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Three Arkansas Schools to Receive School Improvement Funds

LITTLE ROCK—Commissioner of Education Dr. Tom Kimbrell announced today the selection of three low-performing schools eligible to receive over the next three years up to approximately \$11 million in federal School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds.

The grant recipients and funding amounts are: McClellan High School in the Little Rock School District-\$4,302,960; Hughes High School in the Hughes School District-\$1,788,850; and Forrest City High School in the Forrest City School District-\$4,916,575.

“We are grateful for the federal resources which will greatly improve the ability of these schools to develop a strategy for improvement that fits their unique circumstances,” Kimbrell said. “The state is serious about the use of SIG funds to improve academic performance, and will monitor the implementation to ensure they are bringing about real change for students.”

The grants, awarded to schools through a competitive application process, must be used to implement one of the four school improvement models required by the federal government. All three of these schools will incorporate the transformational model which calls for replacing the principal and improving the school through comprehensive curriculum reform, professional development, extended learning time and other strategies.

To date, Arkansas has received \$51.8 million since the SIG program was redesigned in 2009.

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