

NOTICE LETTER



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June 28, 2021

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Jessie and Becky Vickers

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

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Deputy
Commissioner

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Stacy Smith
Deputy
Commissioner

Mr. Dennis Truxler, Superintendent
Quitman School District
6275 Heber Springs Rd. West
Quitman, AR 72131

**State Board of
Education**

Re: Appeal Under the Public School Choice Act-Taylor. Hoyt, Raleigh Vickers

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
taylor.dugan@ade.arkansas.gov

APPEAL

June 3, 2021

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

To Whom It May Concern:

We are Jessie and Becky Vickers, parents of Taylor, Hoyt, and Reileigh Vickers, former students of Guy-Perkins School from 2015-2020. Two years ago, we tried to enroll in Quitman Public School through School Choice but were denied by Guy-Perkins; therefore, our children continued one more year at Guy-Perkins for the school year of 2019-2020. Unfortunately, we were still dissatisfied with our experience there, which made homeschool our only alternative for the school year of 2020-2021, regardless of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, we applied again to Quitman through School Choice. We have been approved by Quitman School district and have started the registration process. As you could imagine, we were shocked to receive a letter this late to inform us that Guy-Perkins has, yet again, blocked our choice.

As a family, we had hoped Guy-Perkins would be our school of choice. However, two main factors have contributed to our decision to withdraw: poor education and lack of discipline. All three of our enrolled children have suffered due to these issues. Here are a few specific examples:

Concerning Taylor

- After excelling in kindergarten, Taylor fell behind in her academics. There was no control of students in her class, turning her love for school into dread.
- She spent most of her class time assisting special needs classmates, causing her to fall even more behind.
- In second grade, death threat notes were written on desks with glue. She came home worried; and when we contacted the school, they refused to communicate with us. It was not until we went to the school that they vaguely explained the situation, leaving us more concerned.

Regarding Hoyt

- Hoyt also fell behind drastically after kindergarten.
- By second grade we were getting frustrated at home with his lack of ability to read. When we asked the teacher about it, the only response we were given was "It's a chatty class." Since we began homeschooling, Hoyt has been diagnosed with severe dyslexia, costing us more than \$2000.00 in tutoring expenses to bring him to grade level.
- The classroom environment was notorious for being uncontrollable.

Lastly Reileigh

- Reileigh is naturally gifted academically. When her teacher felt that grade-level work was too easy, administration refused to advance her studies saying, "It would make her lazy."
- There has been a child in her class, on several occasions, that has tried to undress the girls with little to no consequences or changes made.

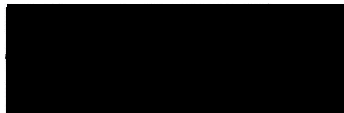
We feel that Quitman would be a better placement for our children. Quitman ranks first in Cleburne County as well as 13th of 294 schools by the US News. Also, Quitman is the first Model PLC school by Solutions Tree in the state of Arkansas. They have a dyslexia specialist on staff as well as a full-time school resource officer for safety. We have spent time meeting school administration, talking to other parents associated with Quitman School. We believe that because of the strong academic program, the priority of children, and the overall wholesomeness of Quitman School, this is where our children belong.

We understand by Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-1906 that Guy-Perkins can oppose our choice due to a transfer maximum being met. However, if denied leave to Quitman School, we will be forced to continue homeschooling, which negates Guy-Perkins' bind on us to the district. We are asking the State Board of Education to consider this matter and open the door of opportunities for our children in our preferred school.

Respectfully,



Jessie and Becky Vickers





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

Home of the Thunderbirds

May 25, 2021

Jessie & Becky Vickers
[REDACTED]

In accordance with Ark. Code, found below, the application for transfer to a nonresident district (school choice) for your children, Reileigh, Landon, and Taylor Vickers 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

Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-1906(b) establishes a numerical net maximum limit on school choice transfers each school year from a school district of three percent (3%) of the enrollment of the school district as of October 15 of the immediately preceding school year. The attached document shows the total enrollment for each district and the number of students representing three percent (3%) of total enrollment.

OTHER DOCUMENTS

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APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Student Name: <u>Landon Hoyt Vickers</u>	
Student Date of Birth: <u>10-11-11</u>	Gender: Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the applicant currently under expulsion? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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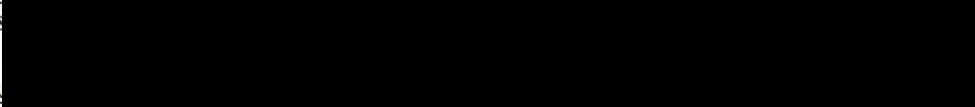
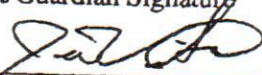
RESIDENT SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OF APPLICANT

District and School Name: (homeschooled) County Name:
Guy School district, Faulkner
Address:
492 AR-25 Guy, AR 72061
Phone:
501-679-3507

NONRESIDENT SCHOOL/SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICANT WISHES TO ATTEND

District and School Name: County Name:
Quitman School Cleburne
Address:
6275 Heber Springs Rd W, Quitman, AR 72131
Phone:
501-589-2807

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: 
Address: 
Green
Parent/Guardian Signature:  Date: 3-01-21

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Date and Time Received by Nonresident District: 3-1-2021 5:43 pm

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Reason for Rejection (If Applicable):
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Guy-Perkins School District

492 Highway 25 North

Guy, Arkansas 72061

501-679-7224

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 Vickers 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.

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



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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; our Facebook page - 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>	
Indicator	Score	Indicator	Score
Overall ESSA Score	70.22	Overall ESSA Score	69.93
Weighted Achievement Score	57.62	Weighted Achievement Score	63.37
Value-Added Growth Score	81.22	Value-Added Growth Score	79.16
School Quality and Student Success Score	62.95	School Quality and Student Success Score	54.45

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

Indicator	Score
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**

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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

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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.

DENIED OVER 3% CAP ↓

NET 9 is our cap

[REDACTED]	8	Conway	02-02-21	02-02-21 8:20 am
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[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
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[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
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[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

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: Reileigh Grace Vickers

Student Date of Birth: 10-21-13 Gender: Male Female

Is the applicant currently under expulsion? Yes No

MILITARY FAMILY INFORMATION

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District and School Name: *(home schooled)* County Name:

Guy School district, *Faulkner*

Address:

492 AR-25 Guy, AR 72061

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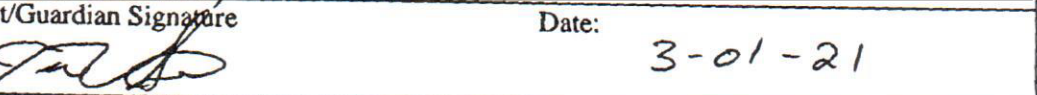
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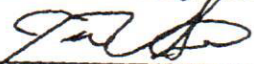
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PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: 

Address: 

Grade: 

Parent/Guardian Signature:  Date: *3-01-21*

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Student Name: Taylor Faith Vickers	
Student Date of Birth: 10-13-09	Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the applicant currently under expulsion? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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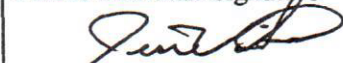
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Parent/Guardian Signature

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name:

Releigh Grace Vickers

Student Date of Birth:

10-21-13

Gender: Male

Female

Is the applicant currently under expulsion? Yes No

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PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name:  H 
Address: *Rd 24* Work Phone:
Grade: *58*
Parent Signature:  Date: 3-01-21

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If applying for a transfer under the Public School Choice Act of 2015, does the applicant already have a sibling or step-sibling in attendance in the nonresident district listed below pursuant to the Public School Choice Act of 2013 or the Public School Choice Act of 2015? If so, please list:

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name:

Landon Hoyt Vickers

Student Date of Birth:

10-11-11

Gender: Male

Female

Is the applicant currently under expulsion? 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.

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Rec'd by mail 3/29/12

RACE OR ETHNIC ORIGIN (CHECK ONE)

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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: (home school) County Name:

Guy School district, Faulkner

Address: 492 AR-25 Guy, AR 72061

Phone: 501-679-3507

NONRESIDENT SCHOOL/SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICANT WISHES TO ATTEND

District and School Name: County Name:

Quitman School Cleburne

Address: 6275 Heber Springs Rd W, Quitman, AR 72131

Phone: 501-589-2807

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Home Phone: 501-697-5075

Work Phone: 318-548-2176

Date:

3-01-21

DISTRICT USE ONLY

Date and Time Received by Nonresident District: 3-1-2021 5:43 pm

Date and Time Received by Resident District:
Resident District LEA #:
Nonresident District LEA#:
Student's State Identification #:
Application Accepted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for Rejection (If Applicable):
Date Notification Sent to Parent/Guardian of Applicant: 3/19/2021

2/1 5:43pm

emailed

APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER
(This form must be submitted to both the Resident and the Non-Resident Districts)

TYPE OF SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER REQUESTED
Please choose only one option per form submitted.

Public 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.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: Taylor Faith Vickers
 Student Date of Birth: 10-13-09 Gender: Male Female

Is the applicant currently under expulsion? 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:

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3/29/21

RACE OR ETHNIC ORIGIN (CHECK ONE)

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2 or More Races	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	African-American	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Native American/ Native Alaskan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/>
White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

RESIDENT SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OF APPLICANT

District and School Name: *(home schooled)* County Name:

Guy School district, Faulkner

Address:

492 AR-25 Guy, AR 72061

Phone:

(501) 679-3507

NONRESIDENT SCHOOL/SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICANT WISHES TO ATTEND

District and School Name:

Quitman School,

County Name:

Cleburne

Address:

6275 Heber Springs Rd W, Quitman, AR 72131

Phone:

501-589-2807

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: *Becky Vickers*

Home Phone: *501-697-5075*

Jessie Vickers

318-548-2176

Address: *30 Pinnacle Sp, Rd*

Work Phone:

Greenbrier AR, 72058

Parent/Guardian Signature



Date:

3-01-21

DISTRICT USE ONLY

Date and Time Received by Nonresident District:

3/1/2021 5:43 PM

Date and Time Received by Resident District:
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Student's State Identification #:
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Guy-Perkins School District

492 Highway 25 North

Guy, Arkansas 72061

501-679-7224

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 – Vickers (Taylor, Hoyt, Reileigh)

Dear Commissioner of Education:

The Guy-Perkins School District received a copy of the Vickers 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 Vickers family is enclosed.

If you need additional information, please contact me at 501-679-7224, or by email at 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



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

RE: School Choice Appeal – Vickers (Taylor, Hoyt, and Reileigh)

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 concerns shared by the Vickers family in their appeal letter dated 6/3/21 concern me deeply, but this is the first time I have been made aware of them in the two (2) years I have served the district. Even more concerning is that the mother, Becky Vickers, has worked hand-in-hand with our district leaders in the role of PTO Secretary/Treasurer until her recent resignation in May 2021. During the many hours of meeting and volunteering with the PTO, Mrs. Vickers has never once mentioned to me that her children were experiencing, or had experienced, any issues; that she was dissatisfied with the education her children were receiving; or that the reason she began home-schooling her children in August 2020 was a result of these issues. **Each of these concerns could have been addressed at that time they occurred and possibly prevented this school-choice request (submitted on 3/1/21) and appeal two (2) years later.**

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.
- Guy-Perkins School District recently assigned Crystal Bridges, Elementary School Teacher, as the full-time dyslexia interventionist in 2021-22. She is an excellent teacher and resource for our students identified with dyslexic needs and has recently completed dyslexia certification. She will also be completing her Master’s degree in Reading during the 2021-22 school year.

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; our Facebook page - 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 ratings for Guy-Perkins Elementary School and Quitman Elementary School:

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

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

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Student Name	grade	choice school	rcv'd by GP	rcv'd by non res
1. Beaux Fife	K (sibling)	Greenbrier	02-26-21	08-24-20 9:00 am
2. Braxton Bowling	K (sibling)	Greenbrier	01-29-21	01-25-21
3. Collin Greer	K (sibling)	Quitman	02-25-21	02-22-21 2:50 pm
4. Suede Fowler	K (sibling)	Greenbrier	03-01-21	
5. Brynlee Johnson	K (sibling)	Greenbrier	03-31-21	
6. Lexi Marie Weber	7	Quitman	02-25-21	9-25-20 7:45 am
7. Earnie Lee Weber	7	Quitman	02-25-21	9-25-20 7:45 am
8. Tucker Bates	K	Greenbrier	02-26-21	11-06-20 10:30 am
9. Madilyn Thompson	11	Quitman	02-25-21	01-05-21 8:50 am
10. Garrett Thompson	4	Quitman	02-25-21	01-05-21 8:50 am
11. Zane Pierce	9	Quitman	02-25-21	01-07-21 12:44 pm
12. Peyton Pierce	7	Quitman	02-25-21	01-07-21 12:44 pm
13. Autumn Pierce	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.

DENIED OVER 3% CAP ↓

NET 9 is our cap

1. Katelyn Smith	8	Conway	02-02-21	02-02-21 8:20 am
2. Haley Smith	8	Conway	02-02-21	02-02-21 8:20 am
3. Johanna Curley	10	Conway	02-04-21	02-04-21 1:14pm
4. Laynie Allen	2	Greenbrier	02-26-21	02-08-21 11:52 pm
5. Jackson Allen	K	Greenbrier	02-26-21	02-08-21 11:52 am
6. Paisley Davis	K	Southside	03-04-21	
7. Reileigh Vickers	2	Quitman	03-29-21	03-01-21 5:43 pm
8. Landon Vickers	4	Quitman	03-29-21	03-01-21 5:43 pm
9. Taylor Vickers	6	Quitman	03-29-21	03-01-21 5:43 pm
10. Daniel Benjamin	1	Greenbrier	03-19-21	03-19-21 12:48 pm
11. Juliet Robbins	K	Greenbrier	03-30-21	03-30-21 1:27 pm
12. Abel Hewitt	K	Quitman	04-09-21	04-09-21 9:46 am
13. Axel Farley	K	Greenbrier	04-13-21	04-12-21 12:51 pm
14. Asia Holt	9	Quitman	04-26-21	04-14-21 1:38 pm
15. Alec Compton	12	Greenbrier	04-19-21	04-19-21 2:21 pm
16. Haylee Compton	10	Greenbrier	04-19-21	04-19-21 2:21 pm
17. Zachary Compton	7	Greenbrier	04-19-21	04-19-21 2:21 pm
18. Stormy Hunter	5	Greenbrier	04-19-21	04-19-21 2:21 pm
19. Connor Post	4	Greenbrier	04-26-21	04-26-21 8:45 am
20. Ethan Toller	K	Greenbrier	04-30-21	04-30-21 12:36 pm