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**Dr. Joyce Cottoms, Superintendent**  
Marvell-Elaine School District  
203 South Pine Street  
Marvell, AR 72366

Dear Dr. Cottoms,

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1905, this letter is to provide notice that the Marvell-Elaine School District has been identified by the Arkansas Department of Education (Department) as a school district in Fiscal Distress. According to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1904, Marvell-Elaine School District meets one (1) or more of the criteria necessary to be identified as a school district in Fiscal Distress, including:

- A declining balance determined to jeopardize the fiscal integrity of the school district.
- Any other fiscal condition of a school district deemed to have a detrimental negative impact on the continuation of educational services by that school district.

The Department will request that the State Board of Education (SBOE) classify the Marvell-Elaine School District as being in Fiscal Distress at its meeting on April 11, 2019. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR.

Please find included in this mailing a copy of Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program. It provides the process by which a district may appeal the classification of Fiscal Distress to the SBOE meeting. Additional information may be found in Arkansas Code Ann. § 6-20-1901 et seq.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1907 state no school district identified in Fiscal Distress may incur any debt without prior written approval of the Department of Education. "Any debt" includes any employment contract, vendor contract, lease, loan, purchase or any other obligation that will increase the district's financial obligations, accounts payable or its liabilities. The district is required to obtain prior written approval from the Department, effective with its receipt of this letter. The department will schedule a training at your earliest convenience on the debt request process. Please retain this notice in your district's audit file.

Should the district have questions or comments, please contact me at (501) 683-5288.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Smith, Coordinator  
Fiscal Services and Support

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Marvell - Elaine FD-ID Letter

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