



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education*

**Johnny Key**  
Secretary

June 15, 2022

**Dr. Ivy Pfeffer**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

Via email transmission

**Stacy Smith**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

Dr. Albert Snow  
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**State Board of  
Education**

**Ouida Newton**  
*Poyen*  
Chair

**Re: Petition of the Harmony Grove School District -- Closure of Grades 7-12 at  
the Sparkman Campus**

**Dr. Sarah Moore**  
*Stuttgart*  
Vice Chair

Dear Dr. Snow:

**Charisse Dean**  
*Little Rock*

**Dr. Fitz Hill**  
*Little Rock*

**Kathy McFetridge**  
*Springdale*

**Steve Sutton**  
*Marion*

The Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, has received the petition of the Harmony Grove School District to close Grades 7-12 at its Sparkman campus, which campus is an "isolated school" as defined in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-602. The Arkansas State Board of Education will hold a hearing concerning the petition on Thursday, July 14, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the ADE Auditorium, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas. The State Board will conduct the hearing pursuant to its authority under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-602, as well as the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Closure of Isolated Schools (effective August 2012). These rules can be accessed on the Division's website at [https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/20201102092955\\_ade\\_221\\_-\\_Closure\\_of\\_Isolated\\_Schools\\_-\\_August\\_2012.pdf](https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/20201102092955_ade_221_-_Closure_of_Isolated_Schools_-_August_2012.pdf)

**Adrienne Woods**  
*Rogers*

Please plan to attend this hearing, either in person or via zoom, along with any other representatives of the District. Any additional materials you wish to submit should be provided no later than end-of-business on June 30, 2022. You are welcome to email them directly to me; please be sure I confirm receipt.

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

**Randy Henderson**  
*Blytheville*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (501) 682-4234 or via email at [lori.freno@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:lori.freno@ade.arkansas.gov).

Respectfully,



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. Stacy Smith, Deputy Commissioner of Education  
Ms. Gina Lockwood, Chief Operating Officer  
Mr. Cody Kees  
Mr. Jess Askew

(via regular mail and email to Harmony Grove Board of Directors members)

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