

NOTICE LETTER



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June 25, 2020

Joseph Fisher, Superintendent
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Melanie Moffitt

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Greenbrier, AR 72058

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Re: School Choice Appeal: Graham Trotter

Susan Chambers
Bella Vista

Everyone:

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

This letter is to notify you that the Arkansas State Board of Education is scheduled to hear the above-referenced appeal on **July 9, 2020**. The action item is set for the **10:00 a.m.** agenda in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas. Any additional materials any party chooses to submit should be provided to my office **no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, June 29, 2019**.

Kathy McFetridge
Springdale

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart

The Arkansas State Board of Education has requested the parent, the non-resident district, and the resident district attend this meeting and be available for questions.

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The above-referenced appeal will be conducted pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the State Board by the Public School Choice Act and corresponding Rules. You may find a copy of the Rules on the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education's website by visiting the "Current Rules" page and clicking the link for "Public School Choice."

R. Brett Williamson
El Dorado

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 501-683-0960 if you have any questions.

Warmly,

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APPEAL

To whom it may concern,

I would like to appeal the decision made to deny my children as residents of the Greenbrier school system. We have been part of the Greenbrier school district for the past 10 years. I have children going into the 9th, 5th, and 2nd grades. We brought a new home in Greenbrier and later found out that it was in fact part of the Guy school district. I applied for School Choice and submitted my application this Spring. We were recently denied and told we had to attend Guy school district. My oldest child is part of the Greenbrier Cheer Squad for the upcoming year and my son plays on the basketball team there also. I sometimes work as a substitute teacher in the school system and we are very involved. We would like to continue attending Greenbrier schools in the future. I have attached a copy of our denial letter. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Melanie Moffitt

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GREENBRIER
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 26, 2020

Regarding: School Choice Application for:
Caroline Trotter
Graham Trotter
Charlotte Trotter

Dear Melanie Moffitt,

In accordance with the Arkansas Public School Choice Act of 2015, Greenbrier Public School District gives equal consideration to each transfer application made by non-resident students.

Following a review of your application received April 22, 2020, your request for transfer has been denied. This decision is based on the 3% cap in your resident district of Guy Public Schools which was met prior to receipt of application.

Thank you for your interest in our district. If you have further questions, please contact our office at 501-679-4808.

Sincerely,

Scott Spainhour
Superintendent

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APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER

(Deadline for submission is May 1, unless the student is eligible for School Choice for Military Families)

TYPE OF SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER REQUESTED

Public School Choice Act of 2015 Opportunity School Choice Act

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SIBLING INFORMATION

If applying for a transfer under the Public School Choice Act, does the applicant have a sibling or step-sibling already attending the nonresident district listed in this application pursuant to the Public School Choice Act? If so, please list:

Caroline Trotter }
Graham Trotter } all attend Greenbrier
Charlotte Trotter } schools

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: Graham Trotter Grade: 4th 5th EBS

Student Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Gender: Male Female

Is the applicant currently expelled? Yes No

MILITARY FAMILY INFORMATION

Does the applicant have a parent or guardian who is an active-duty member of the military who has been transferred to and resides on a military base? If so, please state the date of the parent's or guardian's arrival on the military base:

N/A

NOTE: In order to take advantage of school choice options available to military families who have recently transferred to a military base, you must submit military transfer orders and proof of residency on the military base to the resident and nonresident school districts.

RACE OR ETHNIC ORIGIN (CHECK ONE)

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2 or More Races <input type="checkbox"/>	Asian <input type="checkbox"/>	African-American <input type="checkbox"/>
Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/>	Native American/ Native Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/>	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/>
White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

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RESIDENT SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OF APPLICANT

District and School Name: County Name:

Guy Perkinis School Faulkner

Address:

492 AR-25 Guy, AR 72061

Phone:

501-679-3509

NONRESIDENT SCHOOL/SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICANT WISHES TO ATTEND

District and School Name: County Name:

Greenbrier Schools Faulkner

Address:

4 school Dr. #9267 Greenbrier, AR 72058

Phone:

501-679-4808

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: Home Phone:

Melanie Moffitt [Redacted]

Address: Work Phone:

[Redacted] AR 72058

Parent/Guardian Signature Date:

Melanie Moffitt 4/13/20

DISTRICT USE ONLY

Date and Time Received by Nonresident District: 4-22-2020 3pm

Date and Time Received by Resident District:

Resident District LEA #:

Nonresident District LEA#: 2303000

Student's State Identification #:

Application: Accepted Rejected

Reason for Rejection (If Applicable): 3% cap met in resident district

Date Notification Sent to Resident District and Parent/Guardian of Applicant: 5/28/20 5/27/20

RESPONSE



Guy-Perkins School District

492 Highway 25 North

Guy, Arkansas 72061

501-679-7224

www.gptbirds.org

June 19, 2020

Office of the Commissioner
ATTN: Arkansas Public School Choice Act Appeals
4 Capitol Mall
Little Rock AR 72201

RE: School Choice Application – Trotters (Caroline, Charlotte, and Graham)

Dear Arkansas State Board of Education:

The Guy-Perkins School District has received a copy of the Trotter family school-choice appeal, based on the district reaching its 3% cap. Enclosed is a copy of their school choice application and the worksheet used by the Guy-Perkins School District to determine the 3% cap. If you need additional information, please contact Denee' Acre at 501-679-7224, or denee.acre@gptbirds.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Fisher', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Dr. Joe Fisher
Superintendent

SCHOOL CHOICE 2020-21

3% cap for 20-21 is **10**

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Student Name	grade	resident school	received date and time	
1. [REDACTED]		Greenbrier	03-13-2020	1:45 PM
2. [REDACTED]	10	Greenbrier	04-03-2020	2:45 PM

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Student Name	grade	choice school	rcv'd by GP	rcv'd by non res	
1. [REDACTED]	K (sibling)	Greenbrier	01-10-2020	07-31-2019	2:35
2. [REDACTED]	K (siblings)	Greenbrier	02-05-2020	02-04-2020	3:30
3. [REDACTED]	K (siblings)	Quitman	02-12-2020	02-12-2020	11:15
4. [REDACTED]	K (sibling)	Greenbrier	03-09-2020	03-09-2020	1:31
5. [REDACTED]	1st	Quitman	01-13-2020	10-18-2019	8:00
6. [REDACTED]	7th	Greenbrier	01-10-2020	11-22-2019	1:30
7. [REDACTED]	8th	Greenbrier	01-10-2020	11-22-2019	1:31
8. [REDACTED]	7th	Southside	12-20-2019	12-20-2019	
9. [REDACTED]	10th	Greenbrier	01-10-2020	01-07-2020	9:52
10. [REDACTED]	8th	Greenbrier	01-10-2020	01-07-2020	9:52
11. [REDACTED]	6th	Greenbrier	01-10-2020	01-07-2020	9:52
12. [REDACTED]	2nd	Greenbrier	01-10-2020	01-07-2020	9:52

DENIED OVER 3% CAP ↓

NET 10 is our cap

1. [REDACTED]	3rd	Greenbrier	01-10-2020	01-07-2020	1:09
2. [REDACTED]	6th	Quitman	01-13-2020	01-08-2020	10:45
3. [REDACTED]	8th	Greenbrier	01-13-2020	01-13-2020	9:06
4. [REDACTED]	K	Quitman	01-14-2020	01-01-2020	7:50
5. [REDACTED]	K	Greenbrier	01-29-2020	01-29-2020	1:42
6. [REDACTED]	11 th	Quitman	02-18-2020	02-18-2020	9:52
7. [REDACTED]	2nd	Greenbrier	03-09-2020	03-09-2020	11:03
8. [REDACTED]	5 th	Greenbrier	04-13-2020	04-13-2020	2:06
9. [REDACTED]	8th	Greenbrier	04-22-2020		
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