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ADE Begins Selection Process for Stakeholder Group

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education began the selection process for a stakeholder group that will provide recommendations regarding traditional public schools and charter schools to the State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education voted on April 14, 2016, to establish the group. The board chair and Arkansas Department of Education commissioner are tasked with selecting the group, which will provide recommendations for the board and identify opportunities for collaboration and coordination among traditional schools and charter schools in Pulaski County south of the Arkansas River.

“As commissioner, I am committed to working with the State Board of Education and other stakeholders to determine how to best achieve an effective and thriving system of public schools in the greater Little Rock area,” ADE Commissioner Johnny Key said. “I am looking forward to working with Mrs. Newton to establish this stakeholder group as soon as possible.”

Letters requesting nominations for the stakeholder group were mailed this week to district superintendents and charter leaders, State Board of Education members, and city officials and members of the General Assembly who represent Pulaski County south of the Arkansas River, with responses due to the Commissioner’s Office by close of business April 29, 2016.

In the coming weeks, the board chair and commissioner will review the nominations and select group members who are representative of traditional public schools, open-enrollment charter schools and the Little Rock community. The stakeholder group will provide a quarterly report to the State Board July 15, 2016.

To learn more, see action agenda item A-56 in the April 14, 2016, State Board agenda available at <http://edboard.arkansas.gov>.

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