

**Board of Education**

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**RESOLUTION**

**In Support of a Waiver Request Affecting the Allowable First Day of School**

**WHEREAS** Arkansas law provides for the school year to begin no earlier than the Monday of the week containing August 19; and

**WHEREAS** under this law the start of school varies from year to year, beginning some years as early as August 14, or as late as August 20; and

**WHEREAS** under this law the earliest school can begin in 2018 is August 20; and

**WHEREAS** a late start to the school year creates unbalanced semesters, reduces the preparation time for state testing, and limits flexibility in scheduling inclement weather make-up days;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Fort Smith School District Board of Education endorses the Superintendent's waiver request affecting the allowable first day of school, and recommends its approval by the Arkansas State Board of Education.

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education