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June 21, 2022

Sherlakie Rauls

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr. Kevin Hancock, Superintendent
Woodlawn School District
6760 Hwy 63
Rison, AR 71665

Mr. Craig Dupuy, Superintendent
Cleveland County School District
700 Main St.
Camden, AR 71701

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

Everyone:

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**.

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.

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>.

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.

Sincerely,

/s/Shastady Wagner

Shastady Wagner
Staff Attorney
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
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APPEAL

ATT:Quarnicia Smith
Re: School Choice
2022-2023 School Year

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Dear State Board of Education:

I'm writing this appeal letter on behalf of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The day I went to turn in the school choice papers I ask if I had done it from the right school and I was told yes if I need to take it to Jefferson County than I would've. I even called and talk to Mr.Oliver on the day I turn it in and he explain to me that if I wasn't living in Jefferson County than I could not do it from Jefferson County I explain to him that last year 2021 I lived in Jefferson County and moved to Cleveland County last year in September and I didn't change my address at the school but I have physical lived at 107 amis st since September 2021 and I currently still reside there but I will be moving back to 2099 weekly rd pinebluff ark on Aug 1 2022 and he told me that I still had to do Cleveland County because that is where I reside at. I'm hoping that you can understand that if I had known that I had to go to the other school than I would've.

Thanks Sherlakie Rauls



WOODLAWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

6760 HWY 63
RISON, ARKANSAS 71665
PHONE (870)357-8108
FAX (870)357-8718

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Sherlakie Rauls
2099 Weekly Road
Pine Bluff, AR 71603

RE: School Choice
2022-2023 School Year

Dear Ms. Rauls:

I am sorry, but the applications you submitted for [REDACTED] have been rejected for the following reasons.

X School Choice transfer should have come from Pine Bluff School District

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.

Respectfully,

Dr. Kevin Hancock
Superintendent

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Subject: Re: School Choice Appeal Rauls Family

Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 12:12:19 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Kevin Hancock

To: Shastady Wagner (ADE)

CC: TJ Hill

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Good morning Ms. Wagner,

I appreciate your phone call this morning. I'm emailing in response to your request. Presentation of the School Choice applications was made during the May 9th school board meeting. At this time, a report of 29 applications for school choice were received within the deadlines. Each grade level was reviewed for capacity and applications were accepted in the order in which they were received. When Ms. Rauls came to change her address, the board had already met. Based upon the building reports, Ms Rauls' children had already been denied due to capacity at their grade level in our secondary school. This would cause our school hardship to hire multiple staff to meet the student:teacher ratio in multiple subject areas.

I will await further instructions from your office for any additional information or directions.

Sincerely,
Kevin Hancock

On Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 10:55 AM Shastady Wagner (ADE) <Shastady.Wagner@ade.arkansas.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Superintendents,

Please find attached a school choice appeal filed with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education by the Rauls family. The family appeals the decision of the Woodlawn School District. The DESE rules governing public school choice state that the nonresident and resident district may file any response to the appeal within ten (10) days, not including weekends or legal holidays, of receipt of the appeal. I have attached a copy of the rules for your review. You may send responses directly to me or you may send any response to the following address:

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Attn: Legal Services Unit

Four Capitol Mall

Little Rock, AR 72201

All parties will receive a formal notification letter detailing the date, time, and location of the hearing before the State Board of Education. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We typically hold these hearings at the July State Board of Education Meeting.

WOODLAWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Woodlawn High School

ENROLLMENT REPORT

Enrollment Date: Jan 28, 2022

Enrollment Count	07	08	09	10	11	12	
Grade Totals	53	50	52	48	42	46	291

Enrollment Date: Aug 17, 2022

Grade Totals	42	49	50	51	44	42	278
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APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER

(Deadline for submission is May 1, unless the student is eligible for School Choice for Military Families)

TYPE OF SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER REQUESTEDPublic School Choice Act of 2015 ☒Opportunity School Choice Act ☐

NOTE: Applications for the Public School Choice Act of 2015 must be sent to the resident and nonresident districts. Applications for the Opportunity School Choice Act must be sent to the resident district, the nonresident district, and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

If you are unsure which type of school choice best applies, please review the FAQ following this form for information about the different types of school choice that may be available to your student.

SIBLING INFORMATION

If applying for a transfer under the Public School Choice Act, does the applicant have a sibling or step-sibling already attending the nonresident district listed in this application pursuant to the Public School Choice Act?

If so, please list:

APPLICANT INFORMATIONGrad ☐Gender: Male ☐Female ☒

Is the applicant currently employed?

Yes ☐No ☒**MILITARY FAMILY INFORMATION**

Does the applicant have a parent or guardian who is an active-duty member of the military who has been transferred to and resides on a military base? If so, please state the date of the parent's or guardian's arrival on the military base:

NOTE: In order to take advantage of school choice options available to military families who have recently transferred to a military base, you must submit military transfer orders and proof of residency on the military base to the resident and nonresident school districts.

RACE OR ETHNIC ORIGIN (CHECK ONE)

This information is collected for data reporting purposes only, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-227(f)(2)(B).

2 or More Races ☐Asian ☐African-American ☒Hispanic ☐Native American/
Native Alaskan ☐Native Hawaiian/
Pacific Islander ☐White ☐

RESIDENT SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OF APPLICANT	
District and School Name:	County Name:
Rison High School Cleveland Co	
Address:	
Phone:	
325-6241	
NONRESIDENT SCHOOL/SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICANT WISHES TO ATTEND	
District and School Name:	County Name:
Woodlawn High School Cleveland Co	
Address:	
Phone:	
PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION	
Name:	Home Phone:
Sherdellie Brads	[REDACTED]
Address:	Work Phone:
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[Signature: S. Brads]	4-28-22
DISTRICT USE ONLY	
Date and Time Received by Nonresident District:	4-28-22 1:30 JS
Date and Time Received by Resident District:	
Resident District LEA #:	
Nonresident District LEA#:	1304
Student's State Identification #:	1
Application:	Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for Rejection (If Applicable):	
Date Notification Sent to Resident District and Parent/Guardian of Applicant:	

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Student Name

Student Date

Female ☒

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Yes ☐

No ☒

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Woodlawn	Cleveland
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Phone:	
PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION	
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