

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

On September 14, 2017, during a regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education, pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the Board by the Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1901 *et seq.*, and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Identifying and Governing the Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program (effective August 2014), the Board considered removing the Lee County School District from fiscal distress status.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On May 8, 2014, the State Board classified the Lee County School District as a school district in fiscal distress.

2. In a letter dated July 31, 2017, the Arkansas Department of Education sent a letter to the Lee County School District certifying that the District had corrected all criteria for being placed in fiscal distress and had completed all activities and strategies outlined in the District's Fiscal Distress Improvement Plan.

3. In a letter dated August 16, 2017, the District requested that the State Board remove it from fiscal distress status.

4. This matter was heard by the State Board on September 14, 2017, at which time the Board considered documents and other evidence presented by the ADE and the District.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5. Upon consideration of the documents and other evidence presented by the ADE and the District, the State Board concluded that the Lee County School District

corrected all criteria for being placed in fiscal distress and had completed all activities and strategies outlined in its Fiscal Distress Improvement Plan.

**ORDER**

For the above reasons, the Lee County School District is removed from fiscal distress status effective September 14, 2017.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.



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Dr. Jay Barth, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education