

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

On June 8, 2017, during a regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education, pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the Board by Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-15-201 *et seq.*, and the Arkansas Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts (“Standards for Accreditation”), the Board considered whether to grant the appeal of probationary status for failing to meet the Standards for Accreditation filed by the Bryant School District.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On May 1, 2017, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-203, the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) notified the Bryant School District that the ADE had found the District to be in accredited-probationary status for the 2016-2017 school year for failing to meet the following Standard for Accreditation: Standard 10.02 – Class Size and Teaching Load, specifically, 10.02.4 and 10.02.5.

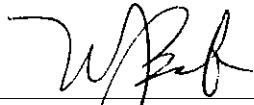
2. The ADE also notified the District of its right to appeal the determination to the State Board by filing a written appeal no later than May 15 following the May 1 written notification. The District filed a timely appeal.

3. The State Board heard the District’s appeal during its June 8, 2017, meeting, during which the State Board considered documents and information presented to it by both the ADE and the District.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER**

Upon consideration of the evidence and information presented, the State Board sustains the appeal of the District.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017.



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Jay Barth, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education