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## Child Health Advisory Committee

December 3, 2020

Charisse Dean, State Board Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education  
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Dear Ms. Dean:

On behalf of the Arkansas Child Health Advisory Committee (CHAC), I respectfully submit for your consideration recommendations relevant to the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education of the Arkansas Department of Education (DESE) and the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) concerning the implementation of the Arkansas Coordinated School Health Program.

CHAC's statutory charge as a committee is to examine the progress of the Arkansas Coordinated School Health Program. Representing twenty (20) organizations, CHAC meets monthly to discuss child health trends; school health policies and practices; and both positive and negative resources on the health of Arkansas's youth, with a specific focus on factors contributing to childhood obesity. CHAC encourages DESE and ADH to make these recommendations available to their constituents as a resource to promote health strategies in schools and communities.

I appreciate your consideration of CHAC's recommendations. CHAC has been actively working in pursuit of health strategies for Arkansas's youth and remains dedicated to continue to work to enhance health strategies for the benefit of all Arkansans.

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