

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

On June 11, 2020, during a meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education, pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the State Board by The Quality Education Act of 2003, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-201 *et seq.*, and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts (effective July 2018), the State Board considered the status of the Lee County School District and Lee High School under the Standards for Accreditation.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. In a letter dated March 10, 2020, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education notified the Lee County School District that it had found both the District and Anna Strong Learning Academy to be in violation of the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts for the following reasons:

- Lee County School District: Violation of Standard 1-C.1 (probationary)—Each public school district must comply with the laws of the State of Arkansas and rules of the Division regarding the statewide student assessment system. Specifically, the District did not administer the English Language Proficiency Assessment (EDPA21) to identified English Learners.
- Anna Strong Learning Academy: Violation of Standard 2-J.2 (citation)—Each public school district shall offer a Language Instruction Educational Program for identified English Learners in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas and the rules of the Division. Specifically, Anna Strong Learning Academy has twelve students identified as English Learners who are not participating in an approved English support program.

2. In its March 10 letter, the Division notified the District that it would recommend to the State Board that that find the District and Anna Strong Learning Academy in violation of the above Standards for Accreditation. The Division also notified the District of its right to appeal. The District did not file an appeal.

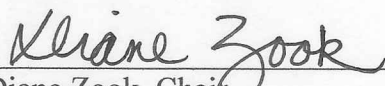
3. This matter was heard by the State Board on June 11, 2020.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

4. The State Board finds that the District and Anna Strong Learning Academy violated the Standards of Accreditation as set forth above.

5. Pursuant to its authority under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-207 and the Rules Governing the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts, to correct the above violations, the State Board recognizes the District has a Year 2 probation and designates the District as being in Accredited—Corrective action status.

Signed this 23 day of June, 2020.



Diane Zook, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education