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August 14, 2006

Senator Jim Argue, Jr., Chair
Representative Joyce Elliott, Chair
House and Senate Interim Committees on Education
State Capitol, Room 315
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Argue and Representative Elliott:

In February 2006, the Division of Legislative Audit submitted prepared testimony to the House and Senate Interim Education Committees concerning a review that was in progress relating to the **assessment and collection of taxes for school districts**. The review, which is enclosed, was completed and presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee on May 12, 2006.

The exhibits and prepared testimony concerning **health insurance coverage for public school district superintendents** submitted by the Division of Legislative Audit to the Senate and House Interim Committees on Education in February, 2006 have not been updated. However, two related reports have been issued and are enclosed with this letter:

- ◆ *Arkansas Public School Districts – Summary of Costs for the Year Ended June 30, 2005*. Provides expenditures for all Arkansas public school districts for the year ended June 30, 2005 excluding costs associated with facilities, federal funds and activity funds. Payroll matching amounts paid by public school districts on behalf of administrators are listed by school district; however, health insurance benefits are not provided apart from other payroll benefits.
- ◆ *Arkansas Public Schools – Disclosure of Annuities and Life Insurance Policies*. School districts were surveyed concerning annuity contributions, life insurance policies or other retirement enhancements paid on behalf of any Arkansas public school employee for the last 10 years. Amounts presented are based solely on management responses and have not been audited.

Following the September 15 due date for school districts to make final entries in the Arkansas Public School Computer Network (APSCN), fieldwork will begin for a 2006 cost report with an expected issue date of January 15, 2007. This report will include all the elements of the 2005 cost report. Additionally, athletic expenditures and an updated comparison of health insurance benefits will be provided in the 2006 report.

If you need further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles L. Robinson".

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