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LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

To whom it may concern,

Aurora Public Schools is submitting the design for a new 6th through 12th grade science and technology school to be located on the Fitzsimons campus. The building is being designed to house Aurora Science and Technology (AST), an off-shoot of Denver School of Science and Technology. The school will be a public charter, while the building will be owned and maintained by Aurora Public Schools.

The three story building is designed to include a gymnasium, cafeteria, administrative support spaces and classroom spaces. And on site the design provides for parent drop-off and pick-up, parking and on site play area. No bus drop is being designed as the intent is for the building to house a charter school which will not use district transportation.

The building is currently designed to be phased. In 2020 AST plans to begin grade 6 at an off-site location in the district. When phase one is scheduled to be complete in June of 2020, the school will have progressed to 2 grade levels (6th and 7th). Based on the enrollment projections for this school (a grade level being added per year), the summer of 2023 is the latest the district would complete phase 2. AST would intend for grade 12 and full occupancy to occur fall of 2026.

Regards,

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