



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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November 3, 2022

Dr. Ivy Pfeffer
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Via certified mail and e-mail

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Marvell-Elaine School District
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**State Board of
Education**

Re: HEARING NOTICE: Recommendation to Classify the Marvell-Elaine School District as in Need of Level 5 – Intensive Support

Ouida Newton
Poyen
Chair

Dear Dr. Ray and Mr. Williams:

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart
Vice Chair

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education will be requesting that the State Board classify the Marvell-Elaine School District as in need of Level 5 – Intensive support at a special State Board of Education meeting to be held on November 28, 2022. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. in the Arch Ford Education Building at Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas. On October 31, 2022, the Division sent the District a letter notifying that a hearing would be held on November 11, 2022, but that hearing is now postponed until November 28, 2022.

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

Kathy McFetridge
Springdale

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2915 and Section 8.09 of the Division's Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act, the District may appeal the Division's recommendation to the State Board by filing a written appeal with the Office of the Secretary of Education via certified mail, return receipt requested, within twenty (20) calendar days of the receipt of this written notice. Email filing of the appeal is not permitted. If the District files an appeal, the State Board will conduct a hearing at the special State Board meeting scheduled for November 28, 2022, in accordance with Section 8.09.5 of the Rules. A copy of the Rules can be found on the Division's website at [Final AESAA Rules \(Effective May 31, 2022\) Legal.pdf \(arkansas.gov\)](#)

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Respectfully,

Johnny Key, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Education
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