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**Johnny Key**  
Secretary

**Dr. Ivy Pfeffer**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

Ms. Mary Spears, Superintendent  
Lincoln School District  
107 E School Street  
Lincoln, AR 72744

**Stacy Smith**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

## **RE: Charter Authorizing Panel Decision**

Dear Superintendent Spears:

**State Board of  
Education**

On May 18, 2021, the Charter Authorizing Panel approved the Digital Learning Program amendment request for Lincoln High School (LHS) Virtual school. The request will now be placed on the June 10, 2021, State Board of Education Agenda to either review or not review the Charter Panel's decision.

**Charisse Cooksey**  
*Little Rock*  
**Chair**

If the State Board votes to not review, then the decision of the Charter Panel is final.

**Ouida Newton**  
*Poyen*  
**Vice Chair**

If the State Board votes to review the Charter Panel's decision, a hearing will be scheduled for the July, 2021 State Board Meeting. A school representative is requested to attend the meeting, either virtually or onsite, to answer any questions from State Board members. Information about the meeting will be emailed separately.

**Susan Chambers**  
*Bella Vista*

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Dr. Fitz Hill**  
*Little Rock*

Sincerely,

Tim Johnston, Director  
Charter Schools Unit

**Kathy  
McFetridge**  
*Springdale*

**Dr. Sarah Moore**  
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*Marion*

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