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### **Leaders at Heart Academy: A Bold New Vision for Education in Texas**

Ferris, Texas – In a first-of-its-kind initiative, Leaders at Heart Academy is proposed as a pioneering public municipal charter school in Texas, set to offer a transformative educational experience that uniquely combines language immersion, career readiness, and college credit pathways from the earliest grades. Leaders at Heart Academy is “Individually Tailored and Intentionally Unique,” presenting an educational model designed to meet the needs of 21st-century students and to set a new benchmark for public education in Texas.

This K-12 institution will open initially serving students in grades K-3, ensuring continuity in learning and growth as each grade level is added year by year. Leaders at Heart Academy’s approach to education aligns with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and State Board of Education (SBOE) standards, setting high expectations for student achievement and community impact.

From Kindergarten, students will be immersed in dual languages—Spanish and English—in a fully immersive language environment, giving them the skills to thrive in an increasingly global society. In addition, Leaders at Heart Academy students will progress through a unique curriculum designed to provide not only a bilingual education but also career readiness and college credits by the time they reach high school. Through a well-rounded and rigorous pathway, students will have the opportunity to complete over 60 hours of dual credit, leading to an associate’s degree, and earn valuable industry certifications in fields such as computer science, veterinary technology, fire and EMS, aviation, and more.

“Our vision with Leaders at Heart Academy is to transform public education by focusing on what matters most: students’ success and future readiness,” said a representative of Leaders at Heart Academy. “This model prioritizes classroom investment and student-centered programs, allowing us to drive more funding directly into what impacts students most—engaging curriculum, skilled teachers, and innovative learning experiences.”

What sets Leaders at Heart, a public municipal charter school, apart is its funding structure, utilizing shared efficiencies with municipal functions. This model reduces administrative overhead and directs resources back to the classroom, maximizing each educational dollar to create a superior learning environment. Uniquely, Leaders at Heart Academy will operate solely on state base allotment funding, meaning no local funds are required, and every dollar from the state is used to directly benefit students. This approach is especially timely for Texas’s rapidly growing communities, where capacity issues in traditional school districts and limited resources pose challenges for families seeking high-quality education options.

By opening Leaders at Heart Academy, Ferris aims to provide local families with a new public-school option that meets the demands of today’s educational landscape without requiring tax increases or costly bonds. This proposed school is an answer to the critical need for educational pathways that prepare students for college, career, and beyond—all within a sustainable and community-supported framework.

Leaders at Heart Academy is currently working through the Texas Education Agency’s charter authorization process, with anticipated approval paving the way for an official opening in August 2026. The academy will serve as a model of academic excellence, setting a new precedent in Texas for how communities can innovate to meet the educational needs of the next generation.



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