

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

On July 8, 2021, during a regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education (“Board”), a hearing was conducted pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the Board by, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-307, Before the Board was the appeal of the Langston/Gonzalez family (“Petitioner”) challenging the decision of the Smackover-Norphlet School District denying their application for transfer of their children, Teagan Langston and Abel Gonzalez.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Petitioner resides in the Smackover-Norphlet School District.
2. The Petitioner submitted a petition for transfer to the El Dorado School District from the Smackover-Norphlet District under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-307.
3. On or about May 24, 2021, the Smackover-Norphlet School District denied the Petitioner’s petition based on the Petitioner living 7.6 miles outside the nonresident district.
4. On or about June 18, 2021, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-307, the Petitioner requested a hearing before the Board to appeal the decision of the Smackover-Norphlet School District to deny their transfer.

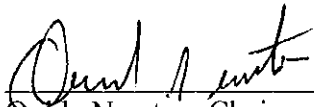
**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-307 allows a parent or guardian to request a transfer if they reside within seven miles of a nonresident school and at least fifteen miles from the school within the resident district. A petitioner may also appeal the denial of a transfer to the Board.

**ORDER**

Based on the evidence and argument presented at the hearing, the Petitioner’s appeal is hereby granted.

Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021



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Ouida Newton, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education