

NOTICE LETTER



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**State Board of
Education**

Re: Appeal Under the Public School Choice Act-Abel Hewitt

Charisse Dean
Little Rock
Chair

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 8, 2021**. The action item is set for the **10:00 a.m. agenda in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas.** Any additional materials any party chooses to submit should be provided to my office **no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, July 2, 2021.**

Ouida Newton
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Vice Chair

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.

Susan Chambers
Bella Vista

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

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 Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Public School Choice Act. You may find copies of these references on the Arkansas Department of Education Website.

Kathy McFetridge
Springdale

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) 682-4585 should you require additional information.

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart

Steve Sutton
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Sincerely,

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APPEAL

June 10, 2021

Arkansas State Education Board,



I am writhing to appeal Guy-Perkins School Districts decision to deny Abel Hewitt's request to attend the Quitman School District.

Abel will be starting his schooling career this fall when starting kindergarten, which is a very exciting and challenging time for our son. We would like to surround our son with peers and classmates that we will soon to be residing in the same county with. We also believe that activities with the same children and families outside of school brings the community and school closer as a whole. It is also important to us that Abel has the consistency year to year. Abels father and I are interested in purchasing land in the Quitman School district in the near future.

We also have acknowledged some of the resources that Quitman can provided for our child that we believe is better for his safety and education. Quitman School District has a full-time on site school resources officer, and

the staff and children have immediate protection in case of an emergency with the classrooms built in shelter rooms. Quitman School District also is Arkansas first PLC District, which we would be proud to be part of.

Thank you for the time and consideration to allow a hearing in the matter at hand.


Dustin Hewitt

Melany Akin