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Bay Mills Accepting Applications for U.P Charter

New charter school will target rural, home-schooled, economically disadvantaged, and non-enrolled children

Lansing, MI—Bay Mills Community College (BMCC) announced today that they are accepting public school academy applications for one public charter school to be located in one of the 15 counties in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

“Bay Mills Community College wants to reach out to those families who may not be a part of the traditional public school system and offer them a thoughtful, caring, safe and nurturing environment to educate their children,” said Pat Shannon, Director the BMCC’s Charter School Program. “We are looking to partner in developing a charter school in the U.P that offers a challenging school curriculum while promoting retention and successful high school graduation.”

BMCC’s focus includes targeting the needs of rural, economically disadvantaged, home-schooled, and-or non-enrolled students. BMCC is interested in those applications that promote the integration of non-enrolled students into the Michigan public school system. They are looking to open the school no later than the 2010-2011 school years.

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Interested applicants should review the BMCC website at <http://www.bmcc.edu> and follow the instructions. Applicants must contain an appropriate and viable location along with all other necessary materials. The BMCC Charter School Office will begin accepting applications Friday, December 5, 2008 until 4:00 pm on Friday, January 16, 2008.

Chartered by the Bay Mills Indian Community in 1984 to serve the postsecondary educational needs of Native Americans throughout Michigan, BMCC is the only federally recognized Tribal college in the country to charter public schools. BMCC is a regionally accredited land grant college offering an array of college degrees both on-campus and on-line.

Since 2000, BMCC has authorized 39 charter schools across the state of Michigan and serves more than 16,000 students. BMCC has targeted alternative type schooling in its most recent application process in an attempt to address the State's low graduate rate among minority students and court placed juveniles. The vision of BMCC is centered on providing a quality education for urban, minority and/or underprivileged children.

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