RESOLUTION

OF THE EAST END SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 09-08-2026

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE EAST END SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE BIGELOW SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the East End School District (the "District") is committed to providing excellence in education and maintaining clear communication and identity with our students, families, staff, community, and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, there has been continued confusion between the East End School District in Bigelow, AR and East End Elementary located in Sheridan, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, this confusion has resulted in significant challenges and negative impacts in important areas, including but not limited to the reporting and attribution of test scores, home school applications, grant applications, official records, correspondence, and other matters affecting District operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that maintaining a clear and distinct District identity is essential to ensuring accurate reporting, communication, accountability, and recognition of the District's students and schools; and

WHEREAS, the name **Bigelow School District** more clearly identifies the District and the community it serves and will help eliminate ongoing confusion with similarly named educational entities within the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds that changing the District's name is in the best interest of its students, families, employees, and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the East End School District that:

1. The official name of the District shall be changed from the **East End School District** to the **Bigelow School District.**

2. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate actions to implement the name change, including notifying the Arkansas Department of Education/Division of Elementary and Secondary Education and any other applicable local, state, or federal agencies.

3. District policies, records, applications, correspondence, websites, social media, signage, academic and athletic materials, financial documents, and other official materials shall be updated to reflect the name **Bigelow School District** as appropriate and practicable.

4. The Superintendent is further authorized to coordinate the transition and execute documents necessary to ensure continuity of District operations and accurate identification of the District during and following the name change.

5. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption, subject to any approvals, filings, or other requirements imposed by applicable Arkansas law or regulation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the East End School District on this **8th day of September, 2026**.

President, Board of Directors

Heather Sims

Date: 9-8-26

Secretary, Board of Directors

Brandi Edwards

Date: 9-8-26

ATTEST:

Superintendent