

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

On March 9, 2023, 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 Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-15-201 *et seq.*, and the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts (“Standards for Accreditation”). The Board considered whether to grant the appeal of Accredited-Cited status for failing to test ninety-five percent (95%) of its students on the annual statewide student assessment filed by the Pulaski County Special School District (“PCSSD”) for the Driven Virtual Academy.

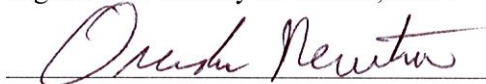
**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On November 1, 2022, and February 1, 2023, PCSSD was notified by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (“Division”) of its failure to meet Standard 1-C.1.1 for failure to test ninety-five percent (95%) of its students on the annual statewide student assessment.
2. Violation of Standard 1-C.1.1 results in a recommendation to the State Board of Education that the school be placed on Accredited-Cited status.
3. On February 9, 2023, PCSSD timely appealed the Division’s determination that it failed to meet Standard 1-C.1.1.

**CONCLUSION OF LAW AND ORDER**

Upon consideration of the evidence and information presented, the State Board sustains the appeal of the Pulaski County Special School District for the Driven Virtual Academy.

Signed this 9th day of March, 2023



Ouida Newton, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education