

BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ABSTRACT

Abstracts serve to provide background information regarding agenda items.

ACTION

TITLE:	Campus Name Change
DATE:	October 12, 2026
RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:	David Campbell, Superintendent
State Requirement	NO
Funding Source	NA

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

In 2021, the Batesville School District applied for and was granted charter status by the Arkansas Department of Education for Batesville Junior High School. In 2021, this designation provided the district with increased flexibility in areas such as teacher licensure and class size, and supported the implementation of innovative educational initiatives.

The current charter expires June 30, 2027. When considering a new charter application, it was found that the Arkansas Department of Education - Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has issued new rules, regulations, and guidance specific to charter schools. Specifically, the requirements regarding teacher licensure for schools have changed as well as the district's renewed focus on expanding educational pathways, opportunities, and student experiences. Therefore, charter status and waivers are no longer necessary to support the district's instructional goals or needs to support student success.

When a school leaves the charter status, the local education agency's identifying number must change as well. In this request to DESE, the district can also change the name. It would be appropriate to remove "Charter" from the Junior High School name as it is no longer a charter school.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Batesville School District Board of Education accept the name change for the junior high school campus.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: ***move to approve the change of the name from Batesville Junior High School Charter to Batesville Junior High School.***