B.1 Applicant Organization

The concept for creating the Institute for Transformative Education (ITE) to form a charter high school in Pima County originated from the leadership of Every Voice in Action Foundation (EVIA), a private foundation located in Tucson, Arizona. EVIA has operated in Arizona since 1994 to "ignite and support youth voice, infusing the community with the unique perspectives of young people." The foundation's board of directors supports the creation of a charter school based on its mission and philosophy. The two incorporating board members of ITE, Celestino Fernandez, PhD and Rosie Garcia, are also current members of the board of directors of EVIA.

ITE received approval of its Articles of Incorporation from the Arizona Corporation Commission on June 10, 2010 (File No. 16080280). ITE is a nonprofit corporation with the initial purpose of promoting education and social welfare by forming and maintaining a charter high school to benefit, improve, and educate the youth of America. ITE has received its Employer Identification Number – 27-2888606. The application to the Internal Revenue Service for 501(c)3 status for ITE has been initiated.

EVIA is also committed to provide supplemental start-up financial support to the new charter school. Initially two to three EVIA board members will serve on the board of ITE to provide leadership for the school's mission and the stability the foundation's resources can afford. EVIA expects to purchase a building to lease to the school for its operations. Although EVIA will continue awarding small grants to local 501(c)3 organizations whose programs support the foundation's mission, the major focus of the foundation will be to ensure the viability of the new charter high school during its formative years.