

## **BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

On March 9, 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 Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-401 *et seq.*, and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program and Academic Distress Program (“ACTAAP Rules”), the Board considered whether to maintain the classification of academic distress for two school districts and 15 schools throughout the state.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. At two school districts and fifteen schools throughout the state, 49.5% or less of the students scored proficient or advanced in math and literacy on state-mandated assessments administered for the most recent three year period. Those school districts and schools are:

#### Districts

- Dollarway School District; and
- Covenant Keepers Charter School.

#### Schools

- Blytheville Middle School;
- Covenant Keepers Charter School;
- Dollarway High School;
- Robert F. Morehead Middle School (Dollarway School District);
- Forrest City High School;
- Forrest City Jr. High School;
- Lincoln Academy (Forrest City School District);
- Central High School (Helena West-Helena School District);
- Hope High School;
- Cloverdale Middle School (Little Rock School District);
- Hall High School (Little Rock School District);
- Henderson Middle School (Little Rock School District);
- Marvell-Elaine High School;
- Wilbur D. Mills High School (Pulaski County Special School District); and
- Strong High School.

2. In April of 2016, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-428 and Section 3.02.2.1 of the ACTAAP Rules, this Board had classified the above school districts and schools as being in academic distress.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER**

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the State Board concludes that the school districts and schools listed above shall remain classified as being in academic distress.

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.



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Jay Barth, Acting Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education