

THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DISTRICT WAIVER REQUEST

Kingston School District | Standard 4-B.1, Superintendent | School Year 2026-2027

I. Administrative Data

District	Kingston School District, LEA 4404000
School	Kingston School, LEA 4404000
Waiver contact	Bryan Law
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Standard requested to be waived	Standard 4-B.1 (Superintendent), codified at 6 CAR § 61-503(a)
School year(s) requested	2026-2027
Grade(s) affected	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

II. Standard Requested to Be Waived

Standard 4-B.1 of the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts, codified at 6 CAR § 61-503(a), provides: "Each public school district shall employ a full-time superintendent or charter school executive officer to oversee all operations of the public school district."

III. Duration Requested

Two school years: 2026-2027 and 2027-2028. The District requests this duration so that the waiver runs concurrently with the first two years of District operations, after which the District expects to have a settled revenue picture and can either return to full compliance or seek an extension.

IV. Brief Overview

Under ACT 919 the Kingston School is requesting a waiver from employing a full-time Superintendent until the District has established itself financially.

V. How the Waiver Will Enhance Student Learning Opportunities

While the District has a basic understanding of their financial picture many first year start up costs affect our allocation of resources. While the district recognizes the need for a full-time superintendent the monies that can be saved by hiring an experienced superintendent on a part-time basis, and at less cost, allows the district to shift monies more towards instructional needs.

The idea of having a part-time superintendent was shared with the community at a public meeting and the community was supportive. The Kingston staff is also aware and supportive of this waiver. With this proposal we feel that Kingston will now have a superintendent on campus more on a weekly basis than we have had during consolidation as the previous superintendent had three districts to maintain.

VI. How the Intent of the Standard Will Be Upheld

Mr. Bryan Law has been working with our District since April to help with the transition. Mr. Law has previous experience as a Superintendent at Farmington and Huntsville. Mr. Law was also Director of the Northwest Arkansas Education Cooperative. It would be our plan to hire Mr. Law for the first two years at an estimated 0.6-0.75 FTE. We currently have a full-time K-12 principal on a 240-day contract to provide leadership support and address operational needs.

VII. How the District Will Monitor and Evaluate the Waiver Effectiveness

The Kingston School District feels that a fiscally responsible approach is to hire an experienced superintendent on a part-time basis, take those saved resources and shift them to serving the many other instructional needs that our district will have during these first two years. We feel this will have a positive impact on student learning and the overall condition of school operations. The school board will closely monitor the effectiveness of this waiver. Feedback from families, staff, students and other stakeholders will be monitored. This approach allows our district to maintain a strong start while keeping our focus on student achievement and providing the resources for that achievement. on the effectiveness of the waiver annually if the State Board requires annual reporting as a condition of approval.