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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dear Dr. Kimbrell:

This letter follows my receipt of COM-13-061 from Arkansas Department of Education dated 5/1/2013. South Conway County School District seeks to notify your office of a request for exemption from requirements of Act 1227 of 2013 which established the Public School Choice Act of 2013.

On January 6, 2012 following the receipt of COM-11-026, I notified the office of Mr. Jeremy Lassiter at the Arkansas Department of Education that I had been in contact with several former administrators, had conducted a review of historical documents, and my research indicated that South Conway County School District had been under the desegregation order, Case number LR-72-C-290; United States District Court Eastern District of Arkansas; United States of America, Plaintiff v. Arch Ford, Director of State Department of Education and Members of Department of Education; Wonderview School District; Nemo Vista School District; Morrilton School District; East Side School District; Plummerville School District; and Conway County School District No. 1, Defendants (see attached document). I was unable to locate any documented evidence to indicate a release from the above named order. To the best of my knowledge, I found no evidence that the South Conway County School District was ever released from Federal Court jurisdiction.

For further assistance regarding information needed to satisfy the notice of exemption as indicated in COM-13-061, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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January 6, 2012

Jeremy Lasiter
Office of the General
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#4 Capitol Mall Room 404-A
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Lasiter:

After receipt of COM-11-026 from Arkansas Department of Education dated 10/18/2011, I began to investigate the status of our district's desegregation order. The following information describes the order which was issued to our district in 1973: Case number LR-72-C-290; United States District Court Eastern District of Arkansas; United States of America, Plaintiff v. Arch Ford, Director of State Department of Education and Members of Department of Education; Wonderview School District; Nemo Vista School District; Morrilton School District; East Side School District; Plummerville School District; and Conway County School District No. 1, Defendants.

My review of the documents indicates that South Conway County School District has been under the desegregation order as named above and there was no documented evidence located to indicate a release from the order. To the best of my knowledge, I find no evidence that the South Conway County School District has ever been released from Federal Court jurisdiction.



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A hard copy of the case documentation will be mailed to your office.

For further assistance regarding information needed to satisfy the request for information for COM-11-026, please feel free to contact me.

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