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Sherlakie Rauls

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-

Everyone:

Sincerely,

This letter is to notify you that the Arkansas State Board of Education is scheduled to hear the abovereferenced appeal(s) on <u>Thursday, July 14, 2022</u>. The action item is set for <u>10:00 a.m. in the</u> <u>Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas</u> <u>72201</u>. Any additional materials any party chooses to submit should be provided to my office <u>no later</u> <u>than 12:00 noon on Friday, July 8, 2022</u>.

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.

/s/Shastady Wagner Shastady Wagner Staff Attorney Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shastady.wagner@ade.arkansas.gov

APPEAL

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Dear State Board of Education:

I'm writing this appeal letter on behalf of and 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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Sherlakie Rauls 2099 Weekly Road Pine Bluff, AR 71603 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

RE: School Choice 2022-2023 School Year

Dear Ms. Rauls:

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

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 FamilyDate:Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 12:12:19 PM Central Daylight TimeFrom:Kevin HancockTo:Shastady Wagner (ADE)CC:TJ Hill

Caution: This is an external email and may contain a suspicious subject or content. Please take care when clicking links or opening attachments. When in doubt, contact <u>ADE IT Services</u>.

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) <<u>Shastady.Wagner@ade.arkansas.gov</u>> 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:

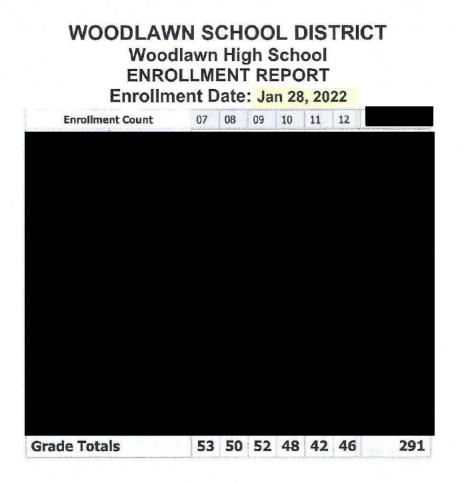
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Attn: Legal Services Unit

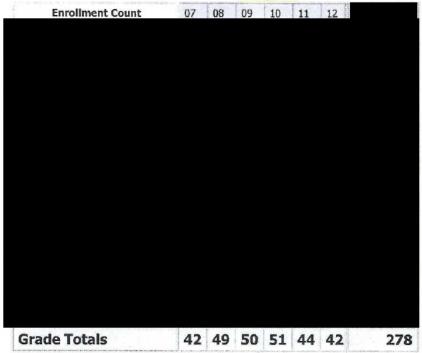
Four Capitol Mall

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.







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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 CD					
Address:					
Phone:					
PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION					
Name: Home Phone:					
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Address: Work Phone:					
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Nonresident District LEA#: 1304					
Student's State Identification #:					
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Reason for Rejection (If Applicable):					
Date Notification Sent to Resident District and Parent/Guardian of Applicant:					

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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 TRANSFI	R REQUESTED				
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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.					
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<u>NOTE</u> : 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.					
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Rison High School Cleveland						
Address:						
Phone:						
MD-325-6241						
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Woodlawn Cleveland						
Address:						
Phone:						
PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION						
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