

# **NOTICE LETTER**



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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June 28, 2021

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Secretary

Bryan and Meredith Post

Dr. Joe Fisher, Superintendent  
Guy-Perkins School District  
492 Hwy 25  
Guy, AR 72061

**Dr. Ivy Pfeffer**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

Dr. Bruce Bryant, Superintendent  
Midland School District  
741 Main Street  
Pleasant Plains, AR 72568

**Stacy Smith**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

## **Re: Appeal Under the Public School Choice Act-Connor Post**

**State Board of  
Education**

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

**Adrienne Woods**  
*Rogers*

Taylor Dugan  
Staff Attorney

**Dr. Beth Anne Rankin**  
*Magnolia*

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education  
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**APPEAL**

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**Bryan and Meredith Post**



3rd, June 2021

**Office of the Commissioner**

ATTN: Arkansas School Choice Act Appeals  
Four Capital Mall  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Board,

I am writing this letter to officially request a hearing on behalf of my son, Conner Post. Conner was denied school choice from the Guy-Perkins School District. You will find a letter attached explaining the reasons for needing school choice.

I look forward to hearing from you on the date the hearing will be for, Conner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bryan and Meredith Post

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**Bryan and Meredith Post**

2nd June 2021

**Office of the Commissioner**

ATTN: Arkansas School Choice Act Appeals  
Four Capital Mall  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Board,

Our names are Bryan and Meredith Post and we come to you on behalf of our son, Conner Post who is 9 years old, going into the 4th grade and currently enrolled in Greenbrier Public Schools. We recently made a request for a school choice out of the Guy-Perkins School District and it was denied by the school so this is why we are writing to you for help.

Conner has attended Eastside Elementary since kindergarten in the Greenbrier School district. This is where we would like for him to stay.

The only reason that he is in the Guy school district currently is because we sold our house in April of this year, 2021, and we are in temporary housing until we are able to start building our new house in 2022. We own a lot that we are going to build on starting in January 2022. This lot is in Greenbrier School District and is also zoned for his current school, Eastside School, within the district. I can provide all title work as needed on this lot. The address for our lot is, 36 Ryan's Way, Greenbrier. If Conner were to stay at Eastside school he would never feel a strained transition with our living situation. If we were to be denied. Conner would have to go to a new school with people he is not familiar with, leaving a school he trusts and loves, for a place he does not know at all. And he would be at the new school for only 6 months.

If we were to lose this appeal and he were to have to go to Guy-Perkins for 6 months I don't think I can accurately articulate how damaging that would be to him. This would in no way be in his best interest to be uprooted from one school that he loves so so much, to another that he doesn't know at all for a few months. I have no doubt that he would remember that for the rest of his life. I will do all I can to protect him from that.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Bryan and Meredith Post



**Guy-Perkins School District**  
492 Hwy 25 N. \* Guy, AR 72061  
501-679-7224 fax: 501-679-3508

*Home of the Thunderbird*

May 25, 2021

Bryan & Meredith Post

In accordance with Ark. Code, found below, the application for transfer to a nonresident district (school choice) for your child, Connor Post has been denied.

Guy-Perkins would love the opportunity to show you around our school and discuss the merits of our educational services. Please call 501-679-7224 with questions or to arrange a visit.

As noted in your original application, you have ten (10) days from receipt of this notice in which to submit a written Appeal of this decision to the State Board of Education.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joe Fisher  
Superintendent

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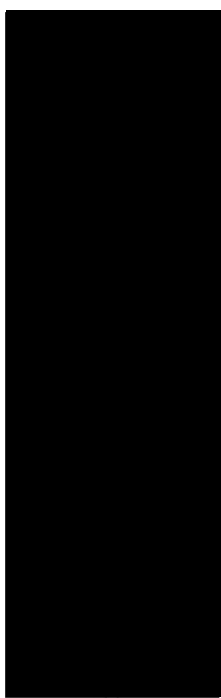
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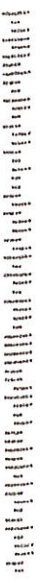


Barnes & Meredith Post



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# OTHER DOCUMENTS



## Guy-Perkins School District

492 Highway 25 North

Guy, Arkansas 72061

501-679-7224

[www.gptbirds.org](http://www.gptbirds.org)

June 10, 2021

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

RE: School Choice Appeal – Conner Post

Dear Commissioner of Education:

The Guy-Perkins School District received a copy of the [REDACTED] family school-choice appeal by email on June 7, 2021. Enclosed is a copy of the worksheet used by the Guy-Perkins School District to determine the 3% school-choice cap. Additionally, a response by Dr. Joe Fisher, Superintendent, to the appeal letter provided by the Post family is enclosed.

If you need additional information, please contact me at 501-679-7224, or by email at [denee.acre@gptbirds.org](mailto:denee.acre@gptbirds.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Denee Acre', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Denee' Acre, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent



# Guy-Perkins School District

492 Highway 25 North  
Guy, Arkansas 72061  
501-679-7224  
[www.gptbirds.org](http://www.gptbirds.org)

June 10, 2021

Arkansas State Board of Education  
4 Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: School Choice Appeal – Conner Post

Dear Arkansas State Board of Education:

My name is Dr. Joe Fisher and I have been the Superintendent of Guy-Perkins Schools since July 2020. The Guy-Perkins Elementary School has worked diligently over the past two (2) year to identify areas for improvement by setting goals and tracking performance data to help increase student achievement and create a more safe and successful learning environment. This is evidenced by the following:

- The Faulkner County Sheriff's Office assigned Deputy Stephen Ferguson as a full-time School Resource Officer for the Guy-Perkins and Mt. Vernon-Enola School Districts in 2020-21. Deputy Ferguson works daily to help educate our students, faculty, and parents/families on the issues of making good choices in society and provides safety and protection during a crisis. As a result, our student discipline rate has decreased in 2021-22 and parents have expressed a better sense of safety and security within the district.
- Guy-Perkins Elementary School was selected by DESE to participate in the application process for becoming a designated "Schools of Innovation" in Arkansas. During this past year of application and program development, teachers and administrators have worked to create specialized learning pathways for each of our students in grades K-6. Guy-Perkins Elementary School anticipates being designated as a "School of Innovation" in Arkansas by the end of the 2021-22 school year.
- Guy-Perkins Elementary School was recently selected by DESE to participate in the PLC Regional Project from 2021-2024. This work is similar to the process that Quitman worked through in Cohort 2, but will require less oversight from DESE/Solution Tree due to the district's capacity to continue its current PLC work. Guy-Perkins Elementary

School has been using the PLC process and examining student performance data regularly for the past two (2) years.

Finally, the Guy-Perkins School District has continued to work with our district stakeholders to help overcome much malicious misinformation being shared by others about our school district. We now tell our own story through our website – [www.gptbirds.org](http://www.gptbirds.org); our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/guyperkinsschool](http://www.facebook.com/guyperkinsschool); and Twitter - <https://twitter.com/GuyPerkinsSD>. Most importantly, we let the data tell our academic story at Guy-Perkins Elementary School. Here are the results of the last ESSA rating for Guy-Perkins Elementary School and area small districts:

<i>Guy-Perkins Elementary School (2018-19)</i>		<i>Quitman Elementary School (2018-19)</i>	
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Overall ESSA Score</b>	70.22	<b>Overall ESSA Score</b>	69.93
<b>Weighted Achievement Score</b>	57.62	<b>Weighted Achievement Score</b>	63.37
<b>Value-Added Growth Score</b>	81.22	<b>Value-Added Growth Score</b>	79.16
<b>School Quality and Student Success Score</b>	62.95	<b>School Quality and Student Success Score</b>	54.45

*South Side (Bee Branch) Elementary School (2018-19)*

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Score</b>
Overall ESSA Score	69.82
Weighted Achievement Score	60.67
Value-Added Growth Score	77.88
School Quality and Student Success Score	64.32

Thank you for your continued support! We encourage you to follow Guy-Perkins School District as we continue to make “great things happen” for students in 2021-22.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Joe Fisher, Superintendent

# SCHOOL CHOICE 2021-22

3% cap for 21-22 is **9**

## IN

Student Name	grade	resident school	date and time rcvd at GPSD	
1. Justin Hurt	10	Greenbrier	04-06-21	11:25 am
2. Kathryan Terrell	11	Quitman	04-29-21	2:26 pm

## OUT

Student Name	grade	choice school	rcv'd by GP	rcv'd by non res
[REDACTED]	K (sibling)	Greenbrier	02-26-21	08-24-20 9:00 am
[REDACTED]	K (sibling)	Greenbrier	01-29-21	01-25-21
[REDACTED]	K (sibling)	Quitman	02-25-21	02-22-21 2:50 pm
[REDACTED]	K (sibling)	Greenbrier	03-01-21	
[REDACTED]	K (sibling)	Greenbrier	03-31-21	
[REDACTED]	7	Quitman	02-25-21	9-25-20 7:45 am
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[REDACTED]	K	Greenbrier	02-26-21	11-06-20 10:30 am
[REDACTED]	11	Quitman	02-25-21	01-05-21 8:50 am
[REDACTED]	4	Quitman	02-25-21	01-05-21 8:50 am
[REDACTED]	9	Quitman	02-25-21	01-07-21 12:44 pm
[REDACTED]	7	Quitman	02-25-21	01-07-21 12:44 pm
[REDACTED]	6	Quitman	02-25-21	01-07-21 12:44 pm

\*\*\* 9 CAP plus 2 students in is 11. #11 has two siblings, that get to go with 11. Making our # out 13.

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**DENIED OVER 3% CAP** ↓

**NET 9 is our cap**

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[REDACTED]	8	Conway	02-02-21	02-02-21 8:20 am
[REDACTED]	8	Conway	02-02-21	02-02-21 8:20 am
[REDACTED]	10	Conway	02-04-21	02-04-21 1:14pm
[REDACTED]	2	Greenbrier	02-26-21	02-08-21 11:52 pm
[REDACTED]	K	Greenbrier	02-26-21	02-08-21 11:52 am
[REDACTED]	K	Southside	03-04-21	
[REDACTED]	2	Quitman	03-29-21	03-01-21 5:43 pm
[REDACTED]	4	Quitman	03-29-21	03-01-21 5:43 pm
[REDACTED]	6	Quitman	03-29-21	03-01-21 5:43 pm
[REDACTED]	1	Greenbrier	03-19-21	03-19-21 12:48 pm
[REDACTED]	K	Greenbrier	03-30-21	03-30-21 1:27 pm
[REDACTED]	K	Quitman	04-09-21	04-09-21 9:46 am
[REDACTED]	K	Greenbrier	04-13-21	04-12-21 12:51 pm
[REDACTED]	9	Quitman	04-26-21	04-14-21 1:38 pm
[REDACTED]	12	Greenbrier	04-19-21	04-19-21 2:21 pm
[REDACTED]	10	Greenbrier	04-19-21	04-19-21 2:21 pm
[REDACTED]	7	Greenbrier	04-19-21	04-19-21 2:21 pm
[REDACTED]	5	Greenbrier	04-19-21	04-19-21 2:21 pm
[REDACTED]	4	Greenbrier	04-26-21	04-26-21 8:45 am
[REDACTED]	K	Greenbrier	04-30-21	04-30-21 12:36 pm