

NOTICE LETTER



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June 28, 2021

Johnny Key
Secretary

Kendra Fensom
Via Email

Ms. Reba Holmes, Superintendent
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**State Board of
Education**

Re: Appeal Under the Public School Choice Act-Tanner and Ava Villegas

Everyone:

Charisse Dean
Little Rock
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 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.**

Ouida Newton
Poyen
Vice Chair

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.**

Susan Chambers
Bella Vista

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 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
Marion

Sincerely,

/s/Taylor Dugan

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APPEAL

From: [Kendra Fensom](#)
To: [Taylor Dugan \(ADE\)](#)
Subject: Appeal
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 11:37:25 AM

Good afternoon this is Kendra and I am wanting to appeal the Lincoln school choice on denial for my kids to continue in prairie grove school district where they have always attended.

Thank you and have a great day!

OTHER DOCUMENTS



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June 2, 2021

Office of the Commissioner
ATTN: Arkansas Public School Choice Act Appeals
Four Capitol Mall
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

RE: School Choice Appeal – Tanner Villegas and Ava Villegas

Dear Commissioner Key:

The Lincoln School District denied this school choice applications for the Fensom family due to our district exceeding the net maximum 3% limit for school transfers for the 2021-2022 school year. All school choice applications were logged as they were submitted to our district. We accepted all applications until we reached the net maximum and then the remining applications were denied.

The district has complied with the Public School Choice Act in reviewing all school choice applications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Ann Spears". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Mary Ann Spears
Superintendent