

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

On October 12, 2017, during a regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education, pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the Board by the Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1901 *et seq.*, and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Identifying and Governing the Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program (effective August 2014), the Board considered whether to classify the Earle School District as a school district in fiscal distress.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. In a letter dated August 31, 2017, the Arkansas Department of Education notified the Earle School District that ADE had identified the District as being a school district in fiscal distress. The letter notified the District of its right to appeal the identification to the State Board, and that the State Board would be considering whether to classify the District as being in fiscal distress during its October 2017 meeting.
2. The Earle School District did not appeal the identification.
3. This matter was heard by the State Board on October 12, 2017, at which time the Board considered all documents and other evidence presented.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

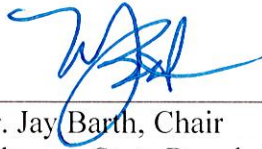
4. Upon consideration of the documents and other evidence presented, the State Board concluded that the Earle School District should be classified as a school district in fiscal distress in accordance with the Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1901 *et seq.*, and the Arkansas Department of

Education Rules Identifying and Governing the Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program (effective August 2014).

ORDER

For the above reasons, the Earle School District is classified as a school district in fiscal distress effective October 12, 2017.

Signed this 12th day of October, 2017.



Dr. Jay Barth, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education