



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Secretary

June 24, 2024

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Scott Gauntt, Superintendent  
Westside Consolidated School District  
sgauntt@westsideschools.org

**State Board of  
Education**

## **RE: Notice of State Board of Education Hearing**

**Dr. Sarah Moore**  
Stuttgart  
Chair

Dear Superintendent Gauntt,

Your district's waiver request will be presented to the State Board of Education during its July meeting. The meeting will be on July 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please have representatives from your district available to answer any questions the State Board might have.

**Kathy Rollins**  
Springdale  
Vice-Chair

All items submitted as part of your waiver request have been added to the State Board's agenda. You will have 20 minutes to present your waiver request. If you have any additional presentations, or materials or items to present, please email them in PowerPoint format to our office no later than Wednesday July 5, 2024, at [legal@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:legal@ade.arkansas.gov). If you have any questions, you are more than welcome to call me at 501-682-4899, or our Office of Legal Services at 501-682-4227.

**Adrienne Woods**  
Rogers

Sincerely,

**Randy Henderson**  
Blytheville

/s/ Stephen M. Reynolds

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