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June 20, 2022

Billy & Amie Ealy
[REDACTED]
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Mr. Dennis Truxler, Superintendent
Quitman School District
6275 Heber Springs Rd. W
Quitman, AR 72131

Dr. Joe Fisher, Superintendent
Guy-Perkins School District
492 Hwy 25 North
Guy, AR 72061

Re: Appeal Under the Public School Choice Act- [REDACTED]

Everyone:

This letter is to notify you that the Arkansas State Board of Education is scheduled to hear the above-referenced appeal(s) on **Thursday, July 14, 2022**. The action item is set for **10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201**. Any additional materials any party chooses to submit should be provided to my office **no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, July 8, 2022**.

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.

The above-referenced appeal(s) will be conducted pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the State Board by the Public School Choice Act and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing the Public School Choice Act. You may find copies of these references on the DESE website at <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/legal/school-choice>.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact the Arkansas Department of Education's Legal Services Division at (501) 682-1958 should you require additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/Shastady Wagner

Shastady Wagner
Staff Attorney
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
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APPEAL

To Whom It May Concern,

Our names are Billy and Amie Ealy and this is our written Appeal to the State Board of Education in reference to the denial of our School Choice application.

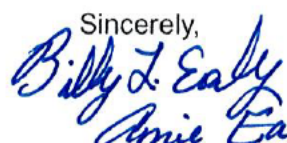
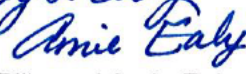
We have very specific reasons that Guy-Perkins is not our school of choice. It will never be our school of choice. Bullying was a huge issue at Guy-Perkins and was not dealt with; it only worsened. One of the teachers and a couple of staff members were consistently having emotional breakdowns in front of the students. The behavior did not change after the superiors were told.

When our oldest two were in grade school, we were told that division was not being taught any more; we then taught them division at home. We were told to teach them multiplication at home because it was going to show up on the end of the year test, and that they did not have time to teach it to them that year; we then taught it to them at home.

With that being said, Guy-Perkins is not our choice when it comes to schools. Quitman Public School is our choice. Our oldest son [REDACTED] has had the pleasure of taking a few classes at Quitman Public School this past year, and has loved every minute of it. He has flourished. Quitman Public School has so much more to offer. It was nice to see what a good school looks like.

Quitman Public School, unlike Guy-Perkins, has a positive atmosphere and they make students feel like they belong. This means a lot to us because our sons, [REDACTED] Ealy, are mixed race.

Thank you,

Sincerely,


Billy and Amie Ealy

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Guy-Perkins School District
492 Hwy 25 N. * Guy, AR 72061
501-679-7224 fax: 501-679-3508

Home of the Thunderbirds

June 7, 2022

Quitman Public School
6275 Heber Springs Rd W
Quitman, AR 72131

Please find below, a list of students that have filed school choice papers to your district. These students will not be able to attend choice district in accordance with Ark. Code, also found below.



Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-1906(b) establishes a numerical net maximum limit on school choice transfers each school year from a school district of three percent (3%) of the enrollment of the school district as of October 15 of the immediately preceding school year. The attached document shows the total enrollment for each district and the number of students representing three percent (3%) of total enrollment.

Thank you!



Dr Joe Fisher
Superintendent

OTHER DOCUMENTS



Guy-Perkins School District

492 Highway 25 North

Guy, Arkansas 72061

501-679-7224

www.gptbirds.org

June 22, 2022

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

RE: School Choice Application – [REDACTED] Ealy

Dear Arkansas State Board of Education:

The Guy-Perkins School District has received a copy of the Ealy 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.

Please note that the physical address provided by the Ealy family on the Arkansas Public School Choice application – [REDACTED] - is the address for Doublebee's Gas Station in Quitman, AR. It is believed by the District that the Ealy family never made a "bona fide" move into the Quitman School District in 2020-21 school year.

If you need additional information, please contact Denee' Acre at 501-679-7224, or denee.acre@gptbirds.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joe Fisher
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 ☐

NOTE: Applications for the Public School Choice Act of 2015 must be sent to the resident and nonresident districts. Applications for the Opportunity School Choice Act must be sent to the resident district, the nonresident district, and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

If you are unsure which type of school choice best applies, please review the FAQ following this form for information about the different types of school choice that may be available to your student.

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:

N/A

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: [REDACTED]

Grade: [REDACTED]

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)

This information is collected for data reporting purposes only, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-227(f)(2)(B).

2 or More Races ☒Asian ☐African-American ☐Hispanic ☐Native American/
Native Alaskan ☐Native Hawaiian/
Pacific Islander ☐White ☐

RESIDENT SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OF APPLICANT	
District and School Name:	County Name:
Guy-Perkins School District	Faulkner
Address:	
492 Hwy. 25 N. Guy AR. 72061	
Phone:	
(501) 679-7224	
NONRESIDENT SCHOOL/SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICANT WISHES TO ATTEND	
District and School Name:	County Name:
Quitman School District, Quitman Public School, Cleburne	
Address:	
6275 Heber Springs Rd. W Quitman AR. 72131	
Phone:	
(501) 589-2554	
PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION	
Name:	Home Phone:
Billy and Amie Ealy	[REDACTED]
Address:	Work Phone:
[REDACTED]	N/A
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date:
Billy Ealy Amie Ealy	4/8/22
DISTRICT USE ONLY	
Date and Time Received by Nonresident District:	4/8/22 11:50 am
Date and Time Received by Resident District:	4-25-22 by mail from QSP
Resident District LEA #:	
Nonresident District LEA#:	
Student's State Identification #:	
Application:	Accepted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for Rejection (If Applicable):	
Date Notification Sent to Resident District and Parent/Guardian of Applicant:	
4/20/22	

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Rec 4/8/22 11:50 am

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Billy and Annie Ealy	[REDACTED]
Address:	Work Phone:
[REDACTED]	N/A
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date:
Billy Ealy Annie Ealy	4/8/22
DISTRICT USE ONLY	
Date and Time Received by Nonresident District:	4/8/22 11:50 am
Date and Time Received by Resident District:	4-25-22 by mail from QSD
Resident District LEA #:	
Nonresident District LEA#:	
Student's State Identification #:	
Application:	Accepted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for Rejection (If Applicable):	
Date Notification Sent to Resident District and Parent/Guardian of Applicant:	
4/20/22	

IN

Student Name	grade	rcvd by GP	rcvd at GPSD	rcvd by resident
1. [REDACTED]	7	Greenbrier	1-13-22 8:50a	
2. [REDACTED]	6	Greenbrier	2-11-22 11:46a	
3. [REDACTED]	1	Greenbrier	2-11-22 11:46a	
4. [REDACTED]	K	Mt. Vernon	3-18-22 7:40a	
5. [REDACTED]	K	Quitman	3-18-22 2:00p	
6. [REDACTED]	8	Quitman	3-18-22 2:00p	
7. [REDACTED]	12	Heber Springs	4-19-22 1:54p	
8. [REDACTED]	8	Quitman	4-21-22 1:44p	
9. [REDACTED]	2	Conway	4-25-22 1:20p	
10. [REDACTED]	5	Beebe	4-27-22 3:40p	

OUT

Student Name	grade	choice school	rcv'd by GP	rcv'd by non res
1. [REDACTED]	* K	Greenbrier	1-11-22 2:45p	
2. [REDACTED]	* K	Greenbrier	1-21-22 9:25a	
3. [REDACTED]	* K	Quitman	3-04-22 QSD mail	2-25-22 4:52p
4. [REDACTED]	K	Quitman	3-04-22 QSD mail	2-2-22 7:50a
5. [REDACTED]	K	Southside	4-11-22 8:10a	
6. [REDACTED]	*** K	Southside	2-18-22 RSD Fax	
7. [REDACTED]	2	Greenbrier	1-07-22 11:15a	
8. [REDACTED]	6	Greenbrier	1-07-22 11:15a	
9. [REDACTED]	8	Greenbrier	1-07-22 11:15a	
10. [REDACTED]	K	Quitman	1-10-22 9:20a USPS	
11. [REDACTED]	K	Conway	1-13-22 11:00a USPS	
12. [REDACTED]	K	Greenbrier	1-28-22 11:18a	
13. [REDACTED]	1	Greenbrier	2-09-22 10:21a	
14. [REDACTED]	3	Greenbrier	2-09-22 10:21a	
15. [REDACTED]	2	Greenbrier	3-01-22 8:32a	
16. [REDACTED]	K	Greenbrier	3-01-22 8:32a	
17. [REDACTED]	2	Greenbrier	3-01-22 8:32a	
18. [REDACTED]	6	Southside	3-01-22 12:14p	
19. [REDACTED]	2	Southside	3-01-22 12:14p	

*** have siblings that are already attending choice school

DENIED OVER 3% CAP ↓

NET 9 is our cap

1. [REDACTED]	K	Quitman	3-04-22 7:50a	2-21-22 8:30a
2. [REDACTED]	K	Quitman	3-04-22 QSD mail	1-18-22 8:35a
3. [REDACTED]	K	Greenbrier	3-31-22 1:35p	
4. [REDACTED]	12	Clinton	4-01-22 CSD fax	
5. [REDACTED]	K	Rose Bud	4-18-22 11:32 fax	
6. [REDACTED]	4	Rose Bud	4-18-22 11:32 fax	
7. [REDACTED]	10	Quitman	4-25-22 9:30 QSD mail	
8. [REDACTED]	1	Quitman	4-25-22 9:30 QSD mail	
9. [REDACTED]	E	Quitman	4-25-22 9:30 QSD mail	
10. [REDACTED]	5	Quitman	4-29-22 5:13 email	
11. [REDACTED]	8	Quitman	4-29-22 5:13 email	
12. [REDACTED]	7	Greenbrier	4-30-22 mail stamped	