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**Re: Administrative Consolidation of Marvell-Elaine School District  
Notice of Hearing**

Dear Superintendents:

This letter is to inform you that on April 13, 2023, the Arkansas State Board of Education will consider the involuntary administrative consolidation of the Marvell-Elaine School District with one or more of its surrounding school districts, which includes your district. The hearing in this matter will be held on April 13, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Marvell-Elaine School District, 203 South Pine Street, Marvell, Arkansas.

You should plan to be in attendance at this meeting and be prepared to answer questions the State Board might have. Any written materials you wish to submit should be provided to Lori Freno at [lori.freno@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:lori.freno@ade.arkansas.gov) no later than end-of-business on Friday, March 31, 2023.

The State Board will consider this matter pursuant to its legal authority set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-13-1601 *et seq.*, 6-13-1403 *et seq.*, and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Consolidation and Annexation of School Districts (Effective May 2, 2022). A copy of those rules is on the Division's website at:

[Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Reports \(arkansas.gov\)](https://www.arkansas.gov)

You may find the State Board's hearing procedures beginning on page 31 in Section 27.00.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, you may contact John Hoy via email at [John.Hoy@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:John.Hoy@ade.arkansas.gov) or phone at (870) 995-0034.

Respectfully,



Jacob Oliva, Secretary  
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cc: (via regular U.S. Mail)

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