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Ms. Lashawnda Noel, Superintendent
Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter
401 Main
North Little Rock, AR 72216

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RE: Charter Authorizing Panel Decision

Dear Superintendent Noel:

**State Board of
Education**

On May 18, 2021, the Charter Authorizing Panel approved the Charter Amendment request for Jacksonville Lighthouse to consolidate with Capital City Lighthouse and Pine Bluff Lighthouse campuses. Additionally, the consolidate Charter will be renamed Arkansas Lighthouse Academies consisting of three locations. 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
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If the State Board votes to not review, then the decision of the Charter Panel is final.

Susan Chambers
Bella Vista

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.

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Kathy
McFetridge**
Springdale

Sincerely,

Tim Johnston, Director
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