

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

On July 13, 2023, during a regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education (“State 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 State Board considered whether to grant the recommendation from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (“the Division”) that the Cutter Morning Star School District be placed on Accredited-Probation status for violations of Standard 2-B.2 and Standard 3-A.3. The Cutter Morning Star School District timely appealed the Division’s recommendation.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 17, 2023, the Cutter Morning Star School District was notified of the Division’s intent to recommend that it be placed on Accredited-Probation status for violation of Standard 2-B.2 and Accredited-Cited status for violation of Standard 3-A.3.

2. Violation of Standard 2-B.2 results in a recommendation to the State Board of Education that the district be placed on Accredited-Probation status.

3. Violation of Standard 3-A.3 results in a recommendation to the State Board of Education that the district be placed on Accredited-Cited status.

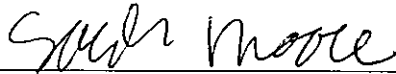
4. On June 2, 2023, the Cutter Morning Star School District submitted an appeal of the Division’s recommendations.

5. On June 6, 2023, the Cutter Morning Star School District was sent a formal hearing notice to appear before the State Board of Education on July 13, 2023.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

Upon consideration of the evidence and information presented, the State Board denied the appeal of the Cutter Morning Star School District. The State Board placed the Cutter Morning Star School District on Accredited-Probation status for violation of Standard 2-B.2 and Accredited-Cited status for violation of Standard 3-A.3.

Signed this 13th day of July, 2023

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Dr. Sarah Moore, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education