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## State Board Approves Accreditation Report for 2016-17

**LITTLE ROCK** — The State Board of Education approved an updated Final Accreditation Report Fiscal Year 2016-17: Summary of Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts during a special meeting today.

The board had approved an earlier version of the report on June 8. However, some districts were identified as probationary that had resolved their issues.

"We made a mistake, and as soon as we learned of the mistake we took the necessary steps to correct it," said Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key. "We are also working to improve our systems so it won't happen in the future. I sincerely apologize to the patrons, educators, and administrators for any negative perception this may have caused regarding their schools."

The status of schools in the following districts was updated:

Bauxite, Berryville, Bryant, Dumas, Exalt Academy, Greenwood, Heber Springs, Lakeside (Garland County), Rector, Stuttgart, Watson Chapel and Woodlawn.

The updated accreditation report is available at <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1001636&mk=50247574>.

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