

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
INITIATING THE CREATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BY DETACHING TERRITORY**

WHEREAS, the Sherwood Public Education Foundation ("SPEF") has proposed that the Pulaski County Special School District ("PCSSD") initiate the creation of a new school district serving the Sherwood area by detachment of territory based on the Sylvan Hills High School attendance zone, and the Board of Education has carefully reviewed that proposal with the assistance of experts engaged by the PCSSD; and

WHEREAS, an independent feasibility study has been commissioned by SPEF which concludes that a new Sherwood-area district is feasible and that PCSSD will not be harmed by detachment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PCSSD BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT THE BOARD:

1. Initiates the creation of a Sherwood-area school district by detachment of territory for the purpose of allowing a local community to establish and maintain schools in a manner that optimizes educational resources within their community.
2. Adopts and incorporates the map attached as Exhibit A of the proposed new school district pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1504(a)(2)(B).
3. Submits a copy of the independent feasibility study provided by SPEF and attached as Exhibit B which appears to contain the criteria required by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1501 et seq.
4. Requests that the State Board determine the resolution is valid and order an election on the proposition of detachment to be held at the first available election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE PCSSD BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT:

5. The final asset allocation, debt division, and transitional agreements will be determined through a series of negotiations between PCSSD and the state-appointed Interim Sherwood-area School Board.
6. In any negotiations that occur as a part of the detachment process, PCSSD shall not be limited by this resolution or the attached feasibility study.
7. The feasibility study is recognized as a good-faith projection and estimate by SPEF to satisfy the requirements of Arkansas law, but PCSSD affirmatively states that as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1505(c)(3), any allocation of assets and indebtedness must be structured in a manner that does not cause PCSSD to default under the documents authorizing its indebtedness and does not violate any tax covenants contained in those documents.

ADOPTED by majority vote on this 8th day of September 2026.



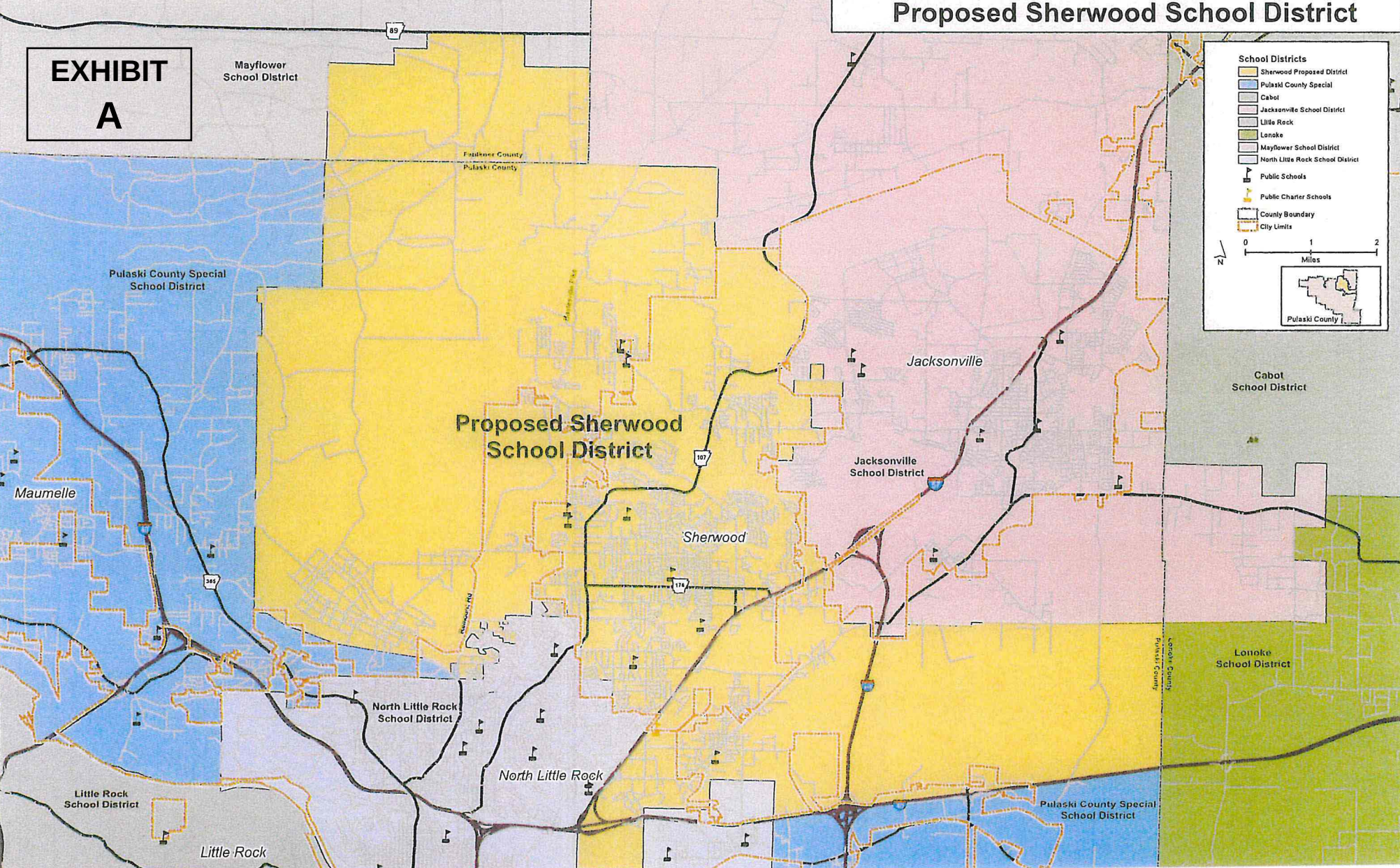
SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT



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EXHIBIT A

Proposed Sherwood School District



EXHIBIT

B

Feasibility Study for a proposed Sherwood School District

Prepared for

The Sherwood Public Education Foundation



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Purpose of the Feasibility Study

The charge of the Sherwood Public Education Foundation was to commission a feasibility study to determine if the Proposed Sherwood School District could financially afford to detach from Pulaski County Special School District and if that detachment would cause harm to the remaining Pulaski County Special School District.

The feasibility study proves that the detachment of the Proposed Sherwood School District would cause no harm to Pulaski County Special School District. It also proves that the Proposed Sherwood School District would have sufficient funds to support its own school district.

The detachment of the Proposed Sherwood School District would allow the residents in the proposed school district to have local control over the education of the children within the district boundaries.

Many of the details concerning the actual detachment will be negotiated by teams from Pulaski County Special School District and from the new Sherwood School District. These negotiations will not happen until the following actions are accomplished.

- 1. The Pulaski County Special School District Board of Directors passes a resolution supporting the detachment of the Proposed Sherwood School District.**
- 2. The Arkansas State Board of Education approves the detachment of the Proposed Sherwood School District.**
- 3. The voters in the Proposed Sherwood School District approve the formation of the Sherwood School District.**

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Introduction

The Sherwood Public Education Foundation and the people of Sherwood are committed to forming a Sherwood School District by detaching from the larger Pulaski County Special School District (PCSSD). Sherwood leaders are dedicated to this endeavor for these significant reasons:

- 1) The academic and educational needs of the students in the Sherwood community will be better met. Social, emotional, and physical well-being are essential for academic learning to thrive. The leaders of Sherwood believe that the community has the resources and the commitment to meet the needs of our students. The community has already established several essential elements supporting our schools, which include but are not limited to: college scholarships for Sherwood students, home reading libraries for 4th graders, Healthy Smiles Programs, Ethics Awards to outstanding secondary students, Academic Signing Day, school uniforms and supplies, weekend meals sent home in backpacks and the utilization of area businesses as partners in education.**
- 2) The efficiency and effectiveness of the schools will improve. Neighborhood schools where communities embrace the education of all their children are more efficient and effective. School facilities can be used more easily by the community, and the community can be more easily incorporated into school activities. The district office and all infrastructure of the district will be located in the city thus enhancing communication between schools, homes, and community. Quality in hiring can be more efficient and effective, staff members become important partners in a smaller community/school district. School district pride is reestablished. Leadership is maximized and respect and cooperation of the total school community is present. The need for district-level coordination is minimized due to the more efficient size of the district.**

- 3) There will be a positive economic impact on the city. The city of Sherwood began as a remote, rural community called Sylvan Hills. Established in 1948, Sherwood has since become the 13th largest city in Arkansas. The proposed school district includes some unincorporated communities that are located adjacent to the city. For many years Sherwood was deemed the “Fastest Growing City in Arkansas.” The City of Sherwood would like that growth to continue. Sherwood’s leaders and residents want to strengthen our schools and enhance the city’s economic growth through the establishment of a Sherwood School District.
- 4) Local control will create a strong district. Local control increases parent and community involvement. Community representatives will be elected to a Sherwood School Board to make decisions concerning the educational opportunities, personnel, programs, and facilities for the students of Sherwood School District. Currently, Sherwood is represented by two elected school board members on a seven-member board governing PCSSD.

The leaders in the Sherwood community believe the growth of the city has positioned our community to be a viable school district detached from the Pulaski County Special School District. The discussion to detach began in 2004 when Mayor Bill Harmon appointed an ad hoc committee to explore alternatives for the school patrons of the City of Sherwood. In 2013, Mayor Virginia Hillman and the Sherwood City Council passed a resolution to establish a new committee to pursue this interest in a more structured form. The committee became the Sherwood Public Education Foundation. The Foundation began the task by conducting the required feasibility study as outlined in Arkansas Code Annotated §§6-13-1500 et seq. The interest and feedback from Sherwood residents regarding the proposed Sherwood School District has been overwhelmingly positive. Throughout this research, several interesting facts about Sherwood and the history of its schools and their governance for the past one hundred years were found and are included in this report. The Sherwood Public Education Foundation has disseminated these

findings and the history of schools in Sherwood through public forums and on social media.

Significant dates regarding the Sherwood Public Education Foundation since 2013:

- **April 2013 - Sherwood City Council passes Resolution 10-2013 to create the Council/Foundation**
- **July 2013 – The first Sherwood Public Education Foundation meeting is held**
- **October 2013 – Five public forum meetings are held around the city and presentations are made at civic meetings to present the results of a feasibility study to inform the residents of Sherwood about the plan for a school district**
- **November 22, 2013 – Foundation representatives attend the federal hearing on the Pulaski County Desegregation Settlement**
- **November 2013 – Mayor Hillman and Chairperson Remele meet with Governor Beebe regarding language in Pulaski County Desegregation Settlement**
- **November 26, 2013 – Mayor Hillman and five members of the Foundation meet with Attorney General McDaniel and members of his staff regarding language in Pulaski County Desegregation Settlement**
- **December 17, 2013 – The Sherwood Education Foundation files an objection to the Pulaski County Desegregation Settlement**
- **January 13, 2014 – Mayor Hillman and Co-Chairpersons Linda Remele and Beverly Williams expressed their support of the Settlement Agreement but also explained their concerns to one sentence in the agreement and its impact. These concerns were outlined in their letter of objection filed by the Foundation and further explained in federal court before Judge D. Price Marshall**
- **January 13, 2014 – Judge Marshall ruled that Jacksonville could be released from PCSSD, but Sherwood could not be released at that time**
- **July 24, 2014 – Sherwood Public Education Foundation was given 501c3 designation**

- February 5, 2026 – In anticipation of an upcoming ruling from the Judge on the status of PCSSD, the Sherwood Public Education Board held a meeting and approved the commissioning of a second feasibility study
- February 26, 2026 – Judge Marshall ordered that the case of the Little Rock School District, et al. vs Pulaski County Special School District /Jacksonville North Pulaski School District et al. be concluded. The judge stated “PCSSD has met its obligation”. “The court therefore exercises its Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b)(5) authority, and modifies the decree. PCSSD is released from court supervision.”

The Sherwood Public School District would consist of the following nine school buildings/campuses:

1. Sylvan Hills High School
2. Sylvan Hills Junior High School
3. Sylvan Hills Middle School
4. Cato Elementary
5. Clinton Elementary
6. Harris Elementary
7. Oakbrooke Elementary
8. Sherwood Elementary
9. Sylvan Hills Elementary

The proposed Sherwood School District would serve approximately 4,659 Sherwood students. Arkansas law permits school districts to operate if they maintain over 350 students. The proposed Sherwood School District would far exceed that minimum. The creation of the Pulaski County Special School District during a Special Legislative Session pursuant to Act 152 of 1927 was essential to the educational needs of the children/students at that time. It was necessary to provide for the families in the over seven hundred square miles surrounding the metropolitan areas of Little Rock and North Little Rock. The needs have changed in one hundred years. The need for the doughnut – shaped district around the two cities has outlived its effectiveness. Some of those rural

countrysides have become townships, communities, and suburbs. Sherwood is now a thriving city ready to move on from a one-hundred-year-old referendum.

Sherwood has the infrastructure and community support necessary to build and maintain a first-rate Sherwood School District. The Sherwood Public Education Foundation commissioned this second feasibility study from an independent consultant to demonstrate that the formation of the proposed Sherwood School District is not only feasible but that it will not negatively impact the Pulaski County School District in terms of student demographics or financial stability.

History of Sherwood Area

Education in the Sylvan Hills/Sherwood area began long before Sherwood was officially incorporated as a city in 1948.

County Board of Education records from 1920 document oversight of all schools in Pulaski County. This included Little Rock Special School District and North Little Rock Special School District. The first attempt to create a school district in the Sherwood area was in 1926 when a petition was filed with the County Board of Education to dissolve District 43 and District 9. Those areas were Sylvan Hills and Sherwood. The intent was to create one common rural special school district. J. H. Forby, R. H. Todd, and W. D. Chumley were named and appointed as judges to conduct an election for approval of the proposal. The election was held on Saturday, May 3, 1926. According to the County Board of Education records, the proceedings were ruled illegal because the District 9 "petitions failed to have the required number of qualified electors." In July 1927 an election was held to create a county special school district out of the schools in Pulaski County except in those cities containing a population exceeding 10,000. The Arkansas Legislature passed a referendum pursuant to Act 152 of 1927 that joined 38 independent school districts into a single special school district known as Pulaski County Special School District.

In the McAlmont area previous to this time there was a school that dated back to the pre-Civil War era. In 1836 Morning Glory School was available for students in the community. In 1886 Pulaski County High School was established and opened its doors to black students. In 1911 Holt Training School replaced the high school and a four room frame building was built at Bookers' Terrace crossing. In 1912 the building was destroyed by fire but was rebuilt the same year and replaced with a two story building. In 1926, with the help of community leaders, a brick building was constructed. Some of those people were P. J. Van Pelt, A. N. Allen, E. L. James, N. T. Tate, A. McClendon, and G. W. Ellis. The school became known as Pulaski County Training School.

The first educational opportunity in the Sylvan Hills area began in one room at Sylvan Hills Community Church. The church shared their building with the school until about 1928.

The first school building was Sylvan Hills School. It was built in 1928 at 8900 Highway 107 for students in the first through ninth grades. The original

building, known as Roy Todd Hall, no longer exists. In December of 1928, Pulaski County Special School District purchased the lots just north and south of the original building. The lots were purchased for \$550 from Justin Matthews. In April of 1929 a plea was made to build a new school building to accommodate the increasing enrollment. In February 1930 at a price of \$26,542 for fixtures, furniture, and building, rooms and an auditorium. It was for students in the fifth through the ninth grades. That building is still standing and is currently the site of Sherwood First Church of the Nazarene.

High school students attended Argenta High school in North Little Rock until 1929 when the North Little Rock High school opened. High school students continued to attend North Little Rock High School until Sylvan Hills High School was constructed in 1956.

Following the end of the Second World War, a third building was constructed in 1946. That building was built on the north lot purchased in 1928 and was named Price Hall after Mrs. Gertrude Price, one of the school's original teachers. At that time the original building, Roy Todd Hall, became the school for tenth through twelfth grade students. Forby Hall continued to house the fifth through ninth grade students and the students in the first through fourth grade were in Price Hall. The original Price Hall is currently Retirement Centers of Arkansas.

The city of Sherwood was officially incorporated as a town on April 22, 1948.

In 1955 a school was opened for students with special needs. The school for exceptional children in kindergarten through twelfth grade attended classes in the "Y". Several years later, land for a school was made available by the Fred Rains family. North Hills Exceptional School opened in February 1959. The name was later changed to Woodland Hills. It remained on the original site until 1980 when a new facility was built at 2200 Thornhill Drive.

In 1956 Sylvan Hills High School opened at 401 Dee Jay Hudson Drive. The new school was for students in grades nine through twelve. The first graduating class in 1959 consisted of 101 students. The students in grades one through nine continued to attend classes in Forby Hall and Price Hall.

After the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School in 1957, the high schools in Little Rock were closed during the 1958-59 school year. The closing had an impact on Sylvan Hills High School as the parents of the Little Rock high school students tried to find a place for their children to attend classes.

In 1960 a community effort to build a school inside the city of Sherwood was completed with the opening of Sherwood Elementary School at 307 Verona Avenue. This was a neighborhood school for students in the first through sixth grade. In 1964 a new elementary school was built for the rest of the students who had been attending school in Price Hall. Sylvan Hills Elementary School was built at 402 Dee Jay Hudson Drive for students in first through sixth grades. It was across the street from the high school.

In 1963 Pulaski County Training school became Harris High School which was named after Mrs. Viola Harris who was an administrator in the district and at McAlmont Elementary School.

Students in junior high in the Sylvan Hills area continued to attend classes at 8900 Highway 107 until a new high school opened in the fall of 1968. The students in grades ten through twelve moved into the new Sylvan Hills High School at 484 Bear Paw Road a few weeks into the 1968-69 school year. The students in the seventh and eighth grade joined the ninth grade and moved into the former high school building at 401 Dee Jay Hudson which then became Sylvan Hills Junior High. The original Sylvan Hills School, known as Roy Todd Hall built in 1928, was torn down.

Harris High School closed in 1970 and students began attending Jacksonville Junior High and High School. The building in McAlmont continued to serve as an elementary school and was re-named Harris Elementary.

The next change came when the Arkansas Legislature made kindergarten a part of the elementary schools. Schools that had been for the students in the first through sixth grade added kindergarten classes.

Cato Elementary, an open concept school built in 1974, was for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Because of overcrowding and a need for some enclosed classrooms, additional classrooms were added in 1979 and again in 1987.

North Pulaski High School opened in 1977. It provided for students in the seventh through twelfth grades who lived in Jacksonville and Gravel Ridge.

Even though it wasn't completely finished, Northwood Junior High School opened in the fall of 1980. It was constructed for seventh through ninth grade students who had been attending North Pulaski High School. In an attempt at energy control, it was originally built as a school encased by a berm. This style turned out to cause a problem with flooding. About twelve years later the dirt around the school was removed.

Also in 1980 a new Woodland Hills and a new elementary school, Oakbrooke Elementary, both opened at 2200 Thornhill Drive. The schools were independent of each other until 1983. At that time the schools combined as Oakbrooke Elementary School. Special needs students in seventh through twelfth grades began attending North Pulaski High School.

William Jefferson Clinton Inter-District Magnet School opened in 1995 with special ceremonies that included President Bill Clinton and First Lady, Hillary Clinton. Clinton Elementary was opened as a magnet school specializing in speech and technology.

In 2001, schools in Pulaski County Special School District were restructured. Elementary schools contained students in kindergarten through fifth grade with the sixth through eighth grade students becoming a part of middle school. The school at 401 Dee Jay Hudson Drive that had been Sylvan Hills Junior High became Sylvan Hills Middle School. Students in the ninth grade moved to Sylvan Hills High School located at 484 Bear Paw Road. Ninth grade students from Northwood were reassigned to North Pulaski and Northwood Junior High because Northwood Middle school.

Harris Elementary was extensively remodeled and opened in the fall of 2003 as Harris Elementary Health and Science School.

A new Sylvan Hills Middle School was constructed in 2011 at 10001 Johnson Drive. The previous year the school had an enrollment of about 400 students. The new school was constructed to house 1200 students. It opened with approximately 800 students. Within a few years, the school was full. As middle school students moved to the high school, Sylvan Hills High School became overcrowded.

In 2016, Jacksonville North Pulaski formed their own school district independent of Pulaski County Special School District. One result was that students in the Gravel Ridge area no longer attended North Pulaski High School. Those students were reassigned to Sylvan Hills High School.

Northwood Middle School remained a part of Pulaski County Special School District but to help Jacksonville with student assignment and their building program, it was occupied in 2015-16 by students from Jacksonville.

In 2011, Sylvan Hills High School had just under 800 students. In 2016-17, because of the Gravel Ridge students being reassigned, an increase in enrollment at Sylvan Hills Middle School, and growth in the city of Sherwood, the high school had an enrollment of over 1400.

In 2016-17 ninth grade students moved to the building at 10020 Bamboo Lane. It was known as Sylvan Hills Freshman Academy.

In 2017-18, Northwood became known as Sylvan Hills North Campus located at 10020 Bamboo Lane. Tenth-grade students from Sylvan Hills High School were assigned to the school to alleviate overcrowding at the building on Bear Paw Drive in 2018-19. The building housed both ninth and tenth grade students for one year.

In 2017 a millage extension vote to refinance bonds for approximately \$67 million was passed. The money was used to expand and update Sylvan Hills High School. The Sherwood area residents voted in favor of the extension in such large numbers that it overcame the negative vote in the other three areas of Pulaski County Special School District.

Construction to increase the size of the Sylvan Hills High School started in 2018 and was partially finished in time for the 2019-20 school year. As a result, the tenth-grade students were able to move back to the facilities on Bear Paw Drive and ninth-grade students remained at Sylvan Hills North Campus. Because of the COVID-19 epidemic, classes in the spring of 2020 were online due to the quarantine guidelines established by Governor Hutchison. During the 2020-21 school year students were given the option of attending school virtually, in person, or a combination of the two options. The main building construction was completed in the spring of 2021 and students returned to campus in the fall of 2021.

There were many configurations of the schools in the years to come. The middle school students remained at their location on Johnson Drive until a change in configuration during the 2023-24 school year. That year the middle school became 6th and 7th grade and they moved to the building on Bamboo Lane.

In 2015-16, Jacksonville North Pulaski occupied the Northwood building on Bamboo Lane. Sylvan Hills students in the ninth through twelfth grades remained at the high school on Bear Paw Road. Ninth-grade students occupied part of what was once the middle school building.

In 2016-17, ninth-grade students moved to the building on Bamboo Lane, and it became Sylvan Hills Freshman Academy. In 2018-19, the tenth-grade students moved to Sylvan Hills North Campus for one year. In 2019-20, the tenth graders moved back to Sylvan Hills High School on Bear Paw. The building on Bamboo Lane remained Sylvan Hills North Campus and remained there until the 2023-24 school year. That year, because of overcrowding, the eighth and ninth grade students moved to the building on Johnson Drive and it became Sylvan Hills Junior High.

The new Sylvan Hills High School was completed in phases. It was a tenth through twelfth-grade campus every year except in 2018-219 when the tenth-grade students were assigned to the Sylvan Hills North Campus. In 2019-20 students were able to move into the new classroom building.

The Indoor Practice Facility opened in 2021. The Arena opened in the winter of the 2021-22 school year and the Performing Arts Building in the spring of that same year. Band building expansion was completed for the 2023-24 school year.

The original Sylvan Hills High School, which opened in 1968, is still being used for art, oral communication, engineering and construction technology.

Sherwood Education Timeline

1836

Morning Glory School – McAlmont Area

1886

Pulaski County High School – McAlmont Area

1911

Holt Training school replaced Pulaski County High School – Booker's Terrace Crossing

1912

Holt Training School destroyed by fire

1912

Holt Training School rebuilt

Argenta High School built in North Little Rock – Sylvan Hills area ninth through twelfth grade students attended

1923

Sylvan Hills School for first through eighth met in the one room of Sylvan Hills Community Church

1926

A new brick building, Pulaski County Training School, replace Holt Training School

1927

Pulaski County Special School District formed

1928

Sylvan Hills School opened in Roy Todd Hall for first through ninth grade

1929

North Little Rock High School was completed and Sylvan Hills area high school students attended

1930

Sylvan Hills School added Forby Hall for fifth through ninth grade

1946

Sylvan Hills School added Price Hall for first through fourth grade. Ray Todd Hall became tenth through twelfth.

1955

Exceptional School for special needs students started.

1956

Sylvan Hills High School opened at 401 Dee Jay Hudson for grades ninth through twelfth.

1959

North Hills Exceptional School opened.

1960

Sherwood Elementary School opened for grades first through sixth.

1963

Pulaski County Training school became Harris High School.

1964

Sylvan Hills Elementary School opened for grades first through sixth.

1968

Sylvan Hills High School opened at 4484 Bear Paw.

Sylvan Hills Junior High moved to 400 Dee Jay Hudson.

1970

Harris High School closed.

Harris High School became Harris Elementary.

1974

Cato Elementary School opened for first through sixth grades.

1975

Kindergarten was added to Pulaski County Special School District schools

1980

Oakbrooke Elementary and Woodland Hills opened

Northwood Junior High opened

1995

William Jefferson Clinton Inter-District School opened for kindergarten through six grades

2001

Pulaski County Special School District Junior High schools were restructured as Middle schools

2003

Harris Elementary extensively remodeled and opened as Harris Elementary Health and Science

2011

New Sylvan Hills Middle School opened

2017

Sylvan Hills Freshman Academy opened at former Northwood

2018

Sylvan Hills Freshman Academy became Sylvan Hills High School North Campus for ninth and tenth grade students

2019

Phase One of Sylvan Hills High School additions was completed, and tenth grade students returned to the high school campus

2021

Sylvan Hills High School indoor practice facility opened

2021-22

Sports arena opened in the winter. Performing arts building opened in the spring

2023-24

Band building expansion completed

Racial Comparison:

10/1/2025

Table 1 shows the enrollment of students in the Pulaski County Special School District as of October 1, 2025, by grade and race. The table shows a racial composition of 31.88% white students, 45.87% black students, 12.04% Hispanic, 2.75% Asian, .36% Native American/Alaskan, .08% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 7.03% of two or more races.

Table 2 shows the enrollment of students in the proposed Sherwood School District as of October 1, 2025 by grade and race. The table shows 32.54% white, 49.17% black, 8.84% Hispanic, 1.14% Asian, .41% Native American/Alaskan, .02% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 7.88% two or more races.

This data shows that the proposed Sherwood District does not have any statistical impact on the racial composition of the remaining Pulaski County Special School District student population. The percent of black students remaining in the Pulaski County Special School District after taking out the black students in the proposed Sherwood School District is 44.00%. The current percent of black students in the Pulaski County School District is 45.87%.

The data also shows that the proposed Sherwood School District does not have a statistical difference in the racial composition of the student population from the current Pulaski County Special School District. A statistical difference is based upon a +/- 5%. The Federal Voting Rights Act uses a +/- 5% for a statistical difference in the population of voting zones. The racial composition of the Pulaski County Special School District and the proposed Sherwood school District falls within a deviation of +/- 3.30%.

Child Nutrition Status

Table 3 shows the Child Nutrition Status for the Pulaski County Special School District and the proposed Sherwood School District on October 1, 2025. The Pulaski County Special School District has a total of 11,511 students. The number receiving free meals is 8,685. This is 75.45% of the student enrollment. The number receiving reduced priced meals is 475. This number is 4.13% of the student enrollment. The number on full paid meals is 2,351. This number is 20.42% of the student enrollment.

The proposed Sherwood School District has a total of 4,659 students. The number receiving free meals is 3,967. This is 85.15% of the student enrollment. The number receiving reduced priced meals is 177. This is 3.80% of the student enrollment. The number on full paid meals is 515. This number is 11.05% of the student enrollment.

The meal status statistics show that the proposed Sherwood School District would not have a great impact on the remaining Pulaski County Special School District meal status numbers. The proposed Sherwood School District would have a higher percent of students on free meal status. The proposed Sherwood School District would have a lower percent of students on reduced meal status and paid meal status than the remaining Pulaski County School District.

Student Status Report

10/1/2025

Table 4 shows the student status for gifted/talented, special education, 504 students, migrant, foster children, Limited English Proficiency, and Title I for Pulaski County Special School District and the proposed Sherwood District.

The Pulaski County Special School District has 1,237 gifted/talented students out of an enrollment of 11,511. This is 10.75% of the student enrollment. The proposed Sherwood School District has 458 gifted/talented students out of an enrollment of 4,659. This number is 9.83% of the student enrollment.

The Pulaski County Special School District has 1936 special education students. This is 16.82% of the student enrollment. The proposed Sherwood School District has 763 special education Students. This number is 16.38% of the student enrollment.

The Pulaski County Special School District has (1018) 504 students. This is 8.84% of the student enrollment. The proposed Sherwood School District has 416 handicapped students. This number is 8.93% of the student enrollment.

The number of migrant students and foster children in the Pulaski County Special School District and the proposed Sherwood School District is such a small number that there is no impact in either district.

The Pulaski County Special School District has 793 limited English proficiency students. This is 6.89% of the total enrollment. The proposed Sherwood School District has 159 limited English proficiency students. This number is 3.41% of the total enrollment.

The Pulaski County Special School District has 5,422 Title I students. This is 47.10% of the total student enrollment. The proposed Sherwood School District has 2,511 Title I students. This number is 53.90% of the total enrollment.

The student status statistics show that the only area that would have a statistical impact caused by the proposed Sherwood School District would be in the percent of limited English proficient and Title I students.

The number of Title I students remaining in the Pulaski County Special School District would decrease from 47.10% to 42.48% when the students in the proposed Sherwood School District are removed. This would not have any effect on the desegregation status of the Pulaski County Special School District since the number of Title I students is based upon the poverty status of the students and has nothing to do with race.

**SCHOOLS LOCATED IN THE
PROPOSED SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

1	Clinton Elementary School	Pre-K - 5th Grades
2	Cato Elementary School	Pre-K - 5th Grades
3	Harris Elementary School	Pre-K - 5th Grades
4	Sherwood Elementary School	Pre-K - 5th Grades
5	Sylvan Hills Elementary School	Pre-K - 5th Grades
6	Oakbrooke Elementary School	Pre-K - 5th Grades
7	Sylvan Hills Middle School	6th - 7th Grades
8	Sylvan Hills Jr. High School	8th - 9th Grades
9	Sylvan Hills High School	10th - 12th Grades

Comparison of Current Student Data

10/1/2025

Comparison of student data from Table 1 and Table 5 shows the current district to be 11,511 students and the enrollment to be 6,852 after the proposed Sherwood School District students are removed. The white student population is currently 3,670. This is 31.88% of the total students. The white student population with the proposed Sherwood School District removed is 2,154. This number is 31.44% of the total students. The black student population is currently 5,280. This number is 45.82% of the total students. The black student population with the proposed Sherwood School District removed is 2,989. This number is 43.62% of the total students. The Hispanic student population changed from 12.04% to 14.21% after removing the proposed Sherwood School District. The Asian student population changed from 2.75% to 3.84% after removing the proposed Sherwood School District students. Native American/Alaskan changed from .36% to .32% after removing the proposed Sherwood School District students. The Hawaiian/Pacific Islander changed from .08% to .12% after removing the proposed Sherwood School District students. The two or more races changed from 7.03% to 6.45% after removing the proposed Sherwood School District students.

There is no statistical impact in the student population based upon race for the Pulaski County Special School District when the students from the Proposed Sherwood School District are removed from the student count. The racial composition of the Pulaski County Special School District falls within +/- 3% when comparing the current student population with the student population after removing the students in the proposed Sherwood School District.

TABLE 1***PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 10/1/2025**

	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	ASIAN	NATIVE AM/ALASKA	HAIIAN/PAC ISLAN	TWO OR MORE	TOTAL
K	220	356	91	26	3		67	763
1	251	368	95	24			77	815
2	244	337	111	29	2		74	797
3	249	404	117	38	5	1	76	890
4	264	400	124	30	4	1	61	884
5	280	340	107	22	7		49	805
6	295	393	109	21	4	2	70	894
7	288	401	94	24	1		66	874
8	292	449	91	21	3		48	904
9	333	511	113	17	3	1	62	1,040
10	312	431	132	24	5	2	55	961
11	334	474	120	22	1	1	69	1,021
12	305	415	82	18	3	1	35	859
SS	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
OTAL	3670	5280	1386	316	41	9	809	11,511
	31.88%	45.87%	12.04%	2.75%	0.36%	0.08%	7.03%	

* Statistical data provided by the Pulaski County Special School District from APSCN Cycle 2 Reports.

TABLE 2***PROPOSED SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT BY GRADE & RACE 10/01/2025**

	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	ASIAN	NATIVE AM/ALASKA	HAIIAN/PAC ISLAN	TWO OR MORE	TOTAL
K	103	170	32	6	2	0	27	340
1	115	154	31	3	0	0	35	338
2	98	168	35	6	0	0	34	341
3	98	193	38	5	2	0	33	369
4	118	183	29	7	1	0	25	363
5	125	166	27	3	4	1	26	352
6	134	182	40	1	0	0	32	389
7	120	186	29	4	1	0	35	375
8	129	205	24	4	2	0	24	388
9	115	191	28	3	1	0	26	364
10	109	161	37	4	3	0	26	340
11	124	181	43	3	1	0	27	379
12	125	150	19	4	2	0	17	317
SS	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	1516	2291	412	53	19	1	367	4659
PERCENT	32.54%	49.17%	8.84%	1.14%	0.41%	0.02%	7.88%	

*Statistical data provided by the Pulaski County Special School District from APSCN Cycle 2 Reports.

TABLE 3***CHILD NUTRITION CHART FOR PULASKI COUNTY & PROPOSED SHERWOOD DISTRICT 10/1/2025**

	ENROLLMENT	FREE	REDUCED	FULL PAID
PULASKI COUNTY	11,511	8,685	475	2,351
PERCENT		75.45%	4.13%	20.42%
PROPOSED SHERWOOD DISTRICT	4,659	3,967	177	515
PERCENT		85.15%	3.80%	11.05%
Remaining Pulaski County	6,852	4718	298	1836
PERCENT		68.86%	4.35%	26.80%

TABLE 4***STUDENT STATUS REPORT FOR PULASKI COUNTY & PROPOSED SHERWOOD DISTRICT**

	ENROLLMENT	GIFTED/TALENTED	SPECIAL ED.	504 STUDENTS	MIGRANT	FOSTER CHILDREN	LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT	TITLE I
PULASKI COUNTY	11,511	1,237	1,936	1018	14	65	793	5,422
PERCENT		10.75%	16.82%	8.84%	0.12%	0.56%	6.89%	47.10%
PROPOSED SHERWOOD DISTRICT	4,659	458	763	416	8	25	159	2,511
PERCENT		9.83%	16.38%	8.93%	0.17%	0.54%	3.41%	53.90%

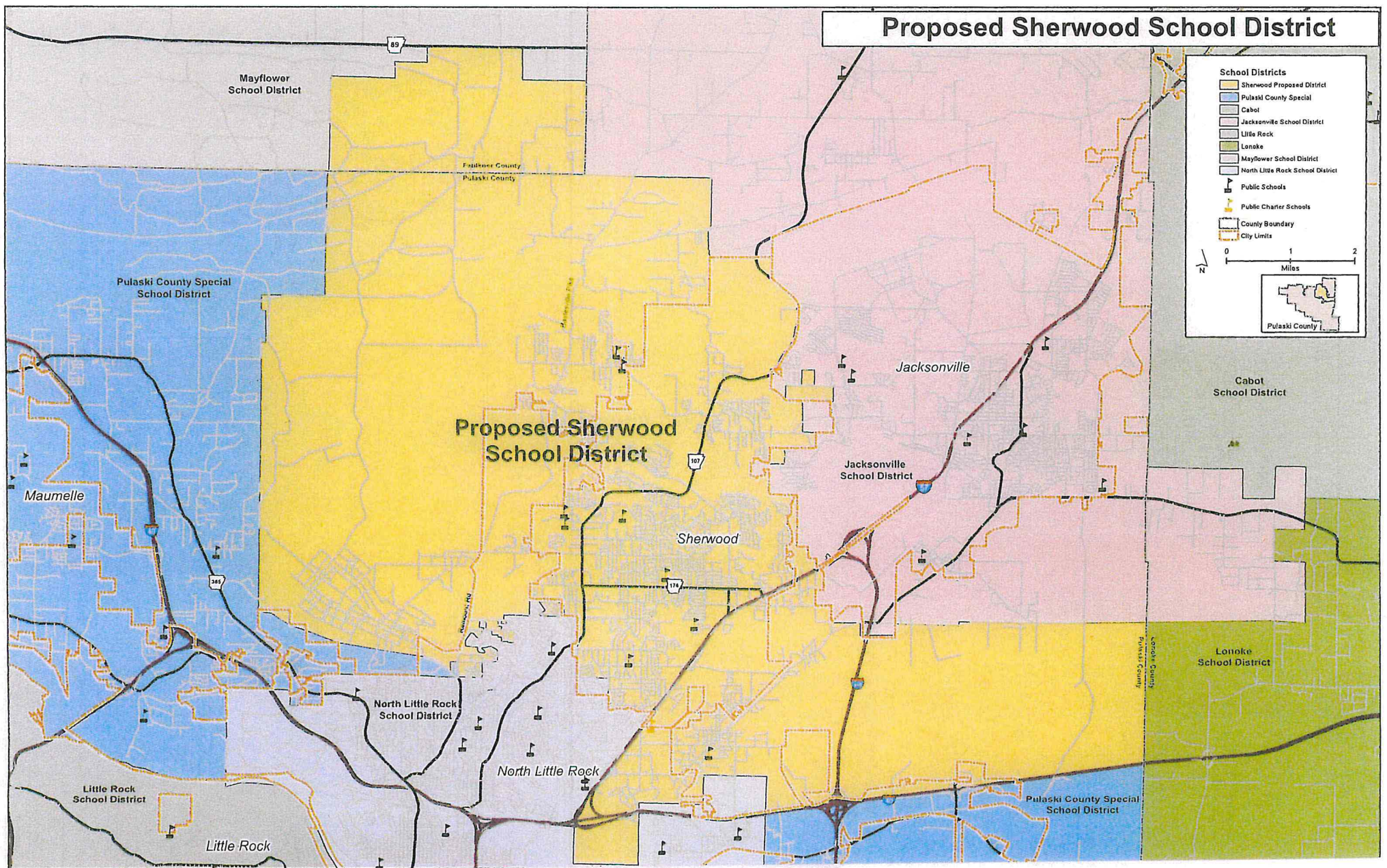
*Statistical data provided by the Pulaski County Special School District from APSCN Cycle 2 Reports.

TABLE 5*

**PUPIL ENROLLMENT FOR PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER TAKING OUT THE STUDENTS
FOR THE PROPOSED SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 10/1/2025**

	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	ASIAN	NATIVE AM/ALASKA	NAIIAN/PAC ISLAN	TWO OR MORE	TOTAL
CURRENT	3,670	5,280	1,386	316	41	9	809	11,511
PROPOSED SHERWOOD	1,516	2,291	412	53	19	1	367	4,659
REMAINING	2,154	2,989	974	263	22	8	442	6,852
PERCENT	31.49%	43.62%	14.21%	3.84%	0.32%	0.12%	6.45%	

*Statistical data provided by the Pulaski County Special School District from APSCN Cycle 2 Reports.



Rank by Number of Students

10/1/2025

Table 6 shows the proposed Sherwood School District to be ranked number 16 in number of students compared to the other school districts in Arkansas. Van Buren is ranked number 14 and Russellville is ranked number 15. West Memphis is ranked number 17, Siloam Springs number 18 and Sheridan number 19.

The total of 4,649 students in the proposed Sherwood School District would make it the 16th largest school district in Arkansas. The proposed Sherwood School District would have a larger student body than two hundred twenty four school districts in Arkansas. Only fifteen (15) districts would have a larger student body than the proposed Sherwood School District.

TABLE 6*
RANK BY NUMBER OF STUDENTS

	RANK	
VAN BUREN	14	5,340
RUSSELLVILLE	15	4,974
PROPOSED SHERWOOD DISTRICT	16	4,659
WEST MEMPHIS	17	4,323
SILAM SPRINGS	18	4,029
SHERIDAN	19	3,915

*Statistical data from the annual Statistical Report produced by the Arkansas Department of Education.

Assessment for Proposed Sherwood School District

10/1/2025

Table 7 shows the assessment in the proposed Sherwood School District to be \$960,290,966.00. This is a larger assessment than four of the five school districts in Arkansas that have approximately the same number of students. Of these five similar sized districts only the Russellville School District has a larger assessment of property.

Table 7 also shows that the proposed Sherwood School District has a millage rate of 40.7 mills. The proposed Sherwood School District is below the millage rate for Siloam Springs by 3.5 mills, and the Van Buren by 1.9 mills. The proposed Sherwood School District is above the millage rate for Sheridan by 4.7 mills and West Memphis by 4.2 mills.

TABLE 7*

ASSESSMENT IN PROPOSED SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH OTHER DISTRICTS THAT ARE SIMILAR IN NUMBER OF STUDENTS

DISTRICT	# STUDENTS	MILLAGE RATE	ASSESSMENT
VAN BUREN	5,393	42.6	\$609,273,923.00
RUSSELLVILLE	4,974	40.8	\$1,263,023,641.00
PROPOSED SHERWOOD	4,659	40.7	\$960,290,966.00
WEST MEMPHIS	4,323	36.5	\$444,865,299.00
SILAM SPRINGS	4,029	44.2	\$569,436,431.00
SHERIDAN	3,915	36.0	\$466,781,537.00

*Statistical data from the Annual Statistical Report produced by the Arkansas Department of Education and the State Aid Notices for the School Districts.

Assessment Comparison

Table 8 shows the total assessment of the Pulaski County Special School District to be \$3,975,766,881.00. The proposed Sherwood School District has a total assessment of \$960,290,966.00. This is 24.15% of the total assessment in the Pulaski County Special School District. Pulaski County Special School District would have an assessment of \$3,015,475,915.00 if the proposed Sherwood School District is removed. This would be an assessment of \$440,086.00 per student in the remaining Pulaski County Special School District. The proposed Sherwood School District would have an assessment of \$206,115.00 per student. The current Pulaski County Special School District has an assessment of \$345,388.00 per student.

The proposed Sherwood School District would not lower the assessment of the Pulaski County Special School District per student but would actually cause it to increase.

Bonded Indebtedness

Table 9 shows the total bonded indebtedness of the Pulaski County Special School District to be \$303,220,000.00. The debt ratio is 7.63%. The proposed Sherwood School District would have \$73,227,630.00 bonded indebtedness. This is based upon the assessment in the proposed Sherwood School District being 24.15% of the assessment in the Pulaski County Special School District. This is a debt ratio of 7.63%. The proposed Sherwood School District does not have any adverse effect on the remaining Pulaski County Special School District bonded debt or debt ratio. The debt ratio remains 7.63% after taking out the bonded debt for the proposed Sherwood School District.

Table 9 also shows the bonded debt ratio for the five school districts that are similar in size of student body to the proposed Sherwood School District. The bonded debt ratio for two districts is higher than the proposed Sherwood School District and the remaining Pulaski County Special School District. Three districts are a little less in the bonded debt ratio.

Financial Comparison

Table 10 shows the financial comparison for the proposed Sherwood School District and the five similar size districts based upon student numbers for foundation funds and local taxes. The table shows that the total funds for the proposed Sherwood School District would be less than the Van Buren and Russellville Districts. The total funds would be more for the proposed Sherwood School District than the West Memphis, Siloam Springs and Sheridan School Districts.

Funds per Student

Table 11 compares the amount of funds per student in the proposed Sherwood School District, the five similar size districts, the current Pulaski County Special School District, and the remaining Pulaski County Special School District based upon student numbers for foundation funds and local taxes. The proposed Sherwood School District would have \$11,628.08 per student. This is less than the Russellville district but more than the Van Buren, West Memphis, Siloam Springs and Sheridan districts.

TABLE 8* 2025**TAX ASSESSMENT FOR PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PROPOSED SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

	REAL ESTATE	PERSONAL	UTILITIES	TOTAL
PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	3,005,600,285.00	830,727,855.00	139,438,741.00	3,975,766,881.00
PROPOSED SHERWOOD DISTRICT				960,290,966.00
PERCENT SHERWOOD				24.15%
REMAINING PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT				3,015,475,915.00
PROPOSED SHERWOOD PER STUDENT ASSESSMENT				206,115.00
REMAINING PULASKI COUNTY PER STUDENT ASSESSMENT				440,086.00
CURRENT PULASKI COUNTY PER STUDENT ASSESSMENT				345,388.00

*Statistical data from Pulaski County Assessor's Office and the Faulkner County Assessor's Office.

TABLE 9* 2025
BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

	TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS	DEBT RATIO
PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$303,220,000.00	7.63%
PROPOSED SHERWOOD (24.15%)	\$73,227,630.00	7.63%
REMAINING PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$229,992,370.00	7.63%
VAN BUREN	\$79,295,000.00	13.01%
RUSSELLVILLE	\$57,835,000.00	4.58%
WEST MEMPHIS	\$31,400,000.00	7.06%
SILOAM SPRINGS	\$40,265,000.00	7.07%
SHERIDAN	\$55,296,092.00	11.85%

*Statistical data from the Annual Statistical Report produced by the Arkansas Department of Education and Stephen's Inc.

TABLE 10* 2025

FINANCIAL COMPARISON OF FOUNDATION FUNDS & LOCAL TAXES OF PROPOSED SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT & SIMILAR SIZED DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	RANK #STUDENTS	STATE FOUNDATION AID	98% COLLECTION LOCAL TAXES	TOTAL
VAN BUREN	14	\$30,518,590.00	\$25,435,967.00	\$55,954,455.00
RUSSELLVILLE	15	\$12,606,536.00	\$50,500,737.00	\$63,107,273.00
PROPOSED SHERWOOD	16	\$14,513,607.00	\$38,302,165.00	\$52,815,772.00
WEST MEMPHIS	17	\$24,628,238.00	\$15,912,831.00	\$40,541,069.00
SILOAM SPRINGS	18	\$22,548,203.00	\$25,056,341.00	\$47,604,544.00
SHERIDAN	19	\$22,031,938.00	\$16,468,052.00	\$38,499,990.00

TABLE 11* 2025

FUNDS PER STUDENT FROM STATE FOUNDATION & LOCAL TAXES

DISTRICT	# STUDENTS	FUNDS AVAILABLE	DOLLARS/STUDENT
VAN BUREN	5,393	\$55,954,455.00	\$10,375.40
RUSSELLVILLE	4,974	\$63,107,273.00	\$12,687.43
PROPOSED SHERWOOD	4,659	\$52,815,772.00	\$11,336.29
WEST MEMPHIS	4,323	\$40,541,069.00	\$9,377.99
SILOAM SPRINGS	4,029	\$47,604,548.00	\$8,827.10
SHERIDAN	3,915	\$38,499,990.00	\$9,833.97
CURRENT PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DIST	11,511	\$158,577,473.00	\$13,776.17
REMAINING PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DIST	6,852	\$123,379,901.00	\$18,006.41

*Statistical data produced from information from the Annual Statistical Report, State Aid Notices, Pulaski County
Assessor's Office and Faulkner County Assessor's Office.

3.07 "Building value" means a percentage value reflecting the depreciated value of an academic facility with an assumed depreciation of two percent (2%) per year. Building value does not consider improvements that may have been made to the facility.

3.07.1 Building value is calculated by multiplying two (2) times the age of the academic facility and subtracting that product from one hundred (100) ($\text{Value} = 100 - (2 \times \text{Age})$). The output of this equation may be a positive or negative percentage.

3.07.2 For the purpose of this calculation, an academic facility's age is calculated as the difference between the master plan year and the year of the facility's construction completion.

3.07.3 When an academic facility has multiple additions constructed at different times, a building value shall be computed for each addition.

3.07.4 Building value will be used to develop the division's statewide needs priority list per Arkansas Code § 6-21-112(f)(18).

3.07.5 Districts are not required to replace an academic facility when the building value is at or below zero percent (0%), nor is a building value of zero percent (0%) or below sufficient justification for state financial participation in replacing a facility.

3.08 "Campus value" means a composite percentage value of depreciated building values that includes all of the academic facilities on a campus.

3.08.1 Campus value is calculated by multiplying the building value of each individual academic facility on a campus by the area in square feet of that individual facility, then adding together the products of that calculation for all academic facilities on the campus, and then dividing that sum by the overall area in square feet of all academic facilities on the campus.

3.08.2 In instances where multiple campuses are involved with a Warm, Safe, and Dry Security System project as defined in 3.41.1.7, a campus value may be computed using the same process for all the campuses involved with the project.

School Depreciated Value

The Cato Elementary School has a school depreciated value of -6 %. The main building has a depreciated value of -6 %. The main building was built in 1973.

The Clinton Elementary School has a school depreciated value of 34 %. The elementary or primary building has a depreciated value of 34 %. The Clinton Elementary building was built in 1993.

The Harris Elementary School has a school depreciated value of -34.81 %. The gym and rooms 28 – 47 have a depreciated value of -44 %. The office and rooms 1 – 19 have a depreciated value of 32 %. The library/media center has a depreciated value of -32%. Rooms 50 – 53 have a depreciated value of -24 %. The cafeteria has a depreciated value of -14 %. The gym and rooms 28 – 47 were built in 1954. The office and rooms 1 – 19 were built in 1960. The library/media center was built in 1960. Rooms 50 – 53 were built in 1964. The cafeteria was built in 1969.

The Oakbrooke Elementary School has a school depreciated value of 4%. The main building has a depreciated value of 4 %. The kindergarten/pre-school has a depreciated value of 4 %. The main building was built in 1978. The kindergarten/pre-school was built in 1978.

The Sherwood Elementary School has a school depreciated value of -31.35 %. The main building has a depreciated value of -34 %. The library/media center has a depreciated value of -6 %. The main building was built in 1959. The library/media center was built in 1973.

The Sylvan Hills Elementary School has a school depreciated value of -8.30 %. The main building has a depreciated value of -26 %. The cafeteria has a depreciated value of -26 %. Room 100 – 103 wing has a depreciated value of -26 %. The Art/OT-PT building has a depreciated value of 22 %. Room 201 – 203 wing has a depreciated value of 38 %. The main building, cafeteria, and room

100-103 wing were built in 1963. The art/PT-OT building was built in 1987. The room 201-203 wing was built in 1995.

The Sylvan Hills Junior High School has a school depreciated value of 70%. The main building has a depreciated value of 70 %. The main building was built in 2011.

The Sylvan Hills Middle School has a school depreciated value of 10.13 %. The main building has a depreciated value of 6 %. The 200 wing has a depreciated value of 40%. The main building was built in 1979. The 200 wing was built in 1996.

The Sylvan Hills High School has a school depreciated value of 52.25%. The main building has a depreciated value of -16 %. The vocational building has a depreciated value of -6 %. The A Wing has a depreciated value of -2 %. The field house has a depreciated value of 2%. The auditorium and auxiliary gymnasium have a depreciated value of 6 %. The 300 wing has a depreciated value of 40 %. The band building has a depreciated value of 77 %. The main building was built in 1968. The vocational building was built in 1973. The A wing was built in 1975. The field house was built in 1977. The auditorium and auxiliary gymnasium were built in 1979. The 300 wing was built in 1996. The band building was built in 2004.

The following additions were added to the Sylvan Hills High School:

Original Structure 2004 - Depreciation Value 56%

Addition to the Existing Band Building - 2024 Depreciation Value 96%

Spring Sports Facility 1963 - Depreciation Value -26%

Classroom and Dining Addition Phase 1 2019 - Depreciation Value 86%

Performing Arts Addition Phase 2 2019 - Depreciation Value 86%

Multi-Use Arena 2019 - Depreciation Value 86%

Indoor Practice Facility Phase 4 2019 - Depreciation Value 86%

Original Mechanic Building 1968 - Depreciation Value -16%

New Mechanic Building 2019 - Depreciation Value 86%

Pulaski County Special School District
Districtwide Facilities

TABLE 12

	Current Master Plan Enrollment	Permanent Buildings	Temporary Buildings	Gross Square Feet
District Totals	11,965	104	16	3,218,372

LEA	School	Grades Served	Utilization	Current Master Plan Enrollment	Permanent Buildings	Temporary Buildings	Gross Square Feet	School Depreciated Value**
6003129	6003 - Cato ES 9906 Jacksonville-Cato Road, North Little Rock, AR 72120	K-05	Utilized as Designated	285	1	0	49,578	-6.00%
Building Number & Name		Building Use	Academic	Utilization	Type	Built Date	Gross Sq Ft	Depreciated Building Value
600312901	Main Bldg.	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1973	49,578	-6%

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LEA	School	Grades Served	Utilization	Current Master Plan Enrollment	Permanent Buildings	Temporary Buildings	Gross Square Feet	School Depreciated Value**
6003095	6003 - Clinton ES 142 Hollywood Ave., Sherwood, AR 72120	PreK-05	Utilized as Designated	506	1	1	81,847	34.00%
Building Number & Name		Building Use	Academic	Utilization	Type	Built Date	Gross Sq Ft	Depreciated Building Value
600309501	Elementary or Primary	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1993	81,007	34%
600309502	Portable 1	Instructional	Yes	Utilized	Portable	2010	840	68%

LEA	School	Grades Served	Utilization	Current Master Plan Enrollment	Permanent Buildings	Temporary Buildings	Gross Square Feet	School Depreciated Value**
6003102	6003 - Harris ES 4424 Highway 161 North, North Little Rock, AR 72117	K-05	Utilized as Designated	190	5	0	67,479	-34.81%
Building Number & Name		Building Use	Academic	Utilization	Type	Built Date	Gross Sq Ft	Depreciated Building Value
600310201	Gym & Rms 28-47	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1954	27,669	-44%
600310203	Office & Rms 1-19	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1960	23,580	-32%
600310204	Library/Media Center	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1960	6,050	-32%
600310205	Rms 50-53	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1964	4,074	-24%
600310206	Cafeteria	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1969	6,106	-14%

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6003139	6003 - Oakbrooke ES 2200 Thornhill, Sherwood, AR 72120	K-05	Utilized as Designated	386	3	1	46,551	4.00%
Building Number & Name		Building Use	Academic	Utilization	Type	Built Date	Gross Sq Ft	Depreciated Building Value
600313901	Main Bldg.	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1978	33,716	4%
600313902	Kindergarten/Pre-School	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1978	10,604	4%
600313903	Portable 1	Instructional	No	Utilized	Portable	1997	1,728	42%
600313904	Storage Shed	Storage	No	Utilized	Permanent	1990	503	28%

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LEA	School	Grades Served	Utilization	Current Master Plan Enrollment	Permanent Buildings	Temporary Buildings	Gross Square Feet	School Depreciated Value**
6003112	6003 - Sherwood ES 307 Verona Ave., Sherwood, AR 72120	K-05	Utilized as Designated	357	3	0	45,199	-31.35%
Building Number & Name		Building Use	Academic	Utilization	Type	Built Date	Gross Sq Ft	Depreciated Building Value
600311201	Main Bldg.	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1959	40,636	-34%
600311202	Library/Media Center	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1973	4,243	-6%
600311203	Storage Shed	Storage	No	Utilized	Permanent	1980	320	8%

LEA	School	Grades Served	Utilization	Current Master Plan Enrollment	Permanent Buildings	Temporary Buildings	Gross Square Feet	School Depreciated Value**
6003113	6003 - Sylvan Hills ES 402 Dee Jay Hudson Dr., Sherwood, AR 72120	K-05	Utilized as Designated	495	6	0	54,731	-8.30%
Building Number & Name		Building Use	Academic	Utilization	Type	Built Date	Gross Sq Ft	Depreciated Building Value
600311301	Main Bldg.	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1963	29,260	-26%
600311302	Cafeteria	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1963	9,726	-26%
600311303	100-103 Wing	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1963	4,356	-26%
600311304	Art / OT-PT	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1987	1,440	22%
600311305	201-203 Wing	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1985	1,005	22%

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6003122	6003 - Sylvan Hills Junior High School 10001 Johnson Drive, Sherwood, AR 72120	09	Utilized as Designated	407	1	1	205,828	70.00%
Building Number & Name		Building Use	Academic	Utilization	Type	Built Date	Gross Sq Ft	Depreciated Building Value
6003122001	Main Building	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	2011	204,036	70%
6003122004	Portable 1	Instructional	No	Utilized	Portable	2011	1,792	70%

LEA	School	Grades Served	Utilization	Current Master Plan Enrollment	Permanent Buildings	Temporary Buildings	Gross Square Feet	School Depreciated Value**
6003152	6003 - Sylvan Hills Middle School 10020 Bamboo Lane, North Little Rock, AR 72120	06-08	Utilized as Designated	1,162	2	1	106,303	10.13%
Building Number & Name		Building Use	Academic	Utilization	Type	Built Date	Gross Sq Ft	Depreciated Building Value
600315201	Main Bldg.	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1979	89,205	6%
600315202	200 Wing	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1996	12,338	40%
600315203	Mobile Modular Bldg 1	Instructional	Yes	Utilized	Portable	2023	4,760	94%

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LEA	School	Grades Served	Utilization	Current Master Plan Enrollment	Permanent Buildings	Temporary Buildings	Gross Square Feet	School Depreciated Value**
6003128	6003 - Sylvan Hills HS 484 Bear Paw Road, Sherwood, AR 72120	09-12	Utilized as Designated	1,117	16	0	423,099	52.25%
	Building Number & Name	Building Use	Academic	Utilization	Type	Built Date	Gross Sq Ft	Depreciated Building Value
	600312801 Main	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1968	99,679	-16%
	600312802 Vocational	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1973	12,500	-6%
	600312803 Weight Room	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1973	3,432	-6%
	600312804 A Wing	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1975	4,798	-2%
	600312805 Field House	Athletic	No	Utilized	Permanent	1977	4,335	2%
	600312806 Auditorium	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1979	10,009	6%
	600312807 Aux. Gymnasium	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1979	8,169	6%
	600312808 300 Wing	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	1996	5,175	40%
	600312809 Band Building	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	2004	8,740	77%
	Addition(s)	Addition Use	Academic	Utilization	Original Structure	Built Date	Gross Sq Ft	Depreciated Addition Value
	Original Structure	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	X	2004	4,000	56%
	Addition to existing Band Building	Music	Yes	Utilized		2024	4,740	96%
	600312821 Spring Sports Facility	Athletic	No	Utilized	Permanent	1963	5,796	-26%
	600312810 Classroom and Dining Addition - Phase 1	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	2019	132,193	86%
	600312811 Performing Arts Addition - Phase 2	Instructional	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	2019	26,307	86%
	600312812 Multi-Use Arena	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	2019	49,278	86%
	600312813 Indoor Practice Facility - Phase 4	Combination of Uses	Yes	Utilized	Permanent	2019	49,382	86%
	600312814 Original Mech Bldg	Service	No	Utilized	Permanent	1968	1,824	-16%
	600312815 New Mech Bldg	Service	No	Utilized	Permanent	2019	1,482	86%

Summary

- 1. The formation of a Sherwood School District would not have a statistical impact on the racial composition of the student population of the Pulaski County Special School District.**
- 2. The formation of a Sherwood School District would not have a statistical impact on the demographics of the student population of the Pulaski County Special School District except in the number of Title I eligible students. The percent of Title I students would decrease by 4.62 percent in the Pulaski County Special School District.**
- 3. The proposed Sherwood School District would be the 16th largest district in the state of Arkansas.**
- 4. The assessment in the proposed Sherwood School District is greater than four of the five school districts in Arkansas of similar size in student count.**
- 5. The formation of the proposed Sherwood School District would not change the debt ratio of the Pulaski County Special School District. The debt ratio of the proposed Sherwood School District would be less than two of five school districts of similar size based upon student count.**
- 6. The formation of the proposed Sherwood School District would increase the per student assessment in the remaining Pulaski County Special School District.**
- 7. The proposed Sherwood School District per student funds from state foundation and local taxes would be greater than four of the five similar size school districts in Arkansas based upon student count.**
- 8. The proposed Sherwood School District has a debt ratio of 7.63 percent which would allow it to raise building fund money through bonded indebtedness.**

Recommendations

- 1. Sherwood Public Education Foundation needs to publicize this feasibility study to leaders and community members.**
- 2. The Foundation needs to present this study to the Pulaski County Special School District School Board and request approval of a resolution allowing for detachment of the proposed Sherwood School District.**
- 3. The Foundation will present this feasibility study and resolution to the Arkansas State Board of Education. The Foundation will request the State Board declare the resolution is valid and call for the detachment initiative to be placed on the next available election.**
- 4. The community leaders and stakeholders need to continue to inform the residents of the viability of the proposed school district.**

Data and Information for this study was collected from

Arkansas Department of Education Website

Arkansas Department of Facilities and Transportation Website

City of Sherwood - Residents and Former Residents

Faulkner County Assessor's Office

Pulaski County Assessor's Office

Pulaski County Special School District

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Feasibility Study for a Proposed Sherwood School District

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Appendix

Sherwood School District Feasibility Study Summary and Jacksonville Comparison

The charge of the Sherwood Public Education Foundation was to commission a feasibility study to determine if the Proposed Sherwood School District could financially afford to detach from Pulaski County Special School District and if that detachment would cause harm to the remaining Pulaski County Special School District.

The feasibility study proves that the detachment of the Proposed Sherwood School District would cause no harm to Pulaski County Special School District. It also proves that the Proposed Sherwood School District would have sufficient funds to support its own school district.

The detachment of the Proposed Sherwood School District would allow the residents in the proposed school district to have local control over the education of the children within the district boundaries.

Many of the details concerning the actual detachment will be negotiated by teams from Pulaski County Special School District and from the new Sherwood School District. These negotiations will not happen until the following actions are accomplished.

- 1. The Pulaski County Special School District Board of Directors passes a resolution supporting the detachment of the Proposed Sherwood School District.**
- 2. The Arkansas State Board of Education approves the detachment of the Proposed Sherwood School District.**
- 3. The voters in the Proposed Sherwood School District approve the formation of the Sherwood School District.**

Sherwood leaders are dedicated to this endeavor for these significant reasons:

- 1. The academic and educational needs of the students in the Sherwood community will be better met.**
- 2. The efficiency and effectiveness of the schools will improve.**
- 3. There will be a positive impact on the city.**
- 4. Local control will create a strong district.**

The comparison data shows that the proposed Sherwood School District will not have a statistical impact on PCSSD. Racial composition, free and reduced lunch, student programs such as gifted and talented and special education will continue to be important aspects of the new district. The Sherwood School District will continue with our current racial balance and maintain those same programs.

The projected number of students in the new Sherwood School District will be approximately 4,659. The Sherwood School District will be the 16th largest school district in the state with more than 200 smaller districts.

Comparing Sherwood School District to the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District, which is the closest and most recently created district, the Sherwood district's assessed value is significantly higher. The assessed value is also higher than most districts with a similar number of students enrolled.

Addendum to SPEF 2026 Feasibility Study				
		2026-Proposed Sherwood School District		2014 - New Jacksonville School District
K -12 Enrollment		4659		4704 *
Millage Rate		40.7		40.7
Assessment \$\$		\$960,290,966		\$337,387,752
Race of Students		49.17% Black		47.48% Black
		50.83% Non Black		52.52% Non Black

*** Jacksonville 2014 enrollment count included pre-K**

Projected Revenue from State Foundation and Local Mills for Proposed Sherwood School District	
Millage:	
14.8	Dedicated Debt Payment
25	Maintenance & Operation
0.9	Technology
40.7	Total Mills

State foundation aid (25 mill local tax plus state contribution)	
\$ 960,290,966	Assessment
0.025	x State Required Mills
\$ 24,007,274.15	Equals \$\$ from required Mills
\$ 37,444,383.00	Minimum funds required by state per pupil (4659 x \$8037)
\$ 24,007,274.15	Minus funds generated from Proposed District
\$ 13,437,108.85	Difference between required and generated funds is the amount owed by the state to the Proposed District

\$ 37,444,383 .00	Total
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2026-2027 Projected Revenue for a Sherwood School District		
Revenue category	Projected amt	
Operating Carryover	\$3,774,813.35	
Foundation and Local	\$37,444,383.00	
Technology (.9 mill)	\$821,047.95	
Debt Service	\$13,501,677.40	\$55,541,921.70
State programs		
English Language Learner	\$123,079.39	
Alternative Learning Environment	\$207,360.19	
Enhanced Student Achievement	\$1,367,372.84	
Professional Development	\$190,996.95	
Teacher Equalization	\$840,589.01	
LEARNS Minimum Salary	\$1,919,389.71	\$4,648,788.09
Federal programs		
Carl Perkins 6520	\$102,012.73	
Fed Preschool Sp. Ed. 6710	\$44,679.69	
Homeless 6530	\$4,047.00	
Migrant 6502	\$7,464.00	
EIDT Sp. Ed. 2262	\$40,216.00	
State Preschool Sp. Ed. 2260	\$147,856.00	
Title Programs	\$3,718,886.84	\$4,064,962.26
Projected Total Revenue for Proposed Sherwood School District		\$64,255,672.05