

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

On November 28, 2022, during a special meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education, pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the Board by the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2901 *et seq.*, and the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act, the Board considered whether to classify the Marvell-Elaine School District as in need of Level 5 – Intensive support.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On November 3, 2022, the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education provided written notification to the Marvell-Elaine School District that the Division would recommend to the State Board during the Board’s November 28, 2022, meeting that the District be classified as being in need of Level 5 – Intensive support.
2. The District appealed the Division’s recommendation.
3. During the appeal hearing, evidence and argument were offered by Division staff, as well as by Marvell-Elaine Superintendent Katina Ray and others from the school district.
4. The evidence reflected that, among other things, the District has the lowest ESSA Index scores for academic achievement and academic growth of all school districts in the State.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER**

5. Upon consideration of the evidence and argument presented, the State Board denies the appeal of the Marvell-Elaine School District.

6 Upon consideration of the evidence and argument presented, the State Board also classifies the Marvell-Elaine School District as being in need of Level 5 – Intensive support.

7. Pursuant to its authority under the AESAA and rules governing the Act, the State Board Orders that effective November 28, 2022:

a) The Marvell-Elaine School District be classified as in need of Level 5 – Intensive support; and

b) The Commissioner of Education conduct an analysis of all school district systems and make recommendations for additional action by the State Board.

Signed this 28th day of November, 2022.



Ouida Newton, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education