

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

On February 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, the Board considered whether to remove the classification of academic distress from one school district and ten schools throughout the state.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**


During the State Board meeting on February 9, 2017, the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) certified to the State Board that the following school district and schools are no longer at or below the 49.5% proficiency level that caused them to be classified as being in academic distress pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-428:

- Blytheville School District;
- Belair Middle School;
- Pine Bluff High School;
- Blytheville New Tech High School;
- Dermott High School;
- Watson Chapel High School;
- Mineral Springs High School;
- Little Rock Prep Elementary School;
- Jacksonville Middle School;
- J. A. Fair High School;
- McClellan Magnet High School.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER**

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the State Board concludes that the classification of academic distress is removed from the Blytheville School District and the ten schools listed above.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

  
Mireya Reith, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education