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April 9, 2014

Dr. Tom Kimbrell
Office of the Commissioner
ATTN: Arkansas Public School Choice Act
Four Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dr. Kimbrell:

Please accept this letter as official notice from the Lakeside School District as a request for a waiver from the Public School Choice Act of 2013. The reason for this request is that Lakeside, along with all of the public school districts in Garland County, have been operating under a Federal Court Desegregation Agreement since 1989. According to this Federal Court Agreement, we are to operate under the Act 609 of 1989.

We fully recognize that this law has since been declared unconstitutional. However, six of the seven school districts in the county went before the Federal Court in May 2013 for clarification and direction on how we should proceed in this matter. We were ordered by the Federal Court to continue operating under the provisions of the former Act 609 of 1989.

As such, we are requesting that the Arkansas Department of Education grant the Lakeside School District a waiver from following the Public School Choice Act of 2013 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Sincerely,

Shawn Cook
Superintendent

CC: D. Scott Hickam, Attorney at Law
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