

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 exit fifteen schools from priority or focus status.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 13, 2017, the United States Department of Education provided states with the option of exiting schools from priority or focus status that met the exit criteria set forth in the state’s ESEA flexibility plan.

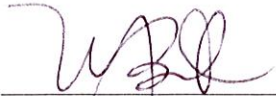
2. During the State Board meeting on March 9, 2017, the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) notified the State Board that the following schools met the exit criteria set forth in the state’s ESEA flexibility plan:

- Dewitt Middle School (focus);
- Wilmot Elementary School (Hamburg School District)(focus);
- Oark High School (Jasper School District)(focus);
- Health/Wellness Environmental Studies Magnet (Jonesboro School District)(focus);
- Pulaski Heights Middle School (Little Rock School District)(focus);
- Central Elementary School (Magnolia School District)(focus);
- Indian Hills Elementary School (North Little Rock School District)(focus);
- Baldwin Elementary School (Paragould School District)(focus);
- Maumelle Middle School (Pulaski County Special School District)(focus);
- Smackover Elementary School (focus);
- Central Junior High School (Springdale School District)(focus);
- Monitor Elementary (Springdale School District)(focus);
- Southwest Junior High School (Springdale School District)(focus);
- Wonderview High School (focus);
- Geyer Springs Gifted and Talented Academy (Little Rock School District)(priority).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the State Board concludes that above schools have met the exit criteria and shall be removed from focus or priority status effective March 9, 2017, and that they will continue to receive support from the ADE through June 30, 2017.

Signed this 12th day of April, 2017.



Jay Barth, Acting Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education