



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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**State Board
of Education**

Ms. Barbara Warren, Superintendent
Dollarway School District
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Charisse Dean
*Little Rock
Chair*

R. Brett Williamson
*El Dorado
Vice Chair*

**Re: State Board of Education Consideration of Action Concerning
the Dollarway School District**

Susan Chambers
Bella Vista

Dear Superintendent Warren:

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

Kathy McFetridge
Springdale

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart

Ouida Newton
Poyen

Steve Sutton
Marion

Adrienne Woods
Rogers

During its regular meeting on December 10, 2020, the Arkansas State Board of Education will consider taking action concerning the Dollarway School District pursuant to its authority under the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2901 *et seq.*, and the rules governing the Act, which action could include consolidation, annexation, or reconstitution of the District. Additionally, the Division may petition the State Board to consider possible consolidation, annexation, or reconstitution of the District pursuant to its authority under the Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1901 *et seq.*, and the rules governing that Program. You can find copies of the rules on the Division's website at <http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/legal/rules/current>. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Please plan to attend this meeting, along with any other representatives of the District who you feel will be needed to answer questions the State Board might have. Any materials you wish to submit to the State Board should be provided no later than end-of-business on Friday, November 27, 2020. You are welcome to email them directly to me at lori.freno@arkansas.gov and I'll make sure they get onto the State Board's agenda.

The State Board also will meet on November 13, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. and on December 1, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in preparation for the December 10 meeting. Please plan to attend these meeting as well, along with any District representatives you choose to bring. These meetings also will be held in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (501) 682-4234 or Stacy Smith at (501) 413-2907.

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Freno". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lori Freno
General Counsel
Arkansas Department of Education

cc: (via email transmission only)

Mr. Johnny Key, Secretary of Education

Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Deputy Commissioner of Education

Ms. Gina Windle, Chief of Staff

Ms. Stacy Smith, Director of Office of Coordinated Support and Service

Mr. Greg Rogers, Asst. Commissioner for Fiscal and Administrative Services