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Dr. Mathew Sutherland Arkansas Department of Education Coordinator of Standards and Support/Charter Schools 1 Capital Mall Little Rock, AR. 72201

Dear Dr. Sutherland,

The North Little Rock School District is requesting a one year waiver for Accreditation 1-A.5 Class Size under Arkansas Code Ann. 6-15-202(b)(2)(A) for Amboy Elementary School (6002050). Previously, the district had been experiencing declining enrollment, however this year, the North Little Rock School District is experiencing an influx of elementary students at Amboy Elementary School (6002050). The waiver request would allow the district to better align systems and create a more stable system for future enrollment increases.

During this time, Amboy Elementary School (6002050) would have no more than one or two students over the grade 2 maximum of 25 students and a part-time paraprofessional will be provided. However, if class sizes constitute an additional certified teacher then this resource will be provided, but a suitable certified teacher may be difficult to locate given the time of year for those already under contract and at a time of a national teacher shortage. Ongoing monitoring will ensure students and teachers are supported for the highest quality of teaching and learning.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

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Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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