

NOTICE LETTER



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**State Board of
Education**

Re: Appeal Under the Public School Choice Act – [REDACTED]

Ouida Newton
Poyen
Chair

Everyone:

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart
Vice Chair

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 14, 2022**. The action item is set for **10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201**. Any additional materials any party chooses to submit should be provided to my office **no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, July 8, 2022**.

Charisse Dean
Little Rock

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.

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 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing the Public School Choice Act. You may find copies of these references on the DESE website at <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/legal/school-choice>.

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) 682-1958 should you require additional information.

Steve Sutton
Marion

Sincerely,

Adrienne Woods
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/s/Shastady Wagner

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APPEAL

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Alesha Hughes. My daughter, [REDACTED] is wanting to attend Glen Rose School district for the 2022-2023 school year. She will be a senior. We submitted the School Choice paperwork to both Malvern School District and Glen Rose School district in February of 2022. [REDACTED] and I feel that Glen Rose would be a better fit for her for a variety of reasons. One reason is that the Principle of Malvern High School made a comment on her sister's breasts last year. The principle told her that she needed to "put those things away" while motioning toward her breasts. [REDACTED] has anxiety and does not feel safe at Malvern because of those types of comments and due to previous interactions with other teachers and students. [REDACTED] has stated that she does not like Malvern School District and she does not feel like Malvern provides the best education for her needs and that the teachers do not seem to care. Based on the information above, we would like to request a hearing before the Arkansas State Board of Education to appeal Malvern School District's decision to not release [REDACTED] to attend Glen Rose School District.

Thank you,

Alesha Hughes



May 31, 2022

Alesha Hughes
[REDACTED]

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your application for transfer to the Glen Rose School District for [REDACTED]. We appreciate your interest in our schools. We regret to inform you that we must deny your application for the 2022-23 school year. A copy of the Glen Rose School District's policy for acceptance and rejection of school choice non-resident student is enclosed for your review.

The Glen Rose School District is unable to accept your application for transfer at this time, as the Malvern School District has reached the maximum limit on school choice transfers for the school year. Your application will be given priority for a transfer in the first school year in which Malvern School District is no longer subject to this limitation.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact myself or Amber Wiggins at 501-332-3694 ext 6.

Sincerely,

Tim Holicer
Superintendent