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Three Institutions Submit Proposals to Host Arkansas Governor's School

15 Individuals Named to Selection Committee

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education received proposals from Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Hendrix College in Conway and the University of Central Arkansas in Conway to host Arkansas Governor's School from 2019 to 2021. A request for proposals to host Arkansas Governor's School was released in January to all four-year colleges and universities in the state.

The General Assembly authorized funds for the establishment of Arkansas Governor's School to be held annually for rising seniors. Since its inception in the summer of 1980, more than 15,000 Arkansas high school students have participated in Arkansas Governor's School.

ADE Commissioner Johnny Key selected the following to serve on the site selection committee:

- Andrea Allen (Jonesboro)
- Henry Anderson (Little Rock)
- Dr. Kenneth Bridges (El Dorado)
- Dr. Curtis Cunningham (Siloam Springs)
- Dr. Wayne Fawcett (Paris)
- Heather Holaway (Fayetteville)
- Donna Hutchinson (Bella Vista)
- Michelle Johnson (Hot Springs)
- David Larson (Conway)
- John Ponder (DeQueen)
- Lenett Thrasher (Greenbrier)
- Darren Waddles (Mountain View)
- Barbara Warren (Pine Bluff)
- Jason Williamson (Star City)
- Ken Yang (Bryant)

The selection committee will conduct onsite reviews this summer and make a recommendation to the

commissioner. Based on the established guidelines, each site will be evaluated on various components, such as the proposed curriculum, operational staff including the program director, dates the campus and facilities are available, staff development, and available security and health services. Selection criteria is available in the ADE Rules Governing Arkansas Governor's School Site Selection at <http://bit.ly/2HofVmK>. The final selection will be announced this summer.

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