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**LETTER OF INTENT**

**Due Date: Friday, May 31, 2024, by 5 p.m.**

Becoming an A+ school requires faculty commitment and a clear understanding of the process. In order for schools to develop this understanding, A+ Schools of North Carolina offers two opportunities to learn more about our program prior to submitting an application:

* **A+ Summer Conference Observation, Summer 2024**

An opportunity for a small team from a potential A+ school to observe A+ professional development in action.

* **Pre-Application Meeting:** **October 2024 date TBD,** for five to seven school stakeholders, including the principal. (Principal attendance is required at this meeting.) Attendees will learn more about A+ Schools as they consider how to share their new knowledge with and gain commitment from their staff.

To A+ Schools of North Carolina,

Please accept this Letter of Intent as an indication of our interest in potentially entering the A+ Schools network. We understand that in order to be considered as a potential A+ school, we must demonstrate that 85% of our certified staff is committed to the A+ process, including attending a five-day A+ Summer Institute in 2025. We will investigate the benefits of being an A+ school and clarify our interest in joining the A+ network prior to making application. We understand that A+ Schools offers opportunities as listed above so we can educate our staff and make an informed decision about whether A+ Schools is a good fit for our school. Please send acknowledgement and further details to the email address below.

**School Name:**

**Street Address:**

**City, State, and Zip:**

**Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**District:**

**Principal’s Name:**

**Principal’s Email Address:**

**Principal’s Telephone:**

**Principal’s Signature:**

**Date:**

**Please email the completed and signed form to:**

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