



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Ms. Willie Murdock, Superintendent
Lee County School District
Via electronic mail: willie.murdock@lcsdtrojans.net

Stacy Smith
Deputy
Commissioner

Re: Notification of State Board Hearing: Recommendation of Level 5 – Intensive Support Under The Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act

Dear Superintendent Murdock:

**State Board of
Education**

The Lee County School District, in consultation with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, requested that the Division provide Level 5 – intensive support to the District pursuant to the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2901 *et seq.* Accordingly, the Division will recommend to the State Board of Education that it classify the District as in need of Level 5 – intensive support.

Charisse Dean
Little Rock
Chair

The State Board will consider this recommendation at its regular meeting on May 13, 2021, which begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Arch Ford Education Building located at Four Capitol Mall in Little Rock, Arkansas. We ask that you attend this meeting to answer any questions that might arise. If the State Board classifies the District as in need of Level 5 – intensive support, the Board may take one or more of the actions set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2916.

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Vice Chair

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Bella Vista

A copy of the Division's rules governing the AESAA can be found on its website at <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/Legal/CurrentRules>.

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Stacy Smith at (501) 683-4783.

**Kathy
McFetridge**
Springdale

Respectfully,

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart

Johnny Key, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Education

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