

## PETITIONER'S INFORMATION

### *Proposed Operation*

White Pine Charter School (WPCS) emphasizes student achievement and promotes high academic standards while serving as a school of choice. It offers team-teaching, extended school day, foreign language, uniforms and a specific knowledge-based curriculum to its students.

Today, White Pine Charter School serves Kindergarten through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The school consists of two classrooms in grades K- 7<sup>th</sup> and one classroom in grade 8<sup>th</sup>. Today, the school has a maximum student population of 386. In 2006, a permanent school facility was built at 2959 E John Adams Parkway in Ammon Idaho. The school through commercial and federal funding financed a permanent building which includes 18 classrooms, a kitchen, library, commons area, office and gym. The permanent building was built at the existing school site. To meet financial obligations and address fluctuations in economic conditions, the Board of Directors will annually on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> hold a public meeting. The meeting will be held upon the completion of school re-enrollment and the public lottery to determine class size for the middle school and elementary classes. Classroom sizes may fluctuate in the following manner:

1. A decrease in the Middle School population will increase the number of students enrolled in the elementary classes.
2. Increase in the Middle School will decrease the number of students enrolled in the elementary classes.
3. Vacant Middle school positions may be filled by enrolling students from other grade level waiting lists.

Standard Classroom sizes will be as follows:

- o No single Kindergarten classroom shall exceed twenty-three (23) students;
  - o Standard level of the first grade classroom is twenty-three (23) students;
  - o Standard level of the second grade class is twenty-four (24) students
  - o Standard level of the third grade class is twenty-five (25) students.
  - o Standard level of the fourth grade class is twenty-five (25) students.
  - o Standard level of the fifth grade class is twenty- six (26) students.
  - o Standard level of the sixth grade class is twenty-eight (28) students.
  - o Standard level of the seventh grade class is Thirty (30) students.
  - o Standard level of the eighth grade class is Thirty (30) students.
- Any classroom standard that is exceeded by (1) or more students shall have an aide employed to assist the teacher at least one (1) hour per day per student over the standard level.
  - No single classroom in grades 1-8 shall exceed the standard as stated above by more than two (2) students through the use of aides.

| In addition, White Pine Charter School will not have more than 3 classes per grade level.

White Pine Charter School will offer a half-day kindergarten program. Annually during the budgeting process and prior to the lottery, a financial feasibility study will be preformed to determine the financial viability of a full-day kindergarten program. Based on the study, the Board of Directors has the option of offering a full day kindergarten program.

### *Potential Effects*

The potential effect of the White Pine Charter School is to provide the content rich curriculum of Core Knowledge in a small classroom setting. The curriculum is rigorous and broad in that it includes not only the core subjects of reading, writing and math but a sequential learning program in science and social studies. Teachers at the school are committed to high academic standards. The school is committed to develop students who are competent, confident, productive, and responsible young adults who possess the academic achievement, habits, skills, and attitudes to succeed in high school and be offered a post-secondary education and satisfying employment. This mission seeks to develop an educated citizenry through a dynamic and interactive academic program where pacing is driven by student capabilities, not textbooks. The dress code provides an environment where social economic differences become obscured. A written and signed disciplinary policy allows students to learn in a safe environment. Physical Education, Art, Music and a foreign language are offered to enrich the educational program at WPCS.

### *Community Support*

1. White Pine Charter School is an existing public charter school with over 313 enrolled students.
2. When the charter was approved, WPCS exceeded the required number of 30 petitions required to start a public charter school.

White Pine Charter School is organized and managed under the Idaho nonprofit corporation act. The Board of Directors of a public charter school are deemed public agents authorized by a ACE (Authorizing Charter Entity).

The board of directors of White Pine Charter School will comply with code section 33-5204.