincerely,

Paul Pearson

Date: 4/17/18

Paul Pearson, B.S.C.S
Founder/Program Manager
DuSable Community Coalition
Detained Youth Based Initiative/CCJTDC

James T. Kinard, Ph.D.
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Mr. John Michael Johnson, Sr.
Project Simeon 2000
Founder/CEO

April 26, 2018

Dear Mr. Johnson:

There is no greater need in our communities in Chicago, and indeed across this nation, than the "effective" education of our black boys. And one of the most essential features of this education is that it provides ongoing engagement of these young curious minds in the rigor of analytical-critical thinking. This quality of education must embrace a culture that permeates the instruction and learning in classes, laboratories, and activities in mathematics, science, robotics, language arts, history, health, life skills, athletics, etc. Black boys love action and exploration, and I have a broad portfolio of evidence that they are stimulated and thrive through rich cognitive engagement that drives their inquiry and learning.

The student-centered method of project-based learning is an excellent approach for fostering the integration of creativity, critical thinking, and adaptive reasoning to real-world complex problem solving. It lends itself to nurturing students in becoming skillful in multidisciplinary applications of their thinking and learning.

Hence, Mr. Johnson, I commend you and your team for your efforts to establish and operate an educational enterprise that promises to engage black male youngsters in a rich diverse curriculum that features higher-order thinking and project-based learning. Your institution will prepare them to thrive and be productive in this 21st century. We must be diligent and proactive to ensure the future and well-being of our communities and nation.

Along this line, I have been invited to make to key presentations at conventions of the National Council on Educating Black Children, in

on the theme "Elevating the Education of African American Males".
The NCEBC slogan is: "The Village takes Responsibility".

May the elders in the village nurture our students with a disposition of high expectation, love and wisdom.

"No man can reveal to you aught but that
which already lies half-asleep in the dawning
of your knowledge. The teacher who walks in
the shadow of the temple, among his
followers, gives not of his wisdom, but rather
of his faith and his lovingness;
If he is indeed wise, he does not bid you enter the
house of his wisdom, but rather leads you to the
threshold of your own mind."

Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*

Sincerely,

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Dear Committee Members;

I am writing this letter in support of the KEMET LEADERSHIP ACADEMY for boys of color/Black and Brown Boys as being proposed by Project Simeon 2000 (PS2). My agency agrees with the desire and concept of creating a culture where young men are prepared for a strong foundation of self-awareness and self-discipline. We support KLA3B's vision to open a middle school charter (5-8 grades) that will develop young men who enrich their lives, the local communities where they live and the future global community in which they will participate.

McDonald's has and will continue to support the efforts proposed by PS2 and we respectfully ask for your full consideration of the PS2 Kemet Leadership Academy application as one step in addressing the education shortfalls for our boys. Please have someone contact us if more information is needed or desired and let us know the next steps to making this vision a reality for the Southside of Chicago.

Sincerely,

Derrick Taylor
Owner/Operator
McDonald's

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April 24, 2018:

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to strongly support and recommend the Kemet Leadership Academy. The school would be committed to the physical, social, and mental development of our youth in Chicago. Building student-athletes will increase their skills and physical ability in the sport of baseball while learning life skills such as discipline, integrity, diligence and courage. Developing a leadership academy would give every athlete an opportunity to excel academically and earn an athletic scholarship to a 4-year university.

Research has shown sport involvement has a positive relationship with academic achievement. With hard work and dedication our students will shine in their studies; which will allow them to reach their full potential and succeed in life. Youth living in low-income areas are at risk of violence, drug exposure, and low academic achievement. Kemet Leadership Academy will provide these students with a safe and productive place to spend their time, have fun, and reach their life goals.

My name is Darold Butler the 2014 Little League United States World Series Champion Manager/Head Coach and former professional baseball player. A former All-State, All-City and All-Area 2nd baseman for Simeon High School in Chicago, IL and a 1996 Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft Pick. I am the CEO of the West Englewood Tigers & Darold Butler Athletic (DB A's) Travel baseball organization/teams. It's our commitment to provide opportunities to teach and immerse children in the sport of baseball.

Establishing Kemet Leadership Academy will provide opportunities for young men in a high crime community. Most social scientist acknowledges the relationship of constructive program in the community as a deterrent to criminality in the community. Kemet deserve a charter in an improvised Englewood neighborhood on the Southside of Chicago.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darold Butler", is written over a horizontal line.

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APRIL 24, 2018

To Whom it may Concern,

Our youth are faced with many adversities in their everyday life. Most things are not in their control. However, the South Side Seminoles would like to offer our support to Kemet Leadership Academy, to add more value to our young Boys of Color. We would like to bring an impact on society, empowerment to their mental state and add memories that will last a lifetime.

We choose the Seminoles as our team name after the Black Seminole people in Florida and Oklahoma. They are the descendants of free blacks and of escaped slaves (called maroons). These Seminole fought hard for their land and for their people, despite all the odds that were against them. It is this same honor and pride that we want our youth to put into all their endeavors, we feel Kemet Leadership Academy has the same goals.

The Southside Seminole exist to teach real solutions to our youth through sports and mentorship. It is our belief that sports creates a common ground for children to relate and build bonds with one another. We all come from different backgrounds, but we share a vision to see our children succeed in life. Southside Seminole have a duty to be the solution for a prosperous generation. The greatness of our youth starts with us, and we want to be part of the Solution by eliminating the Problems!

Robert Tate

Southside Seminole Youth Athletic Association

V.P. of Athletics



Greetings Mr. Claypool,

My name is Joseph K. Wells and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as well as express my advocacy and endorsement for the proposed establishment of the Kemet Leadership Academy.

I am a lifelong Chicago resident, Chicago public school graduate, 27 year member of Organized Labor (IBEW Local 134), and a Labor/Community Activist with the Electrical Workers Minority Caucus (EWMC).

Commitment to community enrichment, youth empowerment and academic cultivation has been my focus for over 20 years. I believe in the vision and purpose for an institution such as the Kemet Leadership Academy and I feel that it would be an asset to our community and the Greater Chicago metropolitan area in general.

Our organization (EWMC) has been in existence for 42 years; it encompasses 32 Chapters across the United States and Canada and serves a membership of over 600 Men and Women.

We have a rich history of community service and outreach as well as proven leadership in the areas of worker education and development.

Our primary focus is educating and organizing members of Labor, grooming future leaders and broadening the career spectrum for the youth of our communities through mentoring, occupational training, skill enhancement, community involvement, and the enlightenment of available opportunities within our industry.

We take pride in being an example of giving back and helping to stabilize our communities by cultivating future middle and upper middle class wage earners.

As an Organization we look forward to partnering with the Kemet Leadership Academy administrative staff in an effort to provide support in the areas of career exploration, occupational guidance, pupil recruitment, pupil referral, and community outreach initiatives.

Our goal is to help provide the community with a resource that can not only serve as a preventive measure against social dysfunction but as a pathway to successful futures for At- Risk young male children.

In closing let me add that the need for an institution of this type is sorely needed within our community and I feel strongly that it could serve as reservoir for success as well as a model for future institutions of the same standard. Therefore I ask on behalf of the At- Risk young males in our community and the City of Chicago at large that you please take the proposal for the establishment of the Kemet Leadership Academy under careful and serious consideration.

Joseph K. Wells

Respectfully, Joseph K. Wells
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Kemet Academy represents a concept for an elementary school that is unlike anything the Concerned Christian Men have seen in our 20 years of community service. The school's vision to create a culture that encourages young men to become leaders and lifelong learners is one that we wholeheartedly support. Kemet Academy plans to provide a wide array of co-curricular activities that help the young men develop character and challenge them to think about their futures.

CCM has provided male mentoring services to countless schools, reaching over 40,000 men and boys over the last two decades. During this time we have realized that many of the young men we service are not "bad", they simply need additional support, exposure, and opportunity to find themselves and a path that will lead them to moral, academic, and social success. After discussing the vision of this institution with the planning committee, I am certain that this is the type of environment Kemet Academy is attempting to create.

As you know, the goals laid out in Kemet Academy's proposal have the power to transform lives, but accomplishing these goals will be no small task. Over the last few years, CCM has worked with our community partner's to research, survey, and host focus groups in order to understand how middle school urban males develop their identity and related long term goals. We have used this information to create hands on after school programs and independent assignments that challenge young men to discover their own potential to become contributing members of society. Our programs have been well received by our school partners.

The Concerned Christian Men are pleased to pledge our support to Kemet Academy. We will partner with this elementary school to support in the development of academic and co-curricular programs. We will also provide access to our monthly Saturday field trips, career based after school enrichment programs, and small group mentoring services. In addition to this CCM will also help Kemet Academy.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions,

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Tough Men For A Tough Mission

April 24, 2018

Dear Michael Johnson,

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of myself, Kofi Ademola, youth mentor and activist, for KEMET Leadership Academy for boys developed by Project Simeon 2000.

As an advocate for youth development and activism, I am excited to see the development of a school for boys in our communities that have lost so many educational opportunities due to school closings and economic desolation. Opening a school that will serve the Black and Brown boys of our southside communities is a proactive move in helping to redevelop, grow and empower our communities. It is also important to me that we provide them with African cultural values such as Ubuntu and Ujima which teaches them a collective work ethic to help them develop and achieve a common good based in community responsibility and reciprocity. I also appreciate KEMET for being inclusive and open to all male identified students with differing sexualities and having support for their queer youth who are cis-male and/or transgender. It is really important that they deconstruct patriarchy and toxic masculinity when cultivating the next generation of men who will bring value and compassion to their communities.

As I attended your information session in March, I learned more in-depth of the quality of supports your school is offering, not only to the youth, but also to their families. I have worked along side one of your design team members in developing some high school youth on positive activism and our collaboration has been symbiotic and positive.

I look forward to the opportunities to either work with your students and/or staff in helping to develop your school community into a community hub that will continue to make positive changes for the communities it will serve.

The KEMET Leadership Academy deserved an opportunity and the approval of the Chicago Board of Education. Thank you for your commitment and leadership in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Kofi Ademola



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April 27, 2018

Kemet Leadership Academy
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Re: Request for Working Capital

Dear Michael/Donnie:

The Chicago Community Loan Fund (CCLF) has received an inquiry from Kemet Leadership Academy for working capital to prepare for short term cash flow needs for operation.

CCLF's mission is to provide flexible, affordable financing, and technical assistance to community development projects across the Chicagoland area. Based on our initial review, this request appears to fit within the CCLF's lending goals and guidelines. CCLF is interested in providing financing for this project. **Below are the initial proposed terms that are subject to a full underwrite, review, and approval.**

Loan Amount:	TBD
Interest Rate:	TBD
Term:	TBD
Amortization:	N/A
Purpose:	Working Capital
Collateral:	TBD
Loan-To-Value:	TBD
Loan-To-Cost:	TBD
Origination Fee:	Up to 2 points
Other Requirements:	N/A

These terms are subject to underwriting and final review and approval of CCLF's Loan Committee. A property appraisal and condition report have not been ordered at this time and could limit the potential maximum loan amount. Should you have questions or require further assistance with your loan application please do not hesitate to contact me at 312-252-0440 ext. 107 or via e-mail at wharris@cclfchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Wendell Harris
Director of Lending Operations

This term sheet is intended as an outline only and does not purport to summarize all the conditions, covenants, representations, warranties and other provisions which would be contained in definitive legal documentation for the financing contemplated hereby. The commitment of the Chicago Community Loan Fund, if and when issued, will be subject to negotiation and execution of definitive loan documents in form and substance satisfactory to Chicago Community Loan Fund, the Borrower and their respective counsels.

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