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Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Frances Cavanaugh, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 24 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 561 (3) of 2023, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of Restricted Reserve Funds from the Educational Freedom Account Set Aside and the Education Facilities Set Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to the Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education the amounts detailed on the attached documents.

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Jacob Oliva
Secretary

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Larry Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West 7th St
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**State Board of
Education**

Dear Secretary Walther,

Ouida Newton
Poyen
Chair

The Arkansas Department of Education requests \$15,000,000 from the Educational Freedom Account Set Aside of the Restricted Reserve fund pursuant to Act 561 of 2023, Section 3.

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart
Vice Chair

Every Arkansas family deserves access to the best possible school options for their children. The Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Program empowers parents to choose a school based on students' individual needs.

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

This funding will allow the division start EFA accounts for the students starting the program in the 2023-24 school year. General Revenue funds are dispersed at the end of each month based on the revenues received by the state. Without the release of funding the division will be unable to make first quarter payments prior to the start of the school year.

Kathy McFetridge
Springdale

Steve Sutton
Marion

Adrienne Woods
Rogers

Pending your approval of this request, I ask that you schedule this item for consideration at the next meeting of the Joint Budget Committee for appropriate action as required by law.

Randy Henderson
Blytheville

Sincerely,

Lisa Hunter
White Hall

Jeff Wood
Little Rock

Greg Rogers
CFO, Arkansas Department of Education



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Dear Secretary Walther,

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Arkansas public school districts support the education of over 473,000 students each year. It is the state's responsibility to provide students with education facilities suitable for teaching. Studies have found significant correlation between poor structural conditions and low student achievement.

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart
Vice Chair

The Arkansas Department of Education requests \$83,000,000 from the Education Facilities Set Aside of the Restricted Reserve fund pursuant to Act 561 of 2023, Section 3 for the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Facilities Partnership Program.

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

Kathy McFetridge
Springdale

The program is a financial partnership between the state and public school districts to share the cost of school facilities construction and major renovations. Every two years, school districts have the opportunity to apply for state financial participation for projects that support their facilities master plan. This funding will allow the division to partner with multiple districts across the state and provide for new schools, additions to existing schools, conversions of existing space, and renovations such as replacements of roofs, HVAC, electrical, plumbing or structural system.

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Academic Facilities and Transportation
2023-2025 Academic Facilities Partnership Program Projects - Sorted by Project Ranking

The State Financial Participation indicated on this list constitutes the Total State Financial Participation as calculated using information contained in the application. The Final State Participation will be determined in accordance with the Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program and will consist of the lesser of the State Financial Participation as determined and included in the Partnership Agreement or the actual construction cost. The Division reserves the right to adjust the final State Financial Participation in accordance with the partnership Program rules.

A Partnership Program Project Agreement for each approved and funded project must be executed by the school district and the Division within 60 days of the Commission's funding. The project must be under construction, as evidenced by a signed construction contract within 18 months from the Commission's funding and must be completed, final Division construction inspection and final payment request submitted within four(4) years of the Commission's funding.

School districts wishing to appeal a determination on this project list must do so in accordance with the Rules Governing Appeals from Determinations of the Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation dated December 31, 2018.

**Academic Facilities and Transportation
2023-2025 Academic Facilities Partnership Program Projects - Sorted by Project Ranking**

Year 1 Warm, Safe, Dry 2023-2025 Partnership Projects

WSD Statewide Needs List Ranking	Wealth Index Ranking	Maintenance Ranking	Overall	Project #	District	Project Name	State Financial Participation Total	State Financial Participation Running Total	Date of Funding
35	8	106	41.1	2324-3804-001	Hoxie	New K-6 Elementary School	\$14,941,562.98	\$14,941,562.98	May 8, 2023
21	42	169	56.9	2324-4702-005	Blytheville	HS Roofs Renovations	\$663,939.41	\$15,605,502.39	May 8, 2023
66	64	43	60.8	2324-2903-001	Hope	Yerger JHS Gym WSD Systems Replacement	\$652,208.81	\$16,257,711.20	May 8, 2023
51	12	175	64.1	2324-1803-001	West Memphis	HS HVAC Renovation	\$3,768,199.52	\$20,025,910.73	May 8, 2023
1	169	104	72	2324-4801-001	Brinkley	Replace HS	\$6,972,919.58	\$26,998,830.31	May 8, 2023
116	14	99	82	2324-5608-001	East Poinsett County	New 7-12	\$8,454,698.68	\$35,453,528.99	May 8, 2023
26	169	104	84.5	2324-4801-002	Brinkley	Replace ES - Partee ES	\$6,800,727.60	\$42,254,256.59	May 8, 2023
34	162	126	90.8	2324-1002-103	Arkadelphia	Replace HS	\$16,929,399.85	\$59,183,656.44	TBD
58	115	156	94.7	2324-6002-001	North Little Rock	MS Demo and Addition	\$20,871,050.33	\$80,054,706.78	TBD
187	21	26	105	2324-6201-001	Forrest City	JHS HVAC Renovations	\$3,729,905.45	\$83,784,612.22	TBD
40	152	209	107.4	2324-1101-001	Corning	New HS Space Replacement	\$12,813,728.84	\$96,598,341.06	TBD
12	191	223	107.9	2324-7001-002	El Dorado	New ES - Replace Yocum ES and Barton JHS	\$6,098,079.02	\$102,696,420.08	TBD
117	211	39	129.6	2324-3510-001	White Hall	Hardin ES Roof Renovations	\$486,356.43	\$103,182,776.52	TBD
83	198	163	133.5	2324-7206-200	Prairie Grove	JHS Replace 5th/6th Grade Building	\$3,995,909.71	\$107,178,686.22	TBD
176	117	122	147.5	2324-3211-001	Midland	HS Space Replacement	\$1,703,310.09	\$108,881,996.31	TBD
200	211	39	171.1	2324-3510-002	White Hall	Moody ES Roof Renovations	\$590,613.17	\$109,472,609.48	TBD
159	205	158	172.6	2324-0303-001	Mountain Home	New High School Phase I	\$4,812,084.62	\$114,284,694.10	TBD
242	168	35	178.4	2324-7207-006	Springdale	George ES	\$1,186,828.43	\$115,471,522.53	TBD
258	76	138	179.4	2324-3505-002	Pine Bluff	Matthews ES HVAC, Fire Alarm	\$2,143,611.08	\$117,615,133.61	TBD
203	150	197	185.9	2324-6004-010	Jacksonville-No Pulaski	New ES - Replace Taylor ES	\$8,259,089.50	\$125,874,223.11	TBD
273	133	149	206.2	2324-7201-002	Elkins	ES Roof	\$581,389.51	\$126,455,612.63	TBD
496	13	231	298.1	2324-1802-001	Earle	HS Roof Replacement	\$1,755,353.83	\$128,210,966.46	TBD
541	113	82	320.8	2324-1106-001	Rector	HS Replacement	\$5,804,180.77	\$134,015,147.23	TBD
537	101	117	322.2	2324-1003-003	Gurdon	Districtwide Fire Alarm Replacement	\$233,736.72	\$134,248,883.95	TBD
654	16	23	336.4	2324-5403-003	Helena-West Helena	JF Wahl Roof Renovations	\$1,654,533.95	\$135,903,417.89	TBD
604	33	173	346.5	2324-5502-001	Centerpoint	MS HS Security Upgrades	\$371,986.13	\$136,275,404.03	TBD
685	19	102	368.6	2324-7307-003	Riverview	HS JHS Enclosed Corridor	\$244,165.42	\$136,519,569.45	TBD
672	131	135	402.3	2324-2307-003	Vilonia	HS Secure Entrance	\$111,127.61	\$136,630,697.06	TBD
789	1	217	438.2	2324-2703-001	Poyen	HS Security Upgrades	\$354,352.28	\$136,985,049.34	TBD
789	1	217	438.2	2324-2703-003	Poyen	HS Multi-Purpose Gym Security Upgrades	\$90,379.89	\$137,075,429.24	TBD
823	1	217	455.2	2324-2703-002	Poyen	ES Security Upgrades	\$301,344.39	\$137,376,773.63	TBD
752	175	205	469.5	2324-7403-001	McCrory	ES Renovations	\$688,298.73	\$138,065,072.36	TBD
956	33	173	522.5	2324-5502-003	Centerpoint	ES Security Upgrades	\$493,013.10	\$138,558,085.46	TBD
865	192	189	527.9	2324-7202-101	Farmington	Roof Replacement Williams ES	\$827,723.04	\$139,385,808.51	TBD

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**Academic Facilities and Transportation
2023-2025 Academic Facilities Partnership Program Projects - Sorted by Project Ranking**

Year 1 Space 2023-2025 Partnership Projects

Space Statewide Needs List Ranking	Wealth Index Ranking	Maintenance Ranking	Overall	Project #	District	Project Name	State Financial Participation Total	State Financial Participation Running Total	Funding Remaining	Date of Funding
41	104	92	70.1	2324-4502-001	Yellville	HS classroom addition	\$2,031,978.61	\$2,031,978.61	\$56,817,273.89	May 8, 2023
17	133	149	78.2	2324-7201-001	Elkins	MS Addition	\$2,638,810.69	\$4,670,789.30	\$54,178,463.20	May 8, 2023
74	98	148	96	2324-3306-002	Izard Co.	ICC ES Addition	\$1,358,885.90	\$6,029,675.20	\$52,819,577.30	May 8, 2023
74	98	148	96	2324-3306-003	Izard Co.	ICC HS Addition	\$1,005,352.67	\$7,035,027.87	\$51,814,224.63	May 8, 2023
106	69	150	103.7	2324-1613-001	Riverside	West ES Addition	\$1,953,166.20	\$8,988,194.07	\$49,861,058.43	May 8, 2023
141	35	127	106.4	2324-7504-001	Dardanelle	HS - Construct Agriculture/ALE Building	\$1,360,983.98	\$10,349,178.06	\$48,500,074.44	May 8, 2023
133	50	233	128.1	2324-1305-001	Cleveland Co.	Rison HS Cafeteria Dining Expansion	\$339,328.70	\$10,688,506.75	\$48,160,745.75	May 8, 2023
68	203	186	132.1	2324-6602-001	Greenwood	Chaffee New ES	\$4,073,949.25	\$14,762,456.00	\$44,086,796.50	May 8, 2023
159	190	180	172.5	2324-1804-001	Marion	New K-6 Magnet	\$5,878,077.11	\$20,640,533.12	\$38,208,719.38	May 8, 2023
163	206	146	172.5	2324-6303-101	Bryant	JHS Additions Phase 2	\$1,321,642.85	\$21,962,175.97	\$36,887,076.53	May 8, 2023
166	185	183	175.1	2324-2605-001	Lake Hamilton	HS Gym Conversion	\$689,127.24	\$22,651,303.21	\$36,197,949.29	May 8, 2023

*Once ALC approves Partnership Rules then this amount will be transferred over to WSD Year 1 Project List and more WSD Year 1 Project List will be funded

**Academic Facilities and Transportation
2023-2025 Academic Facilities Partnership Program Projects - Sorted by Project Ranking**

Year 2 Warm, Safe, Dry 2023-2025 Partnership Projects

WSD Statewide Needs List Ranking	Wealth Index Ranking	Maintenance Ranking	Overall	Project #	District	Project Name	State Financial Participation Total	State Financial Participation Running Total	Date of Funding
13	168	35	63.9	2425-7207-010	Springdale	Jones ES - Replace Buildings	\$7,851,213.85	\$7,851,213.85	
22	168	35	68.4	2425-7207-016	Springdale	Westwood ES Replace Buildings	\$8,645,666.70	\$16,496,880.56	
16	156	73	69.4	2425-6601-003	Fort Smith	Howard ES Main Bldg WSD Room	\$345,342.89	\$16,842,223.44	
27	168	35	70.9	2425-7207-012	Springdale	Elmdale ES - Replace Buildings	\$9,791,807.15	\$26,634,030.59	
85	84	79	83.5	2425-4301-001	Lono	Primary Replacement	\$9,035,260.17	\$35,669,290.76	
70	148	44	88.2	2425-4605-002	Texarkana	Fairview ES Fire Alarm Replacement	\$55,757.10	\$35,725,047.87	
140	28	93	97	2425-5604-001	Marked Tree	K-2 Space Replacement	\$3,822,806.01	\$39,547,853.88	
29	206	146	105.5	2425-6303-762	Bryant	ES Systems Replacement	\$3,651,365.74	\$43,199,219.62	
89	156	73	105.9	2425-6601-002	Fort Smith	Beard ES Main Bldg WSD Roof	\$608,528.62	\$43,807,748.23	
92	156	73	107.4	2425-6601-004	Fort Smith	NS HS Field House & Science Wing WSD Roof	\$1,069,184.57	\$44,876,932.80	
145	58	114	112.7	2425-4201-111	Booneville	New JHS WSD Space Replacement	\$11,613,357.02	\$56,490,289.82	
83	198	163	133.5	2425-7206-201	Prairie Grove	JHS (MS) Roof Replacements	\$399,199.56	\$56,889,489.38	
220	72	19	135.4	2425-1703-240	Mountainburg	HS Cafeteria Renovations	\$1,172,564.59	\$58,062,053.96	
177	110	178	157.1	2425-1402-001	Magnolia	East Side ES Building Replacement	\$4,462,613.17	\$62,524,667.13	
243	156	73	182.9	2425-6601-005	Fort Smith	SSHS Fine Arts Wing Roof Replacement	\$572,118.44	\$63,096,785.58	
206	219	83	185.3	2425-1611-012	Nettleton	UH ES Roof Renovations	\$581,630.87	\$63,678,416.45	
270	71	193	194.9	2425-5301-001	East End	HS Demolition/Addition	\$3,922,568.71	\$67,600,985.16	
337	156	73	229.9	2425-6601-001	Fort Smith	Barling ES Main Bldg WSD Roof	\$1,001,850.46	\$68,602,835.62	
421	63	97	248.8	2425-3002-003	Glen Rose	ES MS HS - Districtwide Security Upgrades	\$764,780.93	\$69,367,616.55	
421	63	97	248.8	2425-3002-004	Glen Rose	Districtwide Fire Alarm Replacement	\$284,016.35	\$69,651,632.90	
383	183	56	257.6	2425-7007-001	Parkers Chapel	HVAC Replacement Districtwide	\$657,255.99	\$70,308,888.89	
497	148	44	301.7	2425-4605-001	Texarkana	Trice ES Fire Alarm Replacement	\$102,953.49	\$70,411,842.39	
556	28	93	305	2425-5604-002	Marked Tree	HS Renovations	\$923,634.49	\$71,335,476.87	
507	176	230	352.3	2425-5503-001	Kirby	HS ES Roof	\$1,028,834.03	\$72,364,310.90	
594	171	210	390.3	2425-6302-004	Benton	Replace Roof at Ringgold Elementary School	\$294,338.66	\$72,658,649.56	
630	171	210	408.3	2425-6302-005	Benton	Replace Roof Benton Middle School	\$1,472,403.13	\$74,131,052.69	
820	43	68	436.5	2425-5802-001	Dover	HS Gym Roof Overlay	\$339,331.33	\$74,470,384.02	
685	208	214	447.7	2425-0101-001	DeWitt	Security Camera System - Districtwide	\$257,937.54	\$74,728,321.56	
707	208	214	458.7	2425-0101-002	DeWitt	ES HVAC Replacement	\$1,955,298.53	\$76,683,620.10	
843	126	91	477.5	2425-2404-001	Ozark	HS HVAC	\$762,203.70	\$77,445,823.80	