

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

On June 22, 2017, during a special meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education, pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the Board by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-201 *et seq.*, and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts, the Board considered whether to approve the Final Accreditation Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017: Summary of Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts (Updated).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 8, 2017, during a regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education, the Board approved the Final Accreditation Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017: Summary of Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts, as amended to reflect appeals of probationary status granted to the Bryant School District, Woodlawn School District, and Greenwood School District, at this same meeting.

2. On June 12, 2017, it was discovered that the Final Accreditation Report presented by the Department contained incorrect information and the Board was subsequently notified that the Report identified the following districts as probationary that had resolved their issues prior to the June 8th State Board meeting and should not have been identified as probationary:

- Lakeside School District (Garland County)
- Bauxite School District
- Berryville School District
- Heber Springs School District
- Rector School District

3. The Board held a special meeting on June 22, 2017, to consider an updated Final Accreditation Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

4. At the June 22nd meeting, the State Board was informed that the following districts had also resolved their issues and should be removed from probationary status on the Report:

- Dumas School District
- Stuttgart School District
- Watson Chapel School District
- Exalt Academy

5. At the June 22nd meeting, the State Board voted unanimously to rescind its approval of the Final Accreditation Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 at the June 8th meeting.

6. At the June 22nd meeting, the State Board voted unanimously to approve the updated Final Accreditation Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 incorporating all noted changes (Appendix A).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the State Board concludes that the updated Final Accreditation Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (Appendix A) is approved.

Signed this 2nd day of August, 2017.



Jay Barth, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education