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June 16, 2022

Jessica Goyne

Mr. Brian Golden, Superintendent
Malvern School District
1620 South Main St.
Malvern, AR 72104

Mr. Tim Holicer, Superintendent
Glen Rose School District
14334 Hwy 67
Malvern, AR 72104

Re: Appeal Under the Public School Choice Act - [REDACTED]

Everyone:

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 14, 2022**. The action item is set for **10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201**. Any additional materials any party chooses to submit should be provided to my office **no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, July 8, 2022**.

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.

Sincerely,

/s/Shastady Wagner

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APPEAL

JUN 13 2022

Attn:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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I am writting to force my concern on my kids being made to go to Malvern. The last time my kids attended Malvern school they were bullied every day. My oldest to the point he tried to comment suicide. They were falling behind in subjects and just not liking school at all.

This last year they attended Glen Rose and made some great improvements. Instead of being bullied, they made friends. They joined after school activities. And my oldest went from failing everything to passing.

I believe it wouldn't be in their best interset to stay in Glen Rose. I just don't want them to fail in all the progress they have made.

Thank You for reading,
Sincerely,
Jessica Mayne



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Brian Golden
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Lillian Harper
Assistant Superintendent
Gerald Hatley
Assistant Superintendent

May 31, 2022

Jessica Goyne
[REDACTED]

Re: School Choice Cap Student(s) [REDACTED]

Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you that your child(ren) listed above have been denied school choice for the 2022-23 school year due to the Malvern School District reaching its transfer cap under Arkansas Code Annotated 6-18-1906. Each year there is a cap on the number of transfers allowed under Arkansas Law based upon the enrollment numbers of each school. Applications are approved on a first come basis in the order they are received from the non-resident school district. Per Arkansas law, your child(ren) will receive priority for a transfer in the first school year in which the district has enough space under the cap.

Should you have any questions, please contact our office at the contact information listed above.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Golden'.

Brian Golden
Superintendent



May 31, 2022

Jessica Goyne
[REDACTED]

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your application for transfer to the Glen Rose School District for [REDACTED]. We appreciate your interest in our schools. We regret to inform you that we must deny your application for the 2022-23 school year. A copy of the Glen Rose School District's policy for acceptance and rejection of school choice non-resident student is enclosed for your review.

The Glen Rose School District is unable to accept your application for transfer at this time, as the Malvern School District has reached the maximum limit on school choice transfers for the school year. Your application will be given priority for a transfer in the first school year in which Malvern School District is no longer subject to this limitation.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact myself or Amber Wiggins at 501-332-3694 ext 6.

Sincerely,

Tim Holicer
Superintendent