

The Excel Center Legal Review Responses

Goodwill Industries of Arkansas looks to expand to an additional two Excel Center campuses for the 2021-22 school year. These campuses are proposed to be in Jonesboro and Springdale/Lowell. As you know, these expansion opportunities are contingent upon receiving approval from all the necessary entities, as well as receiving the necessary funding to support the operations of the additional campuses. Part of our determination process, outside of demographics of the communities we hope to serve, is also finding a viable facility to accommodate our needs in each new community. We are currently engaged with our real estate team to identify potential locations for the second and third locations, which is why we have listed the potential location as Springdale or Lowell – rather than being able to say with specificity that it will be located in one community over the other.

We would like to apply all of the existing waivers that The Excel Center campus in Little Rock receives to the additional campuses. In addition, we would like to add a waiver request for all campuses for ACA 6-20-2204 and the associated standard 3-A.4 that requires annual Tier 1 and Tier 2 training for school finance leaders, since we do not receive any education foundation dollars from the state.