



Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE:	Consider Approval of Purple Star Schools Resolution in Support of Military Families
DATE:	January 24, 2022
RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:	Dr. Tiffany Bone Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Michael Farrell Supervisor of Student Services
VISION 2023 STRATEGY:	2. Equity 6. Wellness

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The Arkansas Purple Star School Award for military-friendly schools recognizes schools that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to our nation's armed forces. Purple Star awardees receive a special Purple Star recognition to display in their building and are recognized on the Arkansas Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education website.

Currently, 14 Elementary Schools and both High Schools in the Fort Smith Public School District have committed to pursuing the Arkansas Purple Star School Award. The list of schools is attached.

One of the requirements to achieve Purple Star School Status is for the district school board to pass a resolution of the district's support for military-connected students and families.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board pass a resolution in support of our military-connected students and families. If the Board agrees, the motion would read:

Move to approve the Resolution in Support of Military-Connected Students and Families.

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