

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

On May 9, 2019, 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 June 25, 2018), the Board considered whether to classify the Lee County School District as a school district in fiscal distress.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. In a letter dated April 1, 2019, the Arkansas Department of Education notified the Lee County School District that the 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 meeting on May 9, 2019.
2. The District did not appeal the identification.
3. This matter was heard by the State Board on May 9, 2019.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the State Board concluded that the Lee County 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 June 25, 2018).

ORDER

5. For the above reasons, the State Board Orders that effective May 9, 2019, the Lee County School District is classified as a school district in fiscal distress.

Signed this 10th day of May, 2019.



Dr. Jay Barth, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education