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**State Board
of Education**

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Ms. Barbara Warren, Superintendent
Pine Bluff School District
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R. Brett Williamson
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**Re: State Board of Education Consideration of Action Concerning
The Pine Bluff School District**

Susan Chambers
Bella Vista

Dear Superintendent Warren:

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

Kathy McFetridge
Springdale

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart

Ouida Newton
Poyen

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 consolidating the Dollarway School District with, or annexing it to, the Pine Bluff School District. Because the Pine Bluff School District might be affected by the State Board's action, this letter provides notice of that possibility in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1403(a)(1).

Steve Sutton
Marion

The State Board's December 10 meeting will take place in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas, starting at 10:00 a.m. 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. These meetings also will be held in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building.

Adrienne Woods
Rogers

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

Respectfully,

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