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**Re: Petition of Harmony Grove School District -- Closure of the
Sparkman campus (K-12)**

Dear Superintendent Snow:

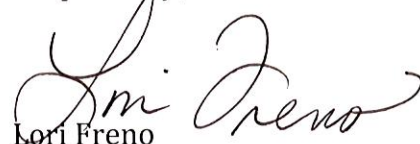
The Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, has received the petition of the Harmony Grove School District to close the Sparkman campus (K-12), which is an "isolated school" as defined in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-602. The Arkansas State Board of Education will hold a hearing concerning the petition on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, 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 [http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/public/userfiles/rules/Current/ade_221 - Closure of Isolated Schools - August 2012.pdf](http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/public/userfiles/rules/Current/ade_221_-_Closure_of_Isolated_Schools_-_August_2012.pdf).

Please plan to attend this hearing, along with any other representatives of the District or Board of Directors members who you feel will be needed to answer questions posed by the State Board. Any additional materials you wish to submit should be provided no later than end-of-business on February 26, 2020. You are welcome to email them directly to me and I'll make sure they get onto the State Board's agenda.

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

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